

## *Pleading Prayer*

We do not ask God for what He has not promised in the Scripture for the Church Age believers. The exclusive and conditional promises for the Old Testament believers do not apply to us. The unconditional promises for the Tribulation and Millennial believers are not for us either.

The promises in the Scripture appointed to any particular person, group of people or nation are not for to us. God is not going to do any promise made by a certain preacher to his followers, which He did not promise in the Scripture. God will not give in to the capricious and illogical demands of man no matter how sincere and devoted his prayer might be. God answers our prayer according to His will and plan, not according to human sincerity and ability to believe.

We do not ask God for blessings given to a particular person or nation. The blessings given to some Bible character do not belong to us. The blessing of a nation recorded in the Scripture is not ours. The experience of the Old and New Testament believers does not necessarily belong to us. We cannot ask God to repeat such blessings or experiences for us. It is very wicked and selfish to ask God to give you the experience of people living in a different time and background.

Numerous illogical and irrational practices of cults have come from this satanic viewpoint. Miracle is an act of God based on His sovereignty, which operates apart from the demands or request of man. Every act of God is free from human intervention and without human participation.

We do not ask God for blessing of a conditional promise without first fulfilling the condition required. Some believers are already demanding God to give them the all of these things of Matthew 6:33 without seeking the kingdom of God. They are asking God for the desires of their hearts without the effort of taking delight in studying the Word of God in consistent basis (Psalm 37:4).

We do not ask God for things He already terminated. Petition and prayer for things or experiences that God has already terminated is a sign of arrogance. Asking God for historical gifts like the gift of healing and tongues is a terrible mistake.

Majority of ignorant believers are committing blasphemy daily every time they come to God in prayer. For example, whenever a believer pray in tongues. Speaking in tongues today is a counterfeit because the Holy Spirit is no longer anointing such person. The gift of tongue is already a historical gift given, as a sign to the unbelieving Jews.

Believers misapply literally the context of 1 Timothy 2:8 by raising his hand on the air and asking God to bless and prosper those in the position of authority. The phrase lift up your holy hands is not literal action but is figurative in essence.

It refers to the act of intercession not the raising of hands. The prayer for all unbelievers is for their salvation and not for anything else. Another common mistake of believers is when they spiritualize the non-spiritual things by their cultic practices such as laying of hands, anointing and prayer with fasting. Heresies and blasphemies are new part in the area of prayer than in any other part of the Christian life.

There are 10 things with religious connotation but are not essentially related in any way to genuine prayer:

**Fasting:** There is no command for the Church Age believers to fast when praying. There is no command for us to fast. There is no verse in the Scripture that states the effectiveness of fasting if this is combined with prayer.

**Posture:** No prescribed posture for prayer is stated in the Scripture. There is no prescribed posture for an effective prayer. The raising of hands, the clasped hands, the clapping of hands, the beating of the chest and other irrelevant postures are all inventions of man. Postures are never related to spirituality and have nothing to do with the effectivly of prayer.

**Place:** There is no required place for effective prayer. No prayer house, no prayer mountain, prayer garden are necessary for God to answer our prayer. The only right place for prayer is inside the will and plan of God (John 4:21-24). God practically to commands us to pray at all times and pray at a very solemn and quiet place. The believer can be alone with God in the midst of a noisy crowd.

If you do not know how to be alone with God, then even in the top of the prayer mountain, your mind we be filled with the things of the world.

**Preparation:** The only preparation needed for prayer and worship is the prayer of rebound. No religious music or singing, fasting and praise and worship are necessary for an effective prayer.

Music only excites the emotion and the mind but leaves out the soul with sins. Religious music is the greatest heresy of our time. The so-called music ministers are the greatest deceivers of the Church Age believers.

**Personalities:** No super-faith and super-prayerful leaders are necessary to lead the congregation for effective prayer. God answers our prayer not because of who is praying God has no favorites. The so-called prayer warriors are purely human viewpoint. Our weapon is the Word of God not prayer (Eph. 6:17).

