

Foundational Prayer
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If you have found this article, then you probably read some or all of our DC Intercessory Report. I have never posted an intercessors report online. I posted it because the Lord asked me to. His wisdom is always complete. He gave me a word for the feature article, and I uploaded and emailed it to those of you on our newsletter list. You can join the newsletter list by sending an email address you would like to receive the notice to. We do not share or sell our lists. For those of you preferring texts, we can also text these to you. Approximately four times a year we update the feature article. We update the Eye of the Lord in Current Events, usually at the same time. We are thinking of making a new page for specific teachings the Lord asks us to do. In this case it will be on prayer. So stay tuned for some of the new things coming.

The feature article for this quarter of 2022 concerned grace, God's grace, and its fabulous effects and benefits. Later, it became necessary to write an intercessors report from the ministry, based on the relevant material the Lord gave us. The feature article was written before the intercessors report was created. The intercessors report was so fabulous itself because of how the Lord gave it to us. You can read all about it in the file, if you haven't done so already. At least until November, it can be found on the 'Eye of the Lord in Current Events' tab. It is the tab with the painting of the lighthouse.¹

¹ The lighthouse painting, as well as many others are paintings done by one of our intercessory contributors, Jan Asleson. Jan and her husband have a ministry in Kansas. You can see some of her work here, as well as on her business' website: spiritwingsdesigns.com

After that report was issued, one of our intercessors with the ministry was ready to share it to the prayer group the Lord has her praying with. The backlash from the enemy was immediate. A pastor who seemed to be in agreement with their prayer group for three or more months, all of a sudden became quite animated, telling them it was irrelevant and that America has no covenant with God. That there is no place in the Bible where it is written that America has a covenant with God.

It should be noted that this man was not the “pastor” of the prayer group. So he had no authority from the Holy Spirit in that regard. It should also be noted that I am not the only minister who has documented a covenant that America has with God. I wrote a 698 page book documenting it, with originally sourced documents, proving the covenant. So sometimes folks are just ignorant of our foundation for prayer; and, sometimes the enemy of our souls does not want anyone knowing our authority in Christ. Once we know that, he can no longer trick, connive or convince us that we are illegitimate or that we will never get our prayers answered because we are somehow unworthy or wrong.

It should also be noted that this attack is as old as Adam and Eve. Eve was ignorant of the word of God as well as ignorant of her authority in Christ concerning that word. Adam was negligent in following both the word of God and the authority given him because of his own weakness in trusting God concerning Eve. Adam was in fear, not the love of God in knowing the grace of God.

In our case here, this intercessor is someone I pastor. The attack was waged against the word she carried. Her response was not to attack back. She remained in love and allowed the moderator of the prayer group to handle the situation. This prayer group has been meeting for their town for about 26 or more years. The moderator made it clear that they can pray for America and for souls at the same time. But when our intercessor's turn came to pray, she sensed from the Holy Spirit to wait and let the opportunity pass until she knew exactly what she was dealing with and exactly what the Holy Spirit wanted her to do. This, brothers and sisters, is wisdom. It is also a key principle in prayer. Rather than cause hurt or chaos, she needed time to check with God that she, along with others, were not in division with the Holy Spirit.

She was curious though, as to what was going on. When she went back to the Lord to make sure she had not overstepped her authority in sharing God's word, the Lord made sure she understood she had not, and that this man had many "blindspots" in his theology and knowledge. Once that was done, releasing him, forgiving him and letting the Lord do His work, must be done. The Lord also encouraged her to continue to share His word to the prayer group. She had helped start this prayer group with other saints over 26 or so years ago.

