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Principalities and Powers in Prayer

Ephesians 6:10-20

Spiritual powers control the power structures in our world. They influence not only the politicians but the business people and the children. These powers can cause children to behave unnaturally. I remember visiting the Kerns family in Ohio. These were shy, mountain folk who were poor and did not have much education. Their children were timid and peeked out from behind the couch. Towards the end of the visit, I took my Bible out. When I opened it ready to read, the children's personalities totally changed. They started screaming and running around. I knew how to stop that. I closed my Bible and set it aside. The children again became timid and started hiding. When I opened my Bible once more, the children once again behaved wildly. We went through this a number of times. The parents did not understand why their quiet, well-behaved children were acting so wildly. They did not understand the power structure that influenced those children. I had to do some wrestling in prayer concerning those powers. After a number of visits with this family, God gave victory!

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One day the Kerns family came to church. This was a big step for them. They had to come to a place that was culturally and educationally different. We had indoor plumbing at the church. They lived in a shed-like building. Their refrigerator in the winter was a little closet in the corner where the air leaked in and kept things cold. This closet did not have a door. Just a piece of cloth hung in its opening. The family had a wood stove, two double beds, and a few pegs on the wall. That was their house. They got their water from the spring.

Another reason this was a big step for them was that the Nichols family was attending the church. The Nichols and the Kerns had a blood feud. In only three places were they were not to fight. One was at the spring where they both got water. Another place was school. The Nichols and the Kerns were to leave each other alone from the bus stop where they got on the school bus to the bus stop where they got off. The third place was the grocery store. So, when the Kerns came to church, the children behaved badly. The parents in the Kerns family were so embarrassed they could hardly speak as they went out of church. Everyone thought that they would not be back. However, Mr. Kerns came back that night. I spent some hours in prayer concerning the powers that were trying to keep the Kerns family from hearing the Gospel.

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Principalities and powers influence. The rulers of the darkness of this world influence. Spiritual wickedness influences. We have to know how to battle with all of these. We need to believe and understand that demons are alive and well and operating on this planet. Satan and his demons--his fallen angels--are there for us to battle. "Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world" (I John 4:4). Most Christians will not get in the prayer battle against spiritual forces. So, they are defeated. Some people enjoy having demons operating in them. They like the results. Some are bothered and aware but are unable to battle. They need your help. So, are you just going to peacefully suggest a few things to God; or are you going to war in prayer? In the Gospels, throughout His ministry, Jesus gave us examples of dealing with demons. We ought to be aware of demons and know how to deal with them as Jesus dealt with them.

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When something occurs, we need to know whether it is demonic and in resistance to the Gospel. We must then consider whether we should deal with it or not deal with it. If we should deal with it, how should we deal with it? What kind of a demon is it? Sometimes one demon is evidence of many others inside. Remember the maniac of Gadara. He said his name was Legion, for the demons were many. Different demons needed to be dealt with. Dealing with demons is not easy. I think of the case of a preacher who had some secret sin in his life. A demon-possessed person needed help. While the preacher was trying to deal with the demons, the demons started exposing the preacher's secret sins. Through the demon-possessed person's mouth, the demons revealed what was going on in the preacher's own life. The preacher did not make much progress with those demons. If one is not making progress with his own soul, he is not going to make progress with the souls of others. This is an area of prayer that requires great effort and struggle if progress is to be made. We need to realize that we are up against the kingdom of darkness.

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We have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and brought into the kingdom of light. In the kingdom of darkness, people are bound literally with chains of darkness around their souls. The demons are there to hold them; and Satan, the strong man, binds his people. According to Isaiah 14, Satan keeps his goods in peace and opens not the door of his prisoners. When we study and understand the helplessness of a lost person, we begin to understand the battle required to see a soul delivered. This need for battle was taught by Jesus. In the Old Testament, it was taught by Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Moses and Abraham knew this battle. In the New Testament it was taught by the Apostle Paul, the Apostle John, the Apostle Jude, the Apostle James and others. Today we find people that do not even get involved in this Biblical practice in their praying. If we are going to get into the heavenlies, we will have to go through the air; and Satan is the prince of the power of the air. Many people's prayers do not go anywhere because they do not pierce that darkness.

