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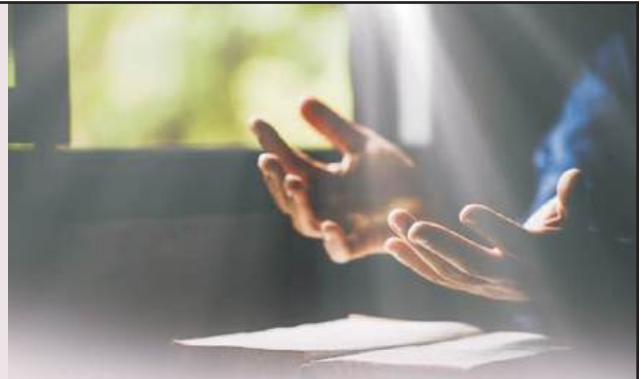
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## PRAYER IN PERILOUS TIMES

**N**o one can deny that we live in a very difficult period. The end-time descriptions of the scriptures are unprecedentedly visible. Apostle Paul's graphic depiction of the characteristics of mankind during the last days is remarkable. "In the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power" (2Timothy 3:1-5).

These nineteen features are evident in society today more than at any other time in history. The most striking reality is the ability of man to follow such an ungodly, diabolic attitude and yet wear a cloak of piety and devotion to cover it. On one side, they claim to be the only true and scriptural followers of Christ, at the same time they unashamedly act contrary to that claim. What shall we do in such difficult times? One of the solutions Paul urges is to be away from such (2 Tim 3:5c). That is, we need to maintain separation from all that is against the Word of God, whether by precept or practice. Keeping a safe distance in every aspect will protect us from the many dangers arising from these end-time characteristics. But, what Apostle Peter exhorts is serious prayers (1 Peter 4:7); "the end of all things is



at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers".

As we face difficult and troublesome days, it's imperative to change our prayer pattern. Not only will it lead to divine intervention and direction, but even prepare our hearts and minds to be vigilant against all that is contrary to true godliness. Once our Lord also said, "However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting" (Matt. 17:1). He was answering disciple's question regarding why they could not heal the epileptic (Matt. 17:21cf. Mark 9:29). Our Lord is exhorting His followers to practice selfless and sacrificial supplications before God in the context of unusually hard situations. Is it not applicable even today? It is in this context that our lead article, "**Lord, Teach us to Pray**", is appropriate. Eight lessons from the prayer life of our Lord Jesus Christ should challenge us to apply them in our own lives and even to share with others.

We continue our study series on '**Victorious Christian Life**' based on Joshua 1-8. In this issue, we look at the '**Two Levels of Spiritual Life**', which is a reality many neglect. Bro. Enoch Reuben Muniah continues with his reflections on the '**Creation and the Creator**', presenting the creatorial glory of our Lord. Once again, we praise God, knowing that many from around the world are benefiting from these humble efforts. Please feel free to share your views and questions. Yours in the service of Christ,

**NTK**

# “Lord, teach us to pray”

Luke 11:1

Interestingly, we don't read our Lord Jesus teaching His disciples how to preach, but He taught them how to pray. By His example and instructions, Christ taught His followers to pray right in contrast to the ritualistic and hypocritical prayers of the Pharisees. Remember, prayers are offered by most people everywhere except atheists. So, prayer was not something new to the disciples of Christ. However, Luke writes that one of His disciples was so inspired by Christ's prayers that he requested the Lord Jesus to teach them to pray, and the Lord obliged (Luke 11:1—ff). We can very well assume that the disciple found some unique features in the prayers of Jesus Christ, hence his request. Let us consider briefly eight valuable truths about true and effective prayer from the example and exhortations of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 1. The importance of prayer

Luke refers to Christ's prayers in the early morning, during the day in between His ministries, and then in the evening and even the whole night (Luke 3:21; 6:12; 9:18, 19, 28, 29; 22:40, 41 cf. Mark 1:35; Heb. 5:7). That speaks of the importance the He gave to prayer. If the Lord Jesus Christ, who is God Himself, needed such solemn prayer sessions with the Father,



how much more do we frail human beings need? Not only did He pray, He repeatedly exhorted His followers to pray seriously and sincerely without losing heart (Matt. 7:7-11; 18:19; 21:22; Luke 18:1; 21: 34, 36; John 14:13; 15:7; 16:24, etc.). Later, from the book of Acts and the epistles, we learn that the saints faithfully followed it, for prayer was one of the central programs of the early church (Acts 2:42; 4:31; 12:5; 16:25, 26, etc.). Paul and Peter also underlined the worth of unwavering prayers above all (Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; 1 Pet. 4:7).

