

Praying God-Sized Prayer, Hell-Shaking Prayer

A Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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As Christians, we have many privileges: He is with us always (Matt. 28:20); He strengthens us; He forgives our sins; He makes us His living epistles; He gives us the key to His storehouse. More importantly, as children of God (Rom. 8:15, Jn. 1:12), our sweetest privilege is talking to Him intimately through Jesus' Name. Moreover, by the power of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, we have the power to pray God-sized prayers/hell-shaking prayers.



1. Prayer changes things and people.

- 1.1. We can do so much when we pray. In a busy world, we are encumbered by many things; but we should not neglect our prayer. Otherwise, we open the door for Satan to attack us; he will place all sorts of distraction and destroy our peace. Whereas when we talk to God, He reminds us of what He has said before.
- 1.2. Many things happen when God's people call on Him: souls are saved, burdens are lifted, power comes, revival starts, churches make mighty strikes.
- 1.3. In the face of our enemies, and we don't know what to do, let us turn our gaze on God alone; He is the author and finisher of our faith.

2. God has promised us so much (Jer. 33:3).

- 2.1. The eye has not seen, nor the ear has heard what God has in store for us. God knows what we need even before we ask Him. Whatever we ask for in prayer, if believe that we have received it, then it will be ours (Jer. 32:17, Mk. 11: 22-24).
- 2.2. The Lord works on the 11th hour, at the cul-de-sac (the end of the road). He wants to see if our faith lasts until the end. He is not pleased with those who doubt Him. Nothing is impossible with God; and as His children, nothing is

impossible for us also. Let us make use of this privilege.

3. King-sized prayers:

- 3.1. King Jehoshaphat was the King who pleased God. The Lord set ambushes against his enemies (2 Chron. 20: 20-22). Similarly, we should stop complaining, and sing to the Lord instead, "God will make a way..."
- 3.2. Daniel was above reproach and prayed three times a day (Dan 6:5-11), defying the edict that banned prayer. Thus, he was thrown to the lions' den. But with his hell-shaking prayer, the lions did not touch him. Like Daniel, let us develop a personal relationship with God; it will be easy to know what He is saying.
- 3.3. Elijah was a prayerful man. As a righteous person his prayer was powerful (Jas. 5:16-18). He prayed for rain, and the heavens heeded; the earth yielded crop once again.
- 3.4. Peter healed a lame beggar (Acts 3). God can use us also to heal in the name of Jesus.
- 3.5. Peter and John before the Sanhedrin turned many people to Jesus (Acts 4). They were brought to jail, yet they were filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to proclaim the word boldly.
- 3.6. Today, when our crisis seems hopeless, let us remember that the Lord can speak to our problems and they will move; we too can speak to our "mountains" and cast them out.
- 3.7. The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost (Acts 1:13-14, Acts 2). We too can be filled with the Holy Spirit if we all pray with one heart and one mind.

Conclusion: If we delight in talking to God and listening to His words, we will be blessed. We will not experience dryness of spirit because Jesus is the living water (Jn. 4:10). Prayer invites us into the presence of God (Heb. 4:16). As God's children, we can go to our Father anytime; He is always ready to listen.

Reflection: Are you excited to talk to Jesus every morning? Do you seek Him? Do you thank God every day for the air you breathe, for your health, your provisions?

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