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Before the flood, no rain fell. Vast quantities of water were stored like a canopy over the earth. This made the earth like a greenhouse. Science speaks of the earth once being a tropical paradise. That is why we can find coal and oil in arctic places. Coal and oil should have been further south towards the central zones. That is why we can find mastodons in Siberia with tropical vegetation in their mouths. The mastodons have been frozen since the flood. The freeze was quick, and it lasted. Before the flood, the canopy of water separated the planet earth from the heavenly bodies. People lived longer. Their chromosomes and genes were not affected by some of the things that have shortened life in our day. That is why they had long age lengths in the early parts of the Old Testament. Before the flood, the canopy of water over the earth defused light. Light necessary to make a rainbow came through after the flood.

During the flood, water not only came up from fountains of the deep; but water stored in the heavens dropped down. Thus, a water canopy no longer exists. When we pray, a spirit barrier--not a water barrier—does exist. A darkness barrier surrounds this earth. Satan is the prince and power of that darkness. To get to Heaven, our prayers must penetrate that barrier.

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Spiritual pacifism is a detriment to genuine Christianity. People want to be at ease. They feel they are entitled to get certain things from God. They do not understand that we are to stand. We are to wrestle. We are to battle. For us to be lifted up to the throne room, a battle is fought. That is what Ephesians 6 says. To be fit to pray, we must first put on our armor. We are going to war. We are going to battle in the spiritual realm so that we can receive answers to our prayers. The weak, the unconcerned, the passive and those at ease are going to suffer in spiritual warfare. Listen to some of the contemporary Christian songs (not the rubbish of Christian rock). Sometimes the words are meaningful but put one's spirit to sleep. The spirit we need when we get ready to pray is "sound the battle cry! See, the foe is nigh." We are "marching, marching onward to Zion." Let us go "onward, Christian soldiers." We need some of that spirit because we are going to battle with principalities and powers.

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The Christian flag has the colors red, white and blue. The white pictures what is holy, virtuous and pure. That is what the Christian is to be if he is going to march faithfully. The field of blue in the corner of the flag pictures Heaven, our home. Christians are seeking a city not made with hands that will descend from the skies. A red cross is in the field of blue. The red pictures the blood of Christ and what He accomplished on the cross. As Christians, we are marching beneath the banner of the cross. The cross makes Heaven possible.

The Christian flag teaches us about marching forward in prayer. Sin hinders our prayer life. “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me” (Psalm 66:18). The more our field of white is besmirched by sin, the less progress we will make in prayer. Thank the Lord for the cross that deals with sin! Through His blood, we can have forgiveness and victory! Heaven is our hope and our glory.

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We must militantly march forward. Satan claimed the kingdoms of the world were his to give to whomsoever he would. Do we know how to pray against Satan controlling countries including ours? Do we know how to pray about Satan's control on Islamic countries like Iran? Muslims around the world pray six times a day. Years ago they were told to pray for the collapse of a certain government. This government was not walking the Islamic line. After a number of years, the prayers of these unregenerate heathen brought down a government. It just collapsed. If unregenerate heathen could see such results, what more could we see our God do if we would give ourselves to prayer?

Was it God that answered their prayers? No! Not all prayer is heard and answered by God. Prayers--even of professing Christians--may simply be the desires of a corrupted soul that are energized and empowered by the wicked one. These prayers assist Satan and his forces. If the prayers of lost people brought down a government, what could the prayers of saints accomplish?

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God created us to rule. He gave us power over creation. “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” (Genesis 1:26). However, man fell and was corrupted.