## 2. The significance of private prayer

One distinctive feature of Christ's prayers was that He mostly prayed alone. Of course, there is a vast difference between our prayer to God the Father and Christ's communion with His Father in heaven (cf. Matt. 26:36). Yet, He did exhort the disciples on another occasion to practice

prayer privately where one is alone with the Father who will certainly hear and answer (Matthew 6:5, 6). Our Lord denounced the prayer practice of the Pharisees, which was just a show.

True prayer is prayer in secret, where, without any restrictions one can pour out his/her heart before the Lord. It is then we enjoy the sweet presence of the Lord and even the beauty of His person.

One of the secrets of the spiritual victory behind many saints' lives was their private prayers at the feet of the Lord. It was on such an occasion that the Lord blessed Jacob (Gen. 32:24–29). Moses pleaded for Israel forty days and forty nights alone before the Almighty God (Deut. 9:25).

Many such examples can be seen throughout the scripture and church history. More than anything else, the foundation for their effective ministry was their personal intimacy with the Lord.

### 3. The process of unceasing prayer

According to the gospels, some of Christ's prayers were swift and short. He could pray just any time, on any occasion, at any place. During baptism, in the midst of a ministry session, standing before a grieving crowd, and even while suffering the painful crucifixion, in all these variety of occasions, He could pray easily (Luke 3:21; 5:15, 16; 10:21; 23:34; John 11:41).

This shows the prayerful disposition of the Lord Jesus. He was always in communion with the Father. Paul's instruction to Thessalonians is instructive in this context, "pray without ceasing", (1Thess. 5:17). This constant prayerful

attitude shows our dependence upon the Lord in any situation.

Another biblical example for such prayer is Nehemiah (Neh. 2:4; 4:4, etc.). Someone called them 'Nehemiah's Telegraph Prayers'! Of course, this uninterrupted prayerful spirit is the result of private prayer at the feet of the Lord (Neh. 1:4).



### 4. The value of worship and thanksgiving

Another lesson we can notice from the Lord's prayers is His emphasis on the glory of His Father. Notice how often Christ thanks and exalts the Father in His prayers (Matt. 11:25; Luke 10:21; John 6:11; 11:41; 12:28, etc.).

Moreover, in His directives on prayer, the Lord Jesus underscored this fact, "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 cf. Matt 6:9). Our primary concern in prayer should be God and His purposes only.

The general impression about prayer is that it is an opportunity to present our petitions. But the Lord Jesus, by example and exhortations, teaches us to aim for the glory of God above all. We should view prayer as an occasion to see the greatness of God and to ascribe Him all glory,

honour and praise. And also to thank God for all the great things He has done for us.

Apostle Paul also, by example as well as exhortations, highlights its importance (Acts 16:25; Eph. 5:20; 1Thess. 5:18, etc.). It is worth noticing the context of the wonderful victory Jehoshaphat and his army experienced in 2 Chronicles 20:21–24.

Believers who strictly split every verse and truth may often be tempted to separate praise and worship from prayer. But the experience of these saints teaches us that every time we approach God in prayer, adoration and thanksgiving must be our consuming passion.

### 5. The commitment to the will of God

In His prayers as well as discourses, the Lord Jesus Christ affirmed His commitment to the will of the Father (John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38; 8:28; 18:11, etc.). Even as He prayed in agony to get this ‘cup’ removed if the Father so wills, Christ immediately added, “Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done” (Luke 22:42).

In His model prayer also the Lord referred to this truth; “Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven” (Mat. 6:10). In other words, our Lord’s prayers were not an effort to change the mind of the Father but to yield Himself afresh to the eternal plan of God.

We too must remember that prayer is not the means to change the divine purposes, but to redirect and align our own desires with the perfect will of God (Phil. 2:13). Apostle Paul prayed for healing, but the Lord gave him grace to bear his infirmity (2Cori. 12:8, 9).



### 6. The place of intercession in prayer

Another notable feature of Christ’s prayers was His intercession on others’ behalf. Once the Lord reminded Peter that He prayed for him lest his faith should fail at the impending attack of the adversary (Luke 22:31–34). Even in untold agony on the cross He prayed for his persecutors that the Father may forgive them (Luke 23:34). John 17, known as the great high priestly prayer of Christ, reveals His deep concern for His people, even as He was leaving them shortly. He interceded for their safety, unity, sanctification, evangelism and even their glorification. And the Lord continues the same even today in glory (1Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; 1John 2:1).

