



Sermon Notes Perfecting Prayer: Prayer of Agreement [Lesson 5-A]

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The Power of Agreement

"...If two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they [you] ask [pray], it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:19-20

God has given power and authority to the Church and when we stand together in unified pray His power is released in great measure.

A. What is the prayer of agreement? Matt 18:16-20

The prayer of agreement is: Agreeing together in prayer for God's purposes on earth.

1. **The symphony of agreement:** The Greek word for agree is 'sumphoneo' to sound together, be in accord. A symphony of prayer agreement.

B. The power of agreement...

1. Will bring victory Exodus 17:12

Exo 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

Exo 17:11 And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

Exo 17:12 But Moses' hands *became* heavy; so they took a stone and put *it* under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Exo 17:13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Exo 17:14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this *for* a memorial in the book and recount *it* in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

Israel defeated Amalek while Moses held up the rod of God in his hand. Moses needed help holding up his hands because they became so heavy. Aaron and Hur supported his hands and caused them to be steady to defeat Amalek. This was a kind of power-agreement for victory.

Those who are critical of this teaching and lay blame to the Word of Faith teachers should listen to John Gill, early 1700's Baptist theologian on this passage:

...that if two of you shall agree on earth, as touching anything that they shall ask; both in the case before mentioned, and in any other thing:

whether it be for themselves or others; to assist them in the ministry of the word, and give success to it, for the conversion of sinners; and in the performance of any miracle, for the confirmation of the Gospel; in the administration of ordinances, for the comfort of saints; for the reclaiming of backsliders...

Hur - He was grandfather of Bezaleel, the great sculptor and artificer of the tabernacle, Exo 31:2-5, and belonged to the tribe of Judah.

and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun; when the victory was decided in favor of Israel; this may denote steadiness of faith in prayer, the constant performance of it, and continuance in it as long as a man lives. (Gill)

2. Will bring anointing and blessing Psalm 133:1-3

Psa 133:1 A Song of Ascents. Of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psa 133:2 *It is* like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

Psa 133:3 *It is* like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

David compares living in unity (agreement) to anointing oil and the dew on Mount Hermon. Both signify the cleansing and blessing of God. Out of agreement God commands a blessing.

The psalmist has four main points. First, it is good and pleasant when brothers dwell together in unity. Second, it is fragrant. Third, it is refreshing. Finally, it is the sure guarantee of God's blessing. (BBC)

3. Will help us make the right decision Acts 1:24

Act 1:23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

Act 1:24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen

Act 1:25 to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

Act 1:26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The 120 pray together and ask the Lord to show them who He has chosen to join the apostles. Praying with a group or even one other person is a powerful way to make right decisions.

4. Will bring the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1-2

Act 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

On the Day of Pentecost they all prayed with one accord (in agreement) and the Holy Spirit came as a mighty wind.

One Accord: Being unanimous, having mutual consent, being in agreement, having group unity, having one mind and purpose.

Being in 'one accord' shows a harmony leading to action!

5. Will bring Jesus Matthew 18:20

Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

When we gather in His name and pray in agreement He is there.

6. Will bring freedom *Acts 12:5-11; Acts 16:25-34*

The Church prays in agreement for Peter's release from prison. Paul and Silas pray and a jailer is saved.

Act 12:5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

Act 16:25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

C. The prayer of agreement must also...

1. Be in conformity to the will of God *1 John 5:14-15*

1Jo 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. **1Jo 5:15** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

2. Be in faith *James 1:6-8*

Jam 1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

Jam 1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

Jam 1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

3. Be in sincerity *Hebrews 10:22*

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.

Examples of a 'prayer of agreement'

Prayer for salvation....

Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus; and based on the scripture in 1 Tim 2:1-4, which states "[God] desires all men to be saved," We ask you for the salvation of _____. We ask in faith, and according to Your Word we believe we receive it. In the MIGHTY Name of Jesus.

Prayer for a community/city/area...

Oh high King of heaven

have mercy on _____ (name of community)

Revive your Church

Send your Holy Spirit

for the sake of your children

may your Kingdom come to _____ (name of community)

In the mighty name of Jesus