Satan had tried to rule through Adam and Eve. His goal is to rule people and bring himself worship rather than God. He wants to be like God. His forces are bodiless spirits that need bodies to operate. Enabled by meditation with prayer and fasting, demons are able to control creation. Evidences of demonic operation exist. An Indian witch doctor would often go to such depths of prayer and meditation that deer, antelope and buffalo would come. The warriors of the tribe would have good hunting. The witch doctors would make it easier to catch fish.

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Written documents tell us that the Cherokee Indians used to play stick ball. Two teams would come together, and each team had a witch doctor. Each witch doctor danced, jumped and tried to get the observing tribal people to chant with him. Through chants, the witch doctor empowered his team on the field. One of the players might break a leg. The witch doctor for that team would then seek power through chants to heal the leg. The battle was not just between the teams playing but between the witch doctors. They battled and battled. Eventually, one team was able to gain superiority. Missionaries worked to stop this practice.

Christians wrestle against spiritual wickedness in high places. We need to learn about Biblical praying in opposition to these principalities and powers. We can be like Aaron and Hur who held up Moses' arms and helped Israel win the battle. Our missionaries are battling forces in high places. Through prayer, we can help them see victories won!

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Elijah battled on Mount Carmel. Baal was a god of fire. The prophets of Baal prayed and looked for fire to come down. Fire would not have been a surprise to them. They expected Baal to answer their prayers. In this battle, Elijah was able to see these prayers to Baal hindered. He was able to see his own prayers to our Great God answered!

Not all prayer is of God. Some is opposed to God and His kingdom. Such prayer strengthens the kingdom of darkness. Sometimes the wicked one himself performs miracles. We must recognize the enemy and keep our eyes on Almighty God. He is the One who stopped the prayers of the prophets of Baal and answered those of His own prophet.

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Talk is not going to scare the Devil and his hoard of demons. Our victory comes not by our doctrine, not by our preaching, not by our teaching but *by our praying*. The Devil fears the saint of God that gets on his knees and has victory over him. That is why Jesus said that men ought always to pray and not to faint. We must continue wrestling and battling. We must penetrate the kingdom of darkness. Satan is the great enemy of our souls, of the church, of God's kingdom and of Christ Himself.

We are told, "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4). Why did God tell us this if we do not ever have to worry about the devil? Why are we told to stand and to wrestle against the Devil and demons if they are never an issue in our lives? If the Devil is not real and demons do not exist, tear Ephesians 6 out of the Bible. Throw away the book of Jude. Get rid of Revelation 12, Revelation 13 and a few other chapters. We need to understand that this battle is real. Praise the Lord! Just as the battle is real, so is victory in Jesus!

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We face spiritual battle in the area of our emotions. Satan and his demons will tempt us to be angry. They will help us nurse hurt feelings which lead to bitterness and grieve the Holy Ghost. This battle starts in the mind. That is why we are told to have the mind of Christ. “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:6). We are told that our minds need to be renewed. “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2). We are told certain things to think on. “Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8). The Devil and his demons cause us to think of filth that we have seen. However, God tells us to think on things that are honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praise worthy. We must put II Corinthians 10:5 into practice. “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

Can you imagine someone who never wants to be tired entering the military? Some are willing to give their bodies for the government. Can we not give our bodies for God in prayer?

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The demons will attack the mind. If they can control the mind, they can control the person. We need to wash our minds with the washing of the Word. We need the cleansing of the blood of Christ. In this battle, we need the power of the Holy Spirit.

The ones that battle win the victories. Do we know how to strive in prayer to the point that the sweat comes out like drops of blood? Do we know how to cry out in agony of soul? If Jesus who taught us to pray had to pray like that, how can we get victory with less? We see Him struggling, battling and pressing on. We have every difficulty He had and a few more. Jesus did not have a flesh nature. He had never been part of the world. He had never been in Adam. Bless God when somebody young gets saved and tries to live a holy life from that point. The Devil has less that he can use against that person while he is praying. A person that feasts his eyes on the wrong things has handed weapons to the devil to use against him. Let us turn to the washing of the Word, the cleansing of the blood and the power of the Holy Spirit for victory!