In most of his letters apostle Paul refers to his prayers on behalf of the readers, and he requested them to pray for him as well (Eph. 1: 15–21; 3:14–21; 6:19; Col. 4:3, etc.).

Abraham’s prayer for the people of Sodom and Moses’ prayer for the people of Israel reveal the efficacy of intercession (Gen. 18:23–33; Exo. 32:1–14). It’s beyond our comprehension that God is seeking intercessors who will stand in the

gap and plead, before He will be gracious to the people (Ezek. 22:30). But remember, such selfless spiritual exercise of intercession is possible only when one keeps an intimate relation continuously with the Lord.

## 7. The struggle involved in prayer



Our Lord's prayers also teach us of the hardship involved in true prayer. When Christ prayed earnestly in agony, Luke writes, "His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22: 44b). We read in the book of Hebrews, "He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him..." (Heb. 5:7b).

The tears and sweat, like drops of blood, reveal the internal pain and fight He faced in that moment of prayer. On another occasion, He said, "this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting" (Matt 17:21).

We are well aware of the believer's spiritual warfare. And this battle is felt most prominently at the time of prayer. As someone has well observed, "He mocks at our wisdom, laughs at our toil but trembles when we pray". To defeat the evil

designs of the wicked one, one needs serious, steadfast and sacrificial supplications before the Lord.

No wonder, soon after elaborating on believer's spiritual warfare Paul exhorts, "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" (Eph. 6:18). Paul wrote about Epaphras, "always labouring fervently for you in prayers that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Colo. 4:12b).

The only way to succeed in this fight is to keep on praying despite the fierce opposition of the opponent. Remember, each time we kneel before the Lord God Almighty, it's a direct blow to the enemy.

## 8. The transformation through prayer

Whether we get the intended answers or not, true prayer does change us and the circumstances, as we saw in the life of Apostle Paul (2Cori 12:8, 9). Of course, it is God who does it. It was true in connection with the Lord Jesus also. Luke writes, "As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening" (Luke 9:29). The Father did not take away the cup but sent an angel from heaven to strengthen Him (Luke 22:43).

Experiences of saints like Moses, Stephen, etc., also affirm the truth that the time we spend before the Lord in prayer does transform us (Exo. 34:35; Acts 6:15). Further, we become more prepared to yield to the perfect will of God.

## Conclusion

Whatever may be our spiritual status before the Lord, one thing is sure, we all need to learn prayer afresh. It is not as simple as we think. It is the area where we face a fierce fight. Success in secret prayer is the secret for success in every other area of spiritual life. It is there we shall be moulded and transformed. It is then and there alone the divine promises are fulfilled, the kingdom of God is advanced,

and His glory is displayed.

Let us plead with the Lord as the disciple said, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Yield to the Spirit of God who helps us in our weaknesses (Rom. 8:26). Make a renewed effort to learn from the example and instructions of our blessed Lord and practically experience true prayer life. There is no other way for a breakthrough in any aspect of a believer’s life other than a divine intervention.

## OUTLINE- 1

# HINDRANCES TO PRAYER



1. Hypocrisy, Matthew 6:5
2. Vain Repetition, Matt 6:7
3. Disunity among the saints, Matthew 18: 19
4. Disagreement in family, 1Peter 3:7
5. Unforgiving spirit, Matthew 5:22, 24
6. Unbelief, James 1:6, 7; Matt 13:58
7. Selfishness, James 4: 1 – 3
8. Self-righteousness, Luke 18: 11, 12, 14
9. Rejection of the word, Deut 3:23 – 26; Pro 28:9; 1John 3:22
10. Sin, Psa 66:18; Isa 1:15; 59:1 – 3

## OUTLINE- 2

*William MacDonald*

# END TIME CHARACTERISTICS OF MAN

2 Timothy 3: 1 - 5



1. Lovers of themselves—self-centred, conceited, egotistical.
2. Lovers of money—greedy for money, avaricious.
3. Boasters—braggarts, full of great swelling words.
4. Proud—arrogant, haughty, overbearing.
5. Blasphemers—evil speakers, profane, abusive, foulmouthed, contemptuous, insulting.



