

The disciples witnessed every miracle that Jesus worked  
They heard every message that He ever preached  
They witnessed every deliverance and observed every prayer

Yet, they never asked Him to teach them to heal, prophecy, or do miracles. They asked, *“Lord, teach us to pray”* (Luke 11:1)

*“So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.”* (Luke 11:2, NKJV)

We would think that if an all-knowing, all-seeing God wanted His will to come forth on the earth then it would happen

- God Needs Our Help!
- Adam was to be God’s representative to represent God’s will on the earth
- Image – *“shadow, phantom, or illusion”* – Genesis 1:27
- *“Glory”* – *“Heavy or weighty”*, *clout* – Psalm 8:5
- Adam carried a lot of weight or **clout**
- Of course, we all know Adam failed
- God became flesh and dwelt among us enabling us to be ministers of reconciliation between God and man

*“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,”* (1 Timothy 2:5, NKJV)

(John 1:18, NKJV)

We are the “sent” ones – representing Jesus

*“So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”* (John 20:21, NKJV)

Everything we do is under the authority of Jesus

- He fulfilled His part and defeated the enemy *legally*, we do our part enforcing His work, *literally* – **Psalm 110:1-3**
- We are the army of God policing a war Zone, enforcing His Law until Government Rule is established

God's plan for redeeming mankind is not a formula it is a Person

*“In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;”* (**John 16:26, NKJV**)

- Remember we pray to the Father in Jesus' Name
- He is interceding for us, legally permitting us to approach the Throne

Everything God can give us or do for us is based on the finished work of Jesus Christ

- We can only enter into a relationship with our Father because of His legal sacrifice
- He is our Mediator or Advocate
- It is impossible for God to relate to us any other way

Remember *intercession* means *creating a meeting*

- Christ's intercession created a meeting connecting heaven and earth
- Making His plans, purposes, and destinies a reality in the hearts of people

If we miss the God of meetings, we miss the God of the Bible

- Everything changes when people meet with God!

*“Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: “I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.” Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!” Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.”*

**(Genesis 28:10–19, NKJV)**

- This is a powerful meeting with God and symbolic of what happens in the place of intercession
- The place of intercession becomes the place of God
- Places of prayer become houses of God

The name Bethel actually means “*house of God*”

- The place of intercession is a place built for the presence of God
- God’s dwelling places are awesome!
- This can be a person, group of people, or a place dedicated to His presence

*Story:*

- *Moving from Ionia to Newaygo*
- *God spoke to me in the place of prayer or intercession*
- *His presence was awesome!*

*He directed me to read a small paperback book that gave instructions on sowing a certain amount of money while declaring the place God was taking you*

*There were times when I would hear a message on TV or read my Bible and His awesome presence would overtake me*

- *While cleaning our house to list it for sale, His presence was overwhelming*
- *After coming home from a 3-day conference I felt an urgency to return to listen to Jimmy Evans*
- *No place to sit, I saw Paul and Colleen Ruzinsky and sat with them*
- *This led to a series of sowing our tithe believing for income as we sold our home and moved without a job*

Many things can be said about His presence

- In it, there is fullness of joy – **Psalm 16:11**
- Safety – **Psalm 91:1-2**
- Pleasures forevermore – **Psalm 16:11**
- Light – **1 Timothy 6:16**

## God is Light

*“who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:16, NKJV)*

- See also – **Jas 1:17; Exod 19:16; Ezek 1:14; Rev 4:5**

At times His light or the release of it is associated with His Glory

*“And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.” (Luke 2:9, NKJV)*

Sometimes this light, lightning, or glory of God is released from His mouth and often called a sword

*“Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” (Revelation 19:15, NKJV)*

*“If I sharpen the lightning of My sword,  
And My hand takes hold of judgment,  
I will render vengeance on My adversaries,  
And I will repay those who hate Me.” (Deuteronomy 32:41)*

See also – **Ps 18:13-14; Hos 6:5; Ezek 21:9-10, 15, 28**

All that can be said about God can be said about His presence

- Intercession is what takes us there
- The place of intercession is God's willingness to bring accuracy to our prayers

Bethel was an important place in Israel and one where God shaped Jacob's future

- God brought him there by sovereign direction of the Holy Spirit
- God brought him to "*the place*" or "*certain place*" not just a place – **Genesis 28:11**

There are times that we will not have enough wisdom, understanding, or insight to know exactly how to pray

- Like Jacob, God by His Holy Spirit must lead us to "*the place*" of intercession or meeting

The Holy Spirit will cause us to hit the mark!