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Prayer is a battle to be fought. Jesus prayed with strength and tears. “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...” (Hebrews 5:7). The wellsprings were broken up inside Jesus. He was battling Satan and his forces. Jesus said that as He is, so are we. Even when we do not fully understand, we need to be faithful, consistent and pressing on. Prayer is a battle to be fought.

We must follow the Scriptural pattern of praying. We should be willing to die for Christ and not love our lives unto the death. We ought not to love the world or the things of the world. We are not to love the flesh or sin. Instead, we are to love Jesus supremely and consistently. We must know how to bring into effect the blood of Christ. We can have victory by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

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In Genesis 15, we have a delightful yet frightful passage. Abraham had been told he was going to have seed like the stars of heaven. He pondered this, and God told him to offer a sacrifice. Abraham got a ram of three years, a heifer of three years and a she goat of three years. Each was unblemished. He also gathered a turtledove and a young pigeon. He began to kill these and place them on the altar. The birds of the air came trying to get to the altar. Abraham drove off those birds. Birds are a picture of the devil's crowd. Babylon is a cage of every foul and hateful bird. These birds represent the demons that steal the word out of people's souls. Abraham was fighting a battle so that this sacrifice might be acceptable unto God. As he battled, a great darkness and a great dread of the darkness came. There are times in prayer that we begin to feel the presence of darkness. Not just the lack of light but the pressure of darkness is felt. That night the Lord met with Abraham and made a covenant with him. Battling the darkness until victory and the precious blessings of the Lord are received is worth the battle.

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Years ago, the United States went to Panama to draw out one of the heads of the drug traffic that held the Panamanians in bondage. President Noriega had placed private jets at the end of an air strip so that, if necessary, he could escape over the ocean. The planes waited and guards watched for any approach by land. Our raid had been carefully planned. We went in with the Navy seals, our finest troops. However, some of our tanks that were running the main two arteries of Panama City broke down. The Navy seals swam in and came up at the end of the air strip. They started walking in; and with spotlights around, all were shot down. The Navy seals had excellent training. They thought they were safe. However, our finest were gunned down.

The devil is laughing because often people think that they have knowledge and are safe. Are we ready to learn to battle and win? Will we become a part of God's Special Forces and learn how to pray? If we do not battle and win, we will be buzzard meat spiritually. The birds will quickly devour us.

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Psalm 2

This psalm is one of the messianic Psalms because it refers to the Messiah, the Lord Jesus. It talks about the kings and rulers of this world and how they operate. They are not able to get what they want when God wants something different. That ought to encourage us to pray to God. God can overrule the leaders of the nations. God can, He has and He will if we will just pray. In Psalm 2:8, God gives this great promise, “Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.”

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Pointed in Prayer

Psalm 2

Some praying has such a blunt edge that it never cuts through. We need to be pointed and precise in our praying. We need to know for what we are asking. Are we specific in prayer? Are we pointed enough that we will know if we receive an answer? Remember the story of the six white shirts. The missionary Don Moffat knew when he had the answer to his prayer. Remember the young man that prayed for a certain kind of a ladies' bicycle to be delivered to a missionary in Africa. No one else was to know of the need, but someone was simply to respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit. That young man knew that he had the answer to his prayer. Hudson Taylor wanted to be able to move men by prayer. He wanted to know that he could go to China and get people to do things by prayer alone. Specific praying is pointed. To what point are we aiming? What are we trying to accomplish in prayer? How precise are our requests? General requests usually do not accomplish much. We need to be specific.

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Pondering in Prayer

Psalm 2

We must meditate in our praying. Meditate particularly on the Word of God. “In His law doth he meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:2). Ponder the Scriptures in preparation for prayer. The Scriptures might not only energize our praying but also direct our praying. In our pondering, we must give some thought to our prayer requests. Think on them. Generally, the students in school today are not taught how to think. They do not practice proper thought processes. Students expect computers to think. Computers do not think. Computers only feed out what somebody fed into them. We have computers to keep us from thinking about information, calculators to keep us from thinking about math, and radio and television to keep us from thinking about the direction the nation ought to go. Run, run, and keep running. Above all, fun is the goal of our culture today. In our hyperactive society, we are bombarded with things that keep us from thinking. We need to think. God tells us, “Be still and know that I am God...” (Psalm 46:10).