6. **Disobedient to parents—rebellious, undutiful, uncontrolled.**
7. **Unthankful—ungrateful, lacking in appreciation.**
8. **Unholy—impious, profane, irreverent, holding nothing sacred.**
9. **Unloving—hard-hearted, unnaturally callous, unfeeling**
10. **Unforgiving—“implacable, refusing to make peace, refusing efforts toward reconciliation.”**
11. **Slanderers—spreading false and malicious reports.**
12. **Without self-control—men of uncontrolled passions, dissolute, debauched.**
13. **Brutal—savage, unprincipled.**
14. **Despisers of good—haters of whatever or whoever is good; utterly opposed to goodness in any form.**
15. **Traitors—treacherous, betrayers.**
16. **Headstrong—reckless, self-willed, rash.**
17. **Haughty—making empty pretensions, conceited.**
18. **Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—those who love sensual pleasures but not God.**

## REFLECTIONS

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# CREATION AND MAKING

(Creation and its Creator – Part 2)

**G**enesis chapter 1:1 says, “God created the heavens and the earth”. There is a vast difference between the things God ‘created’ and the things God ‘made’.

To ‘create’ is to bring into existence something out of nothing. To ‘make’ is to further form, fashion, build, shape, sculpt, or cultivate that which was created. Eve then was a work in progress. For example, God created Adam and from Adam’s rib, He made (shaped, fashioned) Eve.

A carpenter can ‘make’ a chair out of wood, but he cannot ‘create’ the wood



itself. An illustration was given of a dialogue between God and Satan. Satan claimed he could do everything that God did. God told Satan to create man. So, Satan gathered some dust together, and before he went any further, God told him, “Stop, create your own dust”.

There is a general perception, and a false one at that, that the ‘dust’ spoken of is ‘dirt’. Man is not made of dirt but of the choicest of minerals and chemicals from the earth. The Psalmist says, “We are fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14).

Man is a created being with all the faculties to know that you are God’s masterpiece, a direct product of God’s handiwork. However, man has dared to refute the existence of a Creator-God and defend the hideous theory of evolution. Evolutionists such as William Paley, Michael Denton, Richard Dawkins and Charles Darwin have by reason of their own admission, conceded that all living things are too improbable and too beautifully designed to have come into existence by chance. They will go as far as possible to aver that there must be an ‘Intelligent Designer’ but will not admit it is God. Others have labelled it as blind forces of physics.

## THE HEAVENS

We noted that Gen 1:1 says, “God created the heaven and the earth”. The word ‘created’ is given in the singular. The word ‘heaven’ or ‘heavens’ is dual in Hebrew, meaning that it can be singular, dual or plural. In essence, there are three heavens; namely, the first heaven is the Atmospheric heaven, also referred to as the ‘firmament’ or the ‘expanse’; the space in which the birds of the air fly and clouds float. The second heaven is the Stellar heavens in which God had placed the celestial bodies such as the sun, the moon

and the stars. The third heaven is God’s abode, a heaven NOT created. Again, we have that principle, two heavens visible and one invisible.



One of the things that has staggered the imagination of man and provoked the curiosity of mankind since time immemorial was the Stellar heavens. Man’s inquisitive mind and his insatiable quest to probe into the unknown have never ceased. Man was and still is determined to discover or unveil what lies beyond the unknown. It is the kind of fascination that has inspired intrigue and curiosity since the dawn of civilisation.

Attempts have been made for centuries to categorize and catalogue stars, galaxies, and planets. The invention of Galileo’s celestial telescope in the 17th century. Discovered countless millions of stars, scattered throughout space. Since then, astronomers have made some incredible and illuminating discoveries that have silenced critics, cynics and sceptics who refused to acknowledge the Creator-God.

## OBSERVING AND GLORIFYING

In the 1920's the Hubble Space Telescope and in recent times the Spitzer Space Telescope were able to look into a distance of several billion light-years. These telescopes have provided some invaluable information regarding the universe.

Then we have the SALT (Southern African Large Telescope) in Sutherland, a small town in the Northern Cape Province, positioned at the South African Astronomical Observatory. It is the largest, single optical telescope in the southern hemisphere. Astrophysicists, scientists and cosmologists have made some staggering calculations just by studying the galaxies.

Recently, (in a sneak peek), NASA was able to make available some images taken from the James Webb Space Telescope, showing the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the distant universe to date. It is the largest infrared optical telescope in space and can look at a distance of 13.1 billion light years.

This is the largest telescope that has ever been placed in space, and it is 100 times more powerful than the Hubble telescope. Its mission is to look back in time, and astronomers believe the results will 'fundamentally alter our perception or understanding' of God's mighty universe. It is designed to answer outstanding questions and further deepen the world's knowledge of our universe, and make breakthrough discoveries in all fields of astronomy.



There are billions of stars and constellations in each galaxy, and there are an estimated 200 billion galaxies. The prophet Jeremiah said, "The host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea be measured" (Jer. 33:22). It was this analogy that God used when describing to Abraham his posterity, that in blessing I will bless thee and in multiplying, I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is upon these ashore" (Gen. 22:17). Hebrews 11:3 reads, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed (prepared) by the word of God". In the gospel of John 1:3 we read, "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made". Then in Revelation 4:11, we read, "For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created". By the word of His mouth, God spoke the universe into existence, and He upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3).