God wants to move in *mega* power through those He has commissioned to represent Him here on Earth

- The opposite of power is weakness
- Which is what we have without the Holy Spirit's help

*"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."* (**Romans 8:26–27, NKJV**)

Weakness – the Greek word means, “*an inability to produce results*”

- This describes us well in many situations
- The Holy Spirit wants to help
- Helps – “*taking hold of together with against*”
- The Holy Spirit wants to add His infinite power to our finite strength, giving us the results, we need
- Sometimes we pray in other tongues
- Sometimes we can only groan or weep deeply in intercession
- Some would call this travail
- The Holy Spirit is *birthing* the answer to our prayer
- Remember we don’t birth anything
- He is God’s birthing agent
- All we need do is pray and intercede until the burden lifts or the answer comes

“*So he answered and said to me: “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6, NKJV)*

Praying in the Spirit is perhaps the greatest example of when His strength is made complete in our weaknesses

– **2 Corinthians 12:9**

- When we realize our inability to produce results, it causes us to look to Him for help
- If we allow Him to pray through us, He will “*take hold of together*” with us
- He isn’t doing it for us, but with us



Many believers are not aware that we are filled with the very glory and light of God

*“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16, NKJV)*

- The word used for *temple* always referred to the “*holy of holies*”
- The word for *dwells* is taken from the OT word which described the “*abiding or dwelling*” glory found in the holy of holies
- Commonly referred to as the “*shekinah*” glory of the Lord
- We are the new holy of holies, a temple of living stones not made with hands, but by God Himself

*“For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”*

*(2 Corinthians 4:6–7, NKJV)*

- Israel carried the Ark of the Covenant, representing the presence and glory of God into battle – **Joshua 6:6**

*“So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: “Rise up, O LORD! Let Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You.” (Numbers 10:35, NKJV)*

- This verse is quoted in **Psalms 68:1** a warfare verse



## Light Overcomes Darkness

*“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”*  
(John 1:4–5, NKJV)

- Comprehend – *many scholars believe it should have been translated as apprehend*
- The powers of darkness were not trying to understand Christ they were trying to apprehend or overpower Him

*“Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.”* (Isaiah 60:1–3, NKJV)

- The Old Testament temple was a picture of us
- God created a new race of people, and His glory is in every one of us – 1 Peter 2:9

Jesus told us to end our prayers with...

*“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”* (Matthew 6:13, NKJV)

- Power – “ability”
- We cannot accomplish what is needed in our own strength and understanding
- Only the Father can
- We must lean on Him for our ability to hit the mark

It is through intercession that heaven and earth are connected

- In his dream, Jacob saw a ladder connecting heaven and earth
- Angels were ascending and descending upon it
- The activity of heaven was being released on earth

*“and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.”* (Genesis 28:12, NKJV)

- He gives his angels charge over you – Psalm 91:11
- His angels are sent as winds and flames of fire to minister to us – Psalm 104:4; Hebrews 1:7,14

Angels held Aaron in his twisted car seat without the belt attached

Pastor Bob should have had more injuries than a broken leg

- ER Doc couldn't believe that was all the injuries he received

Our intercession become gates to heaven where God's will is released on the earth

*“And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”* (Genesis 28:17, NKJV)

- It is a place where divine-human partnerships are formed
- God desires to partner with us to help others find their destinies
- Through our meetings with God, (*efforts and prayers*) all the families of the earth shall be blessed! – Genesis 28:14

*“Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.” (Genesis 28:18, NKJV)*

- Pillar – memorial stone or monument

In OT times altars were built not only as a place of sacrifice but also as memorials to mark significant events

- We do much the same today when we erect a statue or monument to remember battle sites or great leaders

Here we see that Jacob builds an altar to remember the significance of this meeting with God

- Joshua erected two memorials where he and Israel crossed the Jordan – (Joshua 4:8–9, NKJV)
- Abraham built a memorial or altar to remember his covenant with God – (Genesis 12:7, NKJV)

Through intercession, we are building altars in our hearts

*“Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.” (Hebrews 13:9–10, NKJV)*

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:1–2, NKJV)*

## The Prayer of Agreement

*“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:18–19, NKJV)*

- Great power is released through unity
- We are to move in the principle of multiplication not addition

*“Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you.” (Leviticus 26:8, NKJV)*

- This is the principle of synergism
- Synergism – *“the combined action of two or more which have a greater total effect than the sum of their individual effects”* – Websters

This is what happens when the Body of Christ is functioning together – (Ephesians 4:3,11,13,16, NKJV)

*“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;” (1 Peter 2:9, NKJV)*