I will tell you this, it is impossible to live this Christian life without the Holy Spirit showing you how to live. So, in likewise fashion, it is impossible to pastor people without the Holy Spirit showing you how. Folks whom we care for know they can contact us about anything at any time. She called me to share

what was going on. That night I got up in the middle of the night to get something to drink. The Holy Spirit started speaking to me. First, He gave me a scripture verse I did not connect with immediately. Then He starts asking me questions. “Is there a New Covenant in the New Testament?” I say yes. He says, “When you accepted Jesus did you get a new covenant?” I say yes. He says, “So you are under a new covenant?” I say yes. He says, “Is your name written in the Bible?” I say not really. He says, “Is Pastor Xyz’s name in the Bible?”² And that’s when I understood how absurd this pastor’s attitude was.

The Holy Spirit went on: “How can you find out, without using the Bible, but based on the Bible, that you are under covenant?” I say, well, what I say and what I write.³ And that’s when I realized why I was so neurotic about looking for documents from our American ancestors over 250 years ago. It’s when I found them that evidence of a covenant with God was revealed. When I wrote the “70 Years of American Captivity” book, I documented the history and the states’ documentation— what those generations said and wrote— to find the covenant. I was able to find so much evidence of what the people wrote and said about their covenant that governed.

The very documents they used to govern themselves became the relevance of it as covenant. It was called a political covenant. In fact, many people do not realize the word *federal* means

² For obvious reasons, I choose not to make anyone’s name known in the retelling of this situation.

³ This conversation is taking place around two or three in the morning, so I am not writing a complete list of how we know as Christians by our behavior whether or not we are under covenant. I am just retelling the experience I had with the Holy Spirit.

covenant. By the way, this was taught in our schools one hundred years ago. Young people back then knew it was from church governmental documents. These are stored at some of our famous socialistic-liberal colleges.

Why would satan want us to ignore that covenant and not pray accordingly? Well, when you invite God into the covenant you have with Him, amazing things take place. Satan is unable to lie and trick you and his game is up. He loses. All it takes for someone to be under the New Covenant within the New Testament is to ask Jesus to come into your heart. You make the confession or oath discussed in Romans 10:9-10, and that's it. You believe what Jesus did, then you receive the promises He made. They are many, by the way. For a nation to do this, you must have a contingent of Christians who ask Jesus to come into the nation to help govern. This is exactly what happened almost 500 years ago. Plus, it was updated and is contained within our three governing documents (The Declaration of Independence, The US Constitution and the original Bill of Rights). As I said, you can get a copy of the book I wrote proving this on this website.⁴

Proper Foundations

Why am I sharing all of this? It may seem unnecessary to some. I am sharing this because it is a perfect example of why it is so important to have the correct foundation theologically when you are called to pray and intercede as Christ has called us to. When

⁴ See the book, "70 Years of American Captivity: The Polity of God, The Birth of a Nation and The Betrayal of Government." 2016, Chris Meier, TellWell Publishing. <https://www.amazon.com/70-Years-American-Captivity-Government/dp/1773021141>

we know the love of God and the grace God has granted us, we need not fear. As soon as we ask Jesus to come into our hearts and we make a confession of our faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10), God's grace and love are extended to us.

We must have a solid theology concerning God's grace. Jesus did everything on the cross. He purchased our redemption, past, present and future. Our sins have been paid for, past, present and future. Understanding what Jesus did, enables us to learn how to be Jesus conscious and not sin-and-self conscious.

Next, we must understand what covenant we are under. When it comes to our salvation and walk with Jesus, we cannot be under two different covenants concerning our redemption and our life in Christ. There is a covenant God has made with Jews and the Jewish nation. We call that the Old Testament or Old Covenant. The Old Testament lists, describes and retells stories concerning those who lived under the Old Covenant. In fact, I am convinced that this is what the early apostles were concerned about when they talked about the last days. They were concerned that those who want people to be under the law would creep into the church and try to trick people concerning the great grace we are under in the New Testament.

Let me explain what I mean. But first, I encourage you to read the July 2022 feature article. It is foundational to your salvation and growth in Christ. I go through many scriptures in that article that I will not go through here, but is so valuable in knowing the strength of God's grace for your life in Christ.

