

A Call to Prayer – Pam Yates 30.01.22

Session 4 – Principles of Intercession

Daniel 10 v 12 Then He continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response of them since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself."

1) Single mindedness

Daniel was the busiest man in the kingdom, but he had time to intercede. He used to fall on his knees at an open window facing Jerusalem, three times a day to pray, giving thanks to his God. There was a risk involved, because a decree had been issued that forbade him. Consequently, he was thrown in the lions den, but the Lord shut the lions mouth, and the miracle changed the king's heart. The king then made a decree that all men in his kingdom should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. In *Daniel 9 v 3- 19* we have the agonizing intercession made for the Jewish people. Please read it, and in the last session no 6, I will focus on why we should intercede for Israel.

God longs for us to come into a new intimate place with Him. John Wesley once said "God does nothing on earth save to believing prayer. The prayer of God's saints are the capital stock of heaven, by which God carries on His great work upon the earth. God conditions the very life and prosperity of His cause on prayer." *Matthew 18 v 20 "For where two or three gather in My Name, there I am with them."* Togetherness is the body in action. Being of one mind, one body, in harmony, synchronised, standing together on the word in unity. *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Somebody often prays just what we were about to pray, this is confirmation that we are being guided by the Holy Spirit. Fellowshiping with God in the outworking of His purposes.

1 Kings 18 v 42 So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down on the ground, and put his face between his knees.

When Elijah was on the top of the mountain, he was crouched in the birthing position of that time, interceding and bringing forth an answer.

Intercession is like conception, it will not leave us until the baby is born. The Holy Spirit has to conceive something. It requires spirit, soul, and body, the Holy Spirit is the conductor of the orchestra. When a woman is in labour, there can be groaning, and that can happen, when we are praying, crying or groaning, in anguish. *Romans 8 v 26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit itself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*

2) Under the Anointing

Exodus 30 v 31-32 Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them so that they may serve me as priests. Say to the Israelites "This is to be my sacred anointing oil for the generations to come." 1 Samuel 16 v 13 Then Samuel took the the horn of

oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers . And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

There are over 100 scriptures, that speak of the anointing. We always need to operate under the anointing, the anointing never touches the flesh. Fire always falls on sacrifice, that is where the altar is built. The flesh will kill our time of prayer, it is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that breaks the yoke.

Laying ourselves on the altar, our eyes and hearts fixed on Jesus, covered in His love, our prayer time will flow, each prayer will lead on from the other, until the burden lifts. Once the burden is lifted, we can say Amen together.

3) Togetherness

Ephesians 4 v 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Have you ever been in a prayer meeting when somebody likes the sound of their own voice! They go on and on, we are told a story. Lance Lambert once said, being a foghorn, going on “world tours” shopping trips, being over sentimental, drawing attention to oneself, praying ones own agendas! The prayer leader then needs to discern what is happening, and bring the prayer meeting back into alignment. A genuine prayer meeting under the unction of the Holy Spirit is truly exciting, because you have that assurance that you are achieving something in the spiritual realm for God's glory.

1Thes 5 v 19-22 Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things hold fast what is good. We will delve into prophecies in the next session.

Prayer

Father, Your word says in *1 Timothy 2 v1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in al godliness and holiness.*

We pray for our Queen, who has faithfully served You and her commonwealth for 70 years, ever since she took the coronation oath, after being anointed with oil. We pray, protection, health and Your peace over her. May you bless her, and answer her prayers concerning her family, that her children, grandchildren and extended family, may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and live in harmony.

We continue to pray for our government at this critical time in history, for our Prime Minister, that the evil deeds of men might be exposed, and righteousness prevail, and the honour of Your Name be exalted over our land once more.

Finally, we pray for our church leader and his family.(You can name them in your prayers). We thank you for them. For their love for you, their gentleness and kindness. We pray for healing, blessing, favour, provision and protection.

Ish 54 v 17 No weapon that is formed against them will prosper, and every tongue that rises in judgement against them you shall condemn. Thank you Jesus Amen