

THURSDAY - MARCH 26

## **PaS HOUSTON VIRTUAL**

# **THIS ABOUT PRAYER AND REPENTANCE**

## **MARK THOSE WHO SIGH AND CRY**

Ezekiel 9:1-6

1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

**4 And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and SET A MARK UPON THE FOREHEADS OF THE MEN THAT SIGH AND THAT CRY FOR ALL THE ABOMINATIONS THAT BE DONE IN THE MIDST THEREOF.**

**5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:**

6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

9 Then said he unto me, **The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The Lord hath forsaken the earth, and the Lord seeth not.**

10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

## **MY PEOPLE HAVE FORGOTTEN ME DAYS WITHOUT NUMBER.**

Jeremiah 2:32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire?  
**yet my people have forgotten me days without number.**

# THE TWO WORST SINS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Jeremiah 2:4-13

4 Hear ye the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

5 Thus saith the Lord, **What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?**

6 Neither said they, Where is the Lord that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. 8 The priests said not, Where is the Lord? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the Lord, and with your children's children will I plead.

10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

11 Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord.

13 **FOR MY PEOPLE HAVE COMMITTED TWO EVILS; THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS, AND HEWED THEM OUT CISTERNS, BROKEN CISTERNS, THAT CAN HOLD NO WATER.**

**ONE OF THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF  
*DEVOTIONAL PRAYER* IS TO LEAD US  
TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE LORD IN  
HIS KINGDOM.**

**THIS IS CALLED “THE PATH OF LIFE”**

Psalms 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

**SO WE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD WHICH LEADS US TO  
BECOME CONDUITS OF HIS “RIGHT HAND.”**

**HOWEVER, “DEVOTIONAL PRAYER” ONLY IS  
THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE CONTAINER  
WHO BECOMES ONLY A CISTERN**

**THUS, THE TWO SINS!**

**DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS ARE NOT NOW AND  
NEVER BEEN “GOOD ENOUGH” FOR GOD AND  
HIS PURPOSES**

**THERE MUST BE AN OUTWARD FLOW!  
THIS IS CALLED “MINISTRY”!**

# **GOD'S PURPOSE IN GETTING OUR ATTENTION - TO GET US TO PRAY AND REPENT.**

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

13 **IF I SHUT** up heaven that there be no rain, or **IF I COMMAND** the locusts to devour the land, or **IF I SEND** pestilence among my people;

14 **If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

**ONLY PRAYING PEOPLE TRULY REPENT  
ONLY REPENTING PEOPLE GET ANSWERS TO THEIR PRAYERS**

## **PRAYERLESSNESS IS SIN**

Isaiah 64:6-7

6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7 **And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.**

Isaiah 50:2 **Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.**

## **TOO BUSY TO PRAY?**

**HOW “BUSY” ARE WE NOW?**

**- HE IS REVEALING OUR HEARTS. WHY ARE WE PRAYERLESS NOW?**

**THIS CRISIS IS REVEALING THAT OUR PROBLEM IS NOT “BUSY-NESS”! IT IS LACK OF FAITH AND COMMITMENT. LACK OF RELATIONSHIP! LACK OF SUBMISSION TO HIS WILL!**

**BUT “WE PRAY,” MANY SAY!**

**NOBODY GETS “CREDIT” WITH GOD BECAUSE THEY “PRAYED”**

**MY PEOPLE HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME**

Isaiah 29:13-14

**13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:**

**14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.**

Matthew 15:7-9

**7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,**

**8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.**

**9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**

# EVEN THEIR PRAYER SHALL BE AN ABOMINATION

Proverbs 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, EVEN HIS PRAYER SHALL BE ABOMINATION.

# MANY PRAY JUST TO BE DELIVERED FROM THEIR TRIALS - BUT GOD DESIRES US TO HAVE PATIENCE

Luke 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

PATIENCE (*Strong's Greek Dictionary*) = g5281. hypomonē; from 5278; cheerful (or hopeful) **endurance, constancy**: — enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting). AV (32) - patience 29, enduring 1, patient continuance 1, patient waiting 1;

PATIENCE (*Thayer's Greek Lexicon*) = g5281. hypomonē;

I. **steadfastness, constancy, endurance**

A. **in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings**

B. patiently, and steadfastly

II. a patient, steadfast waiting for

III. a patient enduring, sustaining, perseverance

ENDURE (*Strong's Greek Dictionary*) = g5278. hypomenō; from 5259 and 3306; to stay under (behind), i.e. remain; figuratively, to undergo, i.e. bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere: — abide, endure, (take) patient(-ly), suffer, tarry behind.