Concerning prayer, I could share the twenty-two words of prayer in the Bible, as well as many other foundational concepts concerning prayer. But let me just sum up what they all reveal. They reveal an everyday communal relationship. In other words, some words mean to mutter, some mean to cry out, some mean to call out. Some of the words mean to be happy and shout. All of the words create an understanding of living with someone. When we rely on Jesus for our salvation, we live with the Holy Spirit every day. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:4-9). All we are doing is turning toward Jesus and asking or petitioning. He hears us. There is no doubt of this. The confusion shows up when we don't think we have been heard. The sorrow happens when we don't see the evidence of what we are praying for.

The highlighted passage of scripture will share a foundational portion of the New Testament that will show you what Jesus did when He became our sacrifice and why we are under a New Covenant as soon as we ask Jesus to come into our hearts. I've highlighted the passage from the book of Hebrews in the New Testament in purple. Hebrews 8-10:10:

(Chapter 8):

“Now, the main point of what we are saying is this: We have such a high priest, one who *sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven* (This is an allusion to Psalm 110:1; see also Hebrew 1:3, 13.), a minister in the sanctuary and the true tabernacle that the Lord, not man, set up. For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. (This is an allusion to the Old Testament priesthood.) So this one too had to

have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest, since there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. The place where they serve is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary, just as Moses was warned by God as he was about to complete the tabernacle. For he says, *‘See that you make everything according to the design shown to you on the mountain’* (Quoting Exodus 25:40). But now Jesus has obtained a superior ministry, since the covenant that he mediates is also better and is enacted on better promises.

For if that first covenant had been faultless, no one would have looked for a second one. But showing its fault, God says to them, *‘Look, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will complete a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their fathers, on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not continue in my covenant and I had no regard for them, says the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will establish with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and I will inscribe them on their hearts. And I will be their God and they will be my people.’*

‘And there will be no need at all for each one to teach his countryman or each one to teach his brother saying, Know the Lord, since they will all know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful toward their evil deeds, and their sins I will remember no longer’ (see Jeremiah 31:31-34). When he speaks of a new covenant, he makes the first obsolete. Now, what is growing obsolete and aging is about to disappear.

(Chapter 9):

Now, the first covenant, in fact, had regulations for worship and its earthly sanctuary. For a tent is prepared, the outer one, which contained the lamp-stand, the table and the presentation of the loaves; this is called the holy place. And after the second curtain there is a tent called the holy of holies. It contained the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered entirely with gold. In this ark were the golden urn containing the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.

And above the ark were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Now is not the time to speak of these things in detail. So with these things prepared like this, the priests enter continually into the outer tent as they perform their duties. But only the high priest enters once a year into the inner tent, and not without blood that he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit is making clear that the way into the holy place had not yet appeared as long as the old tabernacle was standing. This was a symbol for the time then present, when gifts and sacrifices were offered that could not perfect the conscience of the worshiper. They served only for matters of food and drink and various washings; they are external regulations imposed until the new order came.

But now Christ has come as the high priest of the good things to come. He passed through the greater and more perfect tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, and he entered once for all into the most holy place not by the blood of goats and calves but by his own blood, and so he himself secured

eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow sprinkled on those who are defiled consecrated them and provided ritual purity, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

And so he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the eternal inheritance he has promised, since he died to set them free from the violations committed under the first covenant. For where there is a will, the death of the one who made it must be proven. For a will takes effect only at death, since it carries no force while the one who made it is alive. So even the first covenant was inaugurated with blood. For when Moses had spoken every command to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats with water and scarlet wool and hyssop and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, and said, ‘This is the blood of the covenant that God has commanded you to keep’ (see Exodus 24:8).

And both the tabernacle and all the utensils of worship he likewise sprinkled with blood. Indeed, according to the law almost everything was purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. So it was necessary for the sketches (*prototypes, outlines*) of the things in heaven to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves required better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with hands— the representation of the true sanctuary— but into heaven itself, and he appears now

in God's presence for us. And he did not enter to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the sanctuary year after year with blood that is not his own, for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the consummation of the ages to put away sin by his sacrifice. And just as people are appointed to die once, and then to face judgment, so also, after Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many, to those who eagerly await him he will appear a second time, not to bear sin but to bring salvation.