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Psalm 2

To pray we need to consider potential needs, possibilities and opportunities. What are the current facts? The fact may be that we have limited resources and funds. Knowing this fact, we need to get beyond sight to faith. Should we ask for more resources and funds? When I am praying about a particular ministry or something God might want, I look boldly at the facts as I can see them. I try to go beyond those facts and operate in the realm of faith. As I am pondering, I think about potential needs, possibilities and opportunities. What might normally occur? How can I by faith go beyond the normal result? I ponder the promises of God. I ponder the nature of God. I ponder past acts of God. I ponder the burden that He has laid on my own heart. Often, I pray with my wife about whether God wants me to just pray or whether He wants something more of me in a situation. I am pondering as I pray. What action will this take? How could this occur? Is there a need? Is there direction from the Holy Spirit? Is this Biblical? Rather than quickly running through a wish list and leaving the throne room of God, I ponder these things in prayer. Ponder, think and meditate not only on the burdens but on the leading of God.

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Praying for Lost Souls

Psalm 2

People's souls--not their welfare and not their prosperity--should be claimed for God. Should we pray? Definitely! Do we have a right? Absolutely! We have been told in the New Testament, "Ask and ye shall receive" (John 16:24). In this psalm, we are told to ask and receive the heathen for our inheritance. We need to ask specifically for people to be saved. People do not randomly get saved. We must pray and pray specifically in order to see someone brought into the kingdom of God. We have the right and the privilege to ask for people's souls.

We need to realize that claiming people's souls in prayer is for the growth of God's kingdom. We are praying that someone be born again and enter into God's kingdom. We are praying that they be delivered from the devil's power. The Devil opens not the house of his prisoners. When One comes that is a stronger man, He will bind the strong man and loose his goods. That requires some prayer. Pray in the matter of the kingdom and in the matter of evangelism. Press forward in prayer. We must pour ourselves out to see people born into the kingdom.

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We are told to be intercessors. We need to realize that the heathen are lost, and it is our job to do something. The first thing we are to do is pray. The greatest thing we can do is pray. Prayer preceded Pentecost. The apostles prayed for ten days in the upper room and then two thousand were converted. Through the book of Acts, every evangelistic move was preceded by prayer. The women prayed by the riverside in Philippi. This preceded the conversion of the Philippian jailor and others to make up a church at Philippi. Prayer precedes conversion. We have the privilege of praying for those that are dead in their trespasses and sins. They cannot pray for themselves or repent for themselves, but we can pray and see God work mightily in their souls. “Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen....”

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Psalm 2

Before He went to Calvary to pay for our salvation, Jesus prayed in Gethsemane. Gethsemane came before the cross. We must pray before the blood is made available to the sinner. Is the blood not available to everybody? In a sense, it is. In a sense, it is not. We need to pray. How many would the blood of Jesus have cleansed if His people had spent time in prayer in Gethsemane going through agony for souls? His people did not care enough whether the blood reached their friends or their relatives. The Old Testament says that when Zion travailed, she brought forth in birth. That was so in the Old Testament, and certainly it is so in the New Testament. “Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen....” God is not going to give us the heathen just because we study. He is not going to give us the heathen just because we want them. He is not going to give us the heathen just because we expect that He will. God requires us to pray. He will then take the lost--the heathen--in their sinful condition, and He will save them! Oh, how we need to pray that sinners will be brought into the kingdom.