**Faith:** The justice of God answers our prayer not on the basis of our faith but on the essence of God. It is not how much we can believe but who and what God is. Faith is never the key for effective prayer but the grace of God.

**Visions:** The mysterious illusion of the divine revelation or manifestation of the so-called God to some super-believer is a hoax and not related to prayer.

**Anointing:** Some cults claimed that they have received the double anointing or double portion of the spirit (of the devil of course) and that God will answer their prayer (as if they are God's favorite). Such anointing is devious.

**Commitment:** Devotion to prayer does not guarantee effective prayer. It is easy to become devoted to prayer but never to God. Human sincerity is often sincerely wrong. Our loyalty and confidence must be in God, not in prayer.

**Prayer Partners:** The prayer of others has nothing to do with our own effectiveness. Celebrated and dynamic prayer partners are not required for genuine prayer. God answers our prayer based on divine essence not because of our super-prayer partner.

Praying in the Spirit is not a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 14:14-15), it is not praying in tongues, but it refers to the cell phone, biblical principle that we are to pray only in the state of spirituality, even as we worship God through the Word of God under the filling of the Holy Spirit (John 4:23-25).

Praying in the Spirit is not mystical but refers to the act of obedience to be filled with the Holy Spirit during the entire course of prayer. The believer can only obey the command to pray at all times (1 Thess. 5:17) through the rebound provision of grace (1 John 1:9).

The believer can remain in the state of spirituality only through the grace provision. To be continually spiritual is to be in the spiritual praying ground at all times. Praying in the Spirit means praying while in the state of spirituality. God did not command the Old and New Testament believers or the Church Age believers to pray with fasting. The Jewish exiles in Babylon borrowed the practice of fasting and slowly integrated it into their religion.

The believers of the infant Church Age practiced fasting for 5 reasons:

- It was a hang-over of the Old testament practice
- For the purpose of concentration to spiritual life
- There was nothing to eat (2 Cor. 6:5) due to famine and persecution
- Giving priority to spiritual matters
- Whenever they have vital decisions to make

Things Prayer Cannot Change:

- The infallible Word of God
- The divine systems of operation
- The destiny of man under divine decree
- The perfect plan and will of God for man
- The absolute norms and standard of truth
- The perfect purpose of God for each event

One of the infinite lies of the devil today: "Prayer works by changing things. It changes God. It changes us." Most deception that Christians believe to be correct has some elements of truth and facts to support the lie. Christians are receiving the lie in four frameworks:

- Arrogance: presuming he cannot be wrong
- Attraction: presuming he will gain from it
- Ignorance: presuming that it is the truth
- Affection: presuming it will please God and man

Misapplication of Prayer: Areas Where Prayer is not the Solution

- Renewal of the mind: requires the dual power system of the divine dynasphere
- Recovery from abuses and injustices: demands a new mind pattern based on the resident Bible doctrine and guidance of the Holy Spirit
- Recovery from any form of addiction (substance, alcohol, cigarette, sex, pornography and the like)
- Transformation of mental attitude from self-centeredness to God centered lifestyle.
- Change of mental attitude and approach from human viewpoint to divine viewpoint
- The sovereign will of God for the exact time, manner and place for man to die. Man cannot add a minute or subtract a minute to man's life. Medical science and technology cannot prolong or shorten man's life.
- Change of values, virtues and priorities from earthly to heavenly things.

Presumption (without basic facts) in the local churches:

- The pastor presume he knows the doctrine of the Bible and pretending he is feeding the sheep (and persists in his ignorance and arrogance).
- The pastor presumes he knows how to pray (and never try to evaluate his spiritual life in general and his prayer life in particular).
- Members presume their pastor is teaching them the whole counsel of God (and never bother to study Bible doctrine to confirm the truth or just simply to check it out for themselves).
- Members presume that they are growing in their spiritual life and contended to involve in too many church activities (and never ask what is wrong with their church's beliefs and practices).
- The members presume that they are worshiping and praying correctly (and never bother to run diagnostics tests to see their errors).



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