(Chapter 10):

For the law possesses a shadow of the good things to come but not the reality itself, and is therefore completely unable, by the same sacrifices offered continually, year after year, to perfect those who come to worship. For otherwise would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers would have been purified once for all and so have no further consciousness of sin? But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year after year. For the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins. So when he came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me. Whole burnt offerings and sin-offerings you took no delight in. Then I said, Here I am: I have come—it is written of me in the scroll of the book—to do your will, O God' (see Psalm 40:6-8).

“When he says above, ‘Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sin-offerings you did not desire nor did you take delight in them’— which are offered according to the law— then he says, ‘Here I am: I have come to do your will.’ He does

away with the first to establish the second. By his will we have been made holy through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Hebrews 8-10:10, NET Bible).

Let me also quote the next scripture verses in two different translations. The first is from the NET Bible (see bible.org/netbible). It is 2 Corinthians 3:5-9:

“Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as if it were coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who made us adequate to be servants of a new covenant not based on the letter but on the Spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. But if the ministry that produced death—carved in letters on the stone tablets— came with glory, so that the Israelites could not keep their eyes fixed on the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (a glory which was made ineffective), how much more glorious will the ministry of the Spirit be? For if there was glory in the ministry that produced condemnation, how much more does the ministry that produces righteousness excel in glory!”

Now from the King James Version:

2 Corinthians 3:5-9: “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter kills, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his

countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.” (Please continue reading into verse ten and beyond. It is a real blessing. For convenience sake, I stopped at verse nine in both versions.)

I am rather tired of ministers saying, “No, God forbid, we are not following the law, but we have to obey The Ten Commandments.” Again, I have made it clear in almost every book I have written that we cannot follow The Ten Commandments perfectly enough. The above scripture makes it clear that the law, The Ten Commandments is death. They were the only law written on stone. It is through our total dependence and focus on Jesus, and what He did for us that we are able to overcome. When we follow Him and look to Him, something supernatural takes place. All of a sudden, without even trying, we follow The Ten Commandments. It is basically a byproduct of accepting Jesus and inviting the Holy Spirit to come in.

In the previous chapters from Hebrews 8-10, we see that Christ did away with the law by totally fulfilling every aspect of the law necessary for our redemption and life in Christ. He is our high priest who makes intercession for us. So by knowing all this as foundational truth, your focus and my focus remains steadfastly fixed on Jesus. We do as He shows us to do. That means when He asks us to pray, it is simple. It is part of our everyday life. We don't have to do a jiggly dance, nor recite 50 Ava Marias. All we do is what He says to do. It's that simple. He hears and He redeems. He goes about fulfilling those prayers He

asks us to pray. It is like breathing. You don't think about breathing, you just breathe. Well, prayer in the Holy Spirit is like that. You just do as He asks.

Next month, or as the Lord asks, I will cover the twenty-two words of prayer in the Bible. We will look at some other basic realities, like we did this month, so that your prayer life can become vibrantly full of Jesus. We can look at being baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. This is another aspect of our prayer life that is crucial to the everyday nature of seeing and knowing our Lord hears and answers prayer.

I realize I did the DC Intercession report backwards. It was really for intercessors who have had all this teaching and it was for intercessors who have been with Jesus, interceding for the needs of this nation for a while. Had the Lord not taken us this way, I would never have started an intercessory page like this. But, for those of you interested, you can read these quick prayer-based teaching articles. You can learn how to enjoy prayer as opposed to dreading some kind of works based chore.

For now, trust Jesus and learn to depend on Him for everything. Remember that prayer is nothing more than speaking to God about everything in your life and the lives of those around you—your own sphere of influence God has placed you in. And remember that Jesus has already done the work. He accomplished it all on the cross. All you and I are doing is stepping into and speaking forth what He has already done.