AV (17) - endure 11, take patiently 2, tarry behind 1, abide 1, patient 1, suffer 1;

ENDURE (*Thayer's Greek Lexicon*) = g5278. hypomenō;

I. to remain

A. to tarry behind

II. to remain i.e. abide, not recede or flee

A. to preserve: under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ

B. to endure, bear bravely and calmly: ill treatments

**OUR LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER IS GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO TRUST HIM IN TOUGH TIMES SO THAT WE CAN REMAIN FAITHFUL DURING THIS WORLD'S BACKLASH AGAINST THE HARVEST THAT THE LORD IS SENDING.**

**Jeremiah 12:5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?**

**PRAYERS FOR DELIVERANCE FROM GOD'S TESTS ARE OFTEN ANSWERED BY HIM WITH A "NO"!**

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

**7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.**

**8 FOR THIS THING I BESOUGHT THE LORD THRICE, THAT IT MIGHT DEPART FROM ME.**

**9 AND HE SAID UNTO ME, MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE: FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

**10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.**



# **TOO MANY PRAYERS ARE PRAYED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING US OUT OF WHATEVER GOD HAS FIRST PUT US INTO!**

## **PRAYERS OF INIQUITY**

- PRAYERS PRAYED TO GET GOD TO GIVE US OUR WILL!**
- NOT TO SEEK FOR HIS WILL**

Isaiah 59:1-8

**1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:**

**2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**

3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

**REPENTANCE ALWAYS INVOLVES BOTH  
A CONFESSION OF OUR SINS  
AND A SURRENDER OF OUR WILLS.**

**OTHERWISE, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN US!**

## **WE ASK AND RECEIVE NOT**

James 4:2-4

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3 **Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.**

4 **Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

## **WHEN WE DO PRAY FOR SOMETHING OTHER THAN OURSELVES, WHAT DO WE PRAY FOR?**

**MOST OF PRAYER MEETINGS ARE FOCUSED ON —  
CHURCH SERVICES  
CHURCH ATTENDANCE  
VISITORS COMING TO CHURCH  
FINANCES**

## PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE

Hosea 14:1-2

1 O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

2 Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

Psalms 51:1-13

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

**2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

**3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.**

**4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.**

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

**7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; THAT THE BONES WHICH THOU HAST BROKEN MAY REJOICE.**

**9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.**

**10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**

**11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.**

**12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.**

**13 THEN WILL I TEACH TRANSGRESSORS THY WAYS; AND SINNERS SHALL BE CONVERTED UNTO THEE.**

## **PRAYERS FOR SICKNESS MUST ALWAYS BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE**

James 5:14-18

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

# **GOD SOUGHT FOR A MAN**

## **- AN INTERCESSOR**

Ezekiel 22:30-31

**30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.**

31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God.

Isaiah 59:16-17

**16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.**

**17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.**

## **THE MAN CHRIST JESUS SET THE EXAMPLE**

Hebrews 5:7-9

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Luke 6:12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Luke 9:18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

Luke 9:28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

Matthew 14:23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

Mark 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Luke 22:39-46

39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. 40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

# **JESUS TAUGHT US TO PRAY! DO WE PRAY LIKE HE TAUGHT US?**

Luke 11:1-4

1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

## **WHAT IS THE ONLY MINISTRY THAT EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH IS CALLED TO? — PRAYER**

Psalms 65:1-2

1 Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 **O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.**

Romans 8:26-27

26 **Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

27 **And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

Ephesians 6:17-20

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**18 PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT, AND WATCHING THEREUNTO WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE AND SUPPLICATION FOR ALL SAINTS;**

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

## **WHAT IS THE FIRST PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH?**

**- TO BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER**

Isaiah 56:6-7

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Mark 11:15-18

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.



17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

## **WHAT ARE SUPPOSED PRAY FOR FIRST?**

### **- KINGDOM**

Matthew 6:31-34

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Luke 12:27-32

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

## **DO WE PRAY FOR LABORERS AS JESUS COMMANDED?**

Matthew 9:36-38

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

**38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.**

## **LET THE SIGHING OF THE PRISONERS**

Psalms 79:11 **Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;**

## **WHAT WAS PAUL CALLED TO DO FIRST AND FOREMOST? - PRAY!**

Acts 26:14-18

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

**18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**

## **WHAT IS THE FIRST AND FOREMOST PURPOSE OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SPIRIT FOR?**

**- PRAYER!**

Luke 4:14-21

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

**18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

## **HOW DO WE USE THE ARMOR OF GOD?**

### **PRAYER!**

Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 **Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

12 **For WE WRESTLE not against flesh and blood, but AGAINST principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

13 **Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 **And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

18 **PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT, AND WATCHING THEREUNTO WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE AND SUPPLICATION FOR ALL SAINTS;**

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

## WHERE ARE THE PRAYERS OF FAITH (LUKE 18) AND OF IMPORTUNITY (LUKE 11) IN THE CHURCH TODAY?

Luke 18:1-8

1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

4 **And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;**

5 **Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.**

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

7 **And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?**

8 **I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?**

Luke 11:5-13

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 **I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.**

**9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.**

**10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.**

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

## **USING THE AUTHORITY TO TREAD BRINGS PROTECTION**

Luke 10:17-19

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

**19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

## **EPHESIANS 3:20 IS MANIFESTED FIRST AND FOREMOST THROUGH PRAYER**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**

**21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.**

# **GOD HAS PROMISED TO POUR OUT THE SPIRIT OF GRACE (PRAYER) AND SUPPLICATION.**

Zechariah 12:10 And **I WILL POUR UPON** THE HOUSE OF DAVID, AND UPON THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM, THE SPIRIT OF GRACE AND OF SUPPLICATIONS: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.