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Psalm 2

A father entreated, “Pray for my son. He is godless. He is lost, and he is at sea as a sailor. As far as I know, there is not a Christian on that ship. They are vile, godless people. Pray that God will move in saving power.” So, people prayed, prayed, prayed and prayed some more. That young man’s mother had tucked a Bible into the bottom of his sea trunk. The young man decided to try reading that Bible. God saved him! A copy of the Word of God was on the ship. Sailors read it and marveled. The Spirit of God began to work. When that ship came into port, the captain and most--if not all--of the sailors had been converted and were looking for a church that would prepare them for baptism. When those sailors left port, they were vile and wicked. However, people persevered in prayer; and God transformed lives. May our hearts be challenged by what God does through the prayers of His people?

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Praying for Lost Souls

Psalm 2

In the 1980s, our family made a trip west. We were going through the desert, and suddenly we saw green crops. I said, “Carolyn, pull over. I want to look at this.” We were in the middle of a dry desert, and crops were green. The soil was not different here, but water had been put on that dry soil. We can put a seed in dry soil, and that seed will not do a thing until the water comes. Seeds will hold flowers in the soil for years. When rain comes, the flowers will pop up and produce other seeds. Those seeds drop into the soil and stay there for years until another rain comes. It is dry out in the world. We are planting the seed, but we must water that seed. Prayer is like water. We must pray. “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” (Psalm 126:6). Oh, pray for people’s souls until they are saved. Pray that God will humble individuals and break them and bring them into His kingdom. Pray before they coldly reject the Lord for the last time. Realize the great potential in prayer for those that are lost. People need prayer. So, we pray for their souls. They have no hope without prayer. Because they are dead in their trespasses and sins, we pour out our souls for their souls. “Ask of Me....”

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Psalm 2

The Old Testament in Psalms talks about the tears of the praying person being stored in a bottle. In David's day (as well as until the Civil War in the South), people had a little bottle. That little bottle had a lip like a pitcher. People would put that small bottle up by the eye and catch tears. They did this so that they could remember how sorrowful they had been over something. I wonder how many tears cried in prayer for people's souls are in God's bottle in glory. People do not know enough to weep over their sinfulness. People do not know enough to weep over being lost. We do know enough. We are to go forth weeping and bearing precious seed (Psalm 126:6). Weep genuine tears. Mourn and pray. Let us go forth weeping that we may return rejoicing with our sheaves.

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Psalm 2

Incense is in the censor in the book of Revelation. The incense represents the prayers of God's people. When God smells that incense, it is pleasing to Him. Then Revelation mentions vials being full of the prayers of the saints. What kind of prayers do we have in those vials? How many prayers do we have? George Mueller had prayed for the salvation of two men since they were boys. This was several decades of praying. When Mueller died, he was satisfied that God was going to save those two men. A year or so later they were saved. I think Mueller had prayed over forty years for these two souls. He kept praying. He was confident that God was going to save them. What it takes to make us stop praying for someone shows how much faith we have. Some give up after four days.

Some families gathered to pray for thirty minutes every week. First, they prayed that their marriages would not fail. Second, they prayed that their children would be converted. They asked that God might put some of their children into the full-time work of God. In their families, altogether they had 12 children. As of today, 11 have been saved; and all 11 are active in full-time ministry. There is only one that is not converted *yet*. God is at work!

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Praying for Property

Psalm 2

“The uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.” That may not sound spiritual, but it is. Pray for property. I prayed for a house, and the Lord let me have one. I did not have fifty dollars for a down payment and I needed three hundred. The bank loaned me the down payment. The house was new but had no basement. It had two bedrooms and an upstairs that we worked on finishing. This house was a starting point. I was able to get another house when I went to Sinking Spring as a pastor. That house enabled us to get one when we came to Hagerstown.

I believe that God owns everything. Another person has a house that a Christian needs. If God wants the Christian to have that particular house, guess what the other person is going to have to do? I am going to pray, and they are going to have to give up that house. If God does not want the Christian to have that particular house, what house does He want him to have? I can pray specifically. God gives possessions or parts of the earth to His people. We have the right--and, really, the instructions--to pray for our needs.