

A House of Prayer

Matthew 21:13 (ESV)

13 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

Isaiah 56:5-6 (ESV)

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to Him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be His servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast My covenant—
7 these I will bring to My holy mountain,
and make them joyful in My house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for My house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples."

As you can see from the Scriptures above, God spoke in Isaiah that His house would be a house of prayer and His Son Jesus said the same also (confirming their unity in agreement, John 10:30; Amos 3:3). The Holy Spirit was also with or upon Jesus as well, when He walked the earth (Luke 3:22; Matthew 3:16; John 1:32). According to Amos 3:3, "Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?" all it required for Jesus to stand in His testimony was for Him to agree with God and the Holy Spirit in order to make what He was saying right or to stand (Isaiah 40:8; 55:11; 59:21; Psalm 119:89; Jeremiah 44:29). It didn't matter what others said to him in the ways of men, or in the ways men thought or understood. They could come against Him and what He said, but the witnesses that stood on His behalf were already much greater (1John 5:7-14; Ecclesiastes 4:12) than what mankind had as their 'witness' to truth on earth (or their evidence as to what they believed was truth or what was right in their own eyes). This is why it's so important for God's people to learn how to hear by the Holy Spirit and to walk led by Him fully. If you have His testimony (the Holy Spirit), testifying on your behalf in leading you then you will stand before God and His Son in righteousness in God's court. We are not to be judged by man according to his standards without the Holy Spirit's leading, but by God's standards—always (Colossians 2:16-23). Many misconstrue the following Scripture:

Matthew 18:18-20 (KJV)

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

After reviewing the previous Scriptures above regarding the Witness of God, you will see what Jesus was really trying to say in the above verses. It was NOT about what two people on earth agree on because 2 or more people say in the name of Jesus Christ 'together' in order to get something done. As these

people could just say anything but it does not mean they are in that place (in Christ). Some may not be walking by the Holy Spirit's leading or being led to pray something forth, so that would make them out of agreement with Him (not in His name truly). Jesus was speaking to those that walk in His Spirit entirely. He was saying that if you are led by the Spirit on the earth, as in heaven, then you already have two Witnesses to verify what's already confirmed by God. The two Witnesses are the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ. Verse 20 goes on to say, "For where two OR three are gathered together in My name, there AM I in the midst of them." In other words, if you are in the process of growing to be led by the Holy Spirit, in agreement with Jesus, God Himself will be there to attest to your righteousness in Him. When He spoke of the three being gathered, He was speaking to those that would or are walking in the fullness of Himself on earth-- completely and consistently being led by the Holy Spirit, abiding in the Son, and also abiding in the Father. This confirms Ecclesiastes 4:12, "Though one can be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." God reveals His Power when one begins to walk by the Holy Spirit. The two Witnesses can defend themselves (1 John 2:1), and that defense is against heavenly principalities, but even greater it's confirming that when you're fully matured in His stature, you cannot be broken—you're even stronger, the covenant cannot be broken because you have grown to overcome sin and death by and through Him, and no longer can judgment come against you because you have been made right in the eyes of God. The covenant of love cannot break (Romans 8:38-39).

This is why Paul urged everyone to run the race in order to receive the entire(full) prize (1 Corinthians 9:24), to win. That is, to win the entire victory over death by coming into the full stature of the deity of the Godhead abiding completely in you. The prize would be the gift of being right before God in all areas of your life (because it's in His Spirit), therefore no judgment is upon you from God to be 'disqualified' or rendered as defiled or blemished in His eyes with sin and death, but only life—His Life, Jesus Christ's in us, by His Spirit.

God has many names He goes by. One in which He is known as is an Intercessor, through His Son Jesus Christ (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34; John 17). We are all called to prayer if we are truly being led by the Holy Spirit because the Spirit walks in agreement with the Son, Jesus. This is why Paul said to pray in the Spirit always (Ephesians 6:18; Romans 8:26). He was not indicating praying in tongues alone (as some may feel led to do so in this way as a form of prayer), but mainly to be led by the Spirit in ALL things when you pray. As corresponding throughout this teaching, if you're praying led by the Spirit, then you will be in agreement with the Son in order to defend yourself against the ways of darkness. If you pray without the leading of the Spirit you WILL NOT have the defense you think you have, therefore being on your own, open to the attacks of darkness upon you (Ecclesiastes 4:8-9). So, basically prayer is not an option, as some may try to make an excuse as to not do it and put it upon others as their role in the Body.

This has been a great deception and attack on the Body against true unity in prayer by the Holy Spirit. All of His people need to know Christ in His character as an Intercessor. It is not a gift like the gifts of the Spirit spoken of in 1 Corinthians 12. It's a crucial part of God's character that connects His house or tabernacle or vessel (the individual) to Him consistently keeping them woven or knitted in His presence, clothing them with Himself (Psalm 139:13; Isaiah 61:10; Job 29:14) so that they may be protected and stand in their Salvation (2 Chronicles 20:17). To put the burden of prayer upon others that understand its significance entirely is not what God expected of His people (Matthew 23:1-4). Jesus spoke about this to the people regarding the Pharisees. The Pharisees overlooked the more important

matters (prayer, Matthew 23:23-24) and instead were more concerned with how they appeared before others, if they were getting paid, and not giving their entire selves over to God for His use. A constant walk in prayer WILL cover the important matters, when led by the Spirit (justice, mercy, faithfulness) fully. Jesus was stating if they'd just learn to walk in these matters, than all the other matters would be handled rightly in God (not in the ways of men or through religious traditions). Jesus was constantly in prayer, so why would we be any different if we claim to be truly walking with Him? Don't fall for the lie of 'you're an intercessor and I am not,' from anyone. This should be a warning to be discerning of the individual that claims this, as it will also let you know if they're truly seeking God in all things that they do. Jesus ONLY did what the Father told Him to do. As we as Christians should be doing as well, anything other than that is from another spirit...the antichrist.

What is prayer and how do I pray? This is a common question among many. Prayer is simply a conversation with God through His Holy Spirit (the same One Christ walked with upon the earth and is in agreement with to this day in heaven). It's not a conversation of just you talking and never listening, but a conversation back and forth where you speak and He speaks back or vice versa. Sometimes this conversation may be more of you just listening and doing rather than speaking, but still it's a form of conversing. The latter being you conversing with Him in your actions of works, confirming His spoken Truth working through you. The conversation then is not only between you and Him but now is able to be conversed or spoken in the earth to others by what you do (James 2:14-26) -- He speaking to them. We are to be a Light to others (Matthew 5:13-20). How else are we to do that? We do that by speaking the Light to them by the Spirit, whether by word or by action.

Matthew 5:14-16 (KJV)

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Be this house of prayer that God is speaking of through His Son Jesus. Do not quench the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22). Allow it to intercede in and through you. As this is where your agreement and protection comes from—the place where Truth stands in heaven above all things, and do not depreciate those that labor in Spirit among you, as these are the ones that have charge over the things of the earth because they express in the divine order of things, placing the Spirit above them, and Christ as their Head to rule and reign with God in the kingdom. It is not by their own accord they walk, but His. This is what God requires His people to do in Him. So, come to know your Intercessor today and walk in Him.