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*(To be continued...)*

# TWO LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

(Victorious Christian Life - A Study based on Joshua 1 - 8: Part 2)

Review:

**W**e have briefly considered the meaning and importance of victorious Christian living in the negative as well as positive senses. -

- Victorious Christian life is not a perfect, trouble-free life, but experiencing and enjoying all that God has planned for a believer in Christ.

Also, we saw two important reasons why we should consider this topic. -

- Not only does God command His people to go over and occupy the promised land, but God's purposes and working for His people are not just to deliver them from bondage but to take them to a place of rest and fruitfulness (Jos 1:1, 2).



## TWO LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Just as in the case of the Israelites, God has saved us to enjoy a fruitful Christian life. However, often we do not reach that level. We take time to grow, bear fruit, and advance in spiritual life. A defeated and fruitless life is not what He intends from our lives. The following scripture passages will help us to see the difference.

### 1. Eph.1:3 cf. 2:6; 6:3: On earth vs. heavenly places

We have been seated in the heavenly places with all the spiritual blessings in Christ. In other words, we ought to live a heavenly life on earth!

### 2. Jn.10:10: Life vs. Abundant life

Christ's goal for us is not just life, but abundant life - life that is active and visible. In spite of the claim of having the new birth, living as if dead is a contradiction.

### 3. Mt.11.28, 29: Rest received vs. Rest found.

When one comes to Christ for salvation, the burden of sin is rolled away; his conscience gets peace and assurance. But as the days go by, he needs to find rest every day. Why is it so?

Because as soon as conversion occurs, a believer is made aware of the enemies both within and without, of which previously he knew nothing. Due to an ongoing attack from the world, flesh and devil, he finds himself on the battlefield. That makes him restless.

So he needs to find rest for his soul daily. This is possible only by mortifying the flesh, being under the yoke of Christ and learning from Him and resisting the enemies in the strength of the Lord.

#### **4. Jn 4:14; 7:38: Thirst Quenched vs. River overflowing**

At conversion, our spiritual thirst got quenched. But that is not enough. The Lord wants us to be channels of blessing to others by having an overflowing life. That means we are to not only enjoy peace and satisfaction, but be a blessing to others.

#### **5. 1 Cor. 2:15-3:4:- Carnal vs. Spiritual**

a. **Carnal** 1 Cor. 3:1-4: These are saints indeed but not in deed. They are walking by the flesh and living like little children with all their characteristics:

- Feeding upon milk — the basic things of the scripture.
- Fighting over simple things - neglecting valuable things, v. 3
- Not stable, tossed to and fro, frequently need somebody to help, wash and push, etc., Eph. 4:14
- Snare to others, defeated often, useless for the Lord, for others, even for themselves.

b. **Spiritual.** 1 Cor. 2:15: These receive things of the Spirit and are led by the Spirit.

- Feeding on the meat of the Word – deep truths. (Heb. 5:12-14).
- Grown up, matured and able to discern the perfect will of God.
- They find victory over the enemies.

The Lord wants us to be spiritual, not just be saved for namesake and walking according to the cravings of our fallen nature—flesh (Gal. 5:16-17). The spiritual ones enjoy true Christian life in its fullness. Such could possess and make their own of all that the Lord has promised them.

#### **6. Heb. 5:12: Students vs. Teachers.**

A true believer is a student of God's Word, but the Lord wants us to grow and be able to teach others also. There are some, always studying but have no growth, no grade, and no pass. One boy said, 'Teacher told me to study thoroughly, so I studied in the same standard for 3 years!'

#### **7. 1 Cor. 6:19; Eph. 5:18: Spirit indwelt vs. Spirit filled**

Every born-again believer experiences the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at conversion. But that is not enough; one needs to live in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The evidence of Spirit-fullness is singing, praising, giving thanks to the Lord, exhorting others, submitting to others, etc. (Eph. 5:18–21).

#### **8. John 1:12; Eph. 5:1: Children vs. Dear children**

The divine operation of regeneration makes one the child of God, but to be a dear child, one needs to live a worthy life, imitating the Father and walking in love.

#### **9. 1 John 2:3, 6: Knowing Christ vs. Abiding in Him.**

Apostle John classifies the dual state. Knowing Christ is the basic state of every believer but John asserts he needs to abide in Him. The evidence of this is the love of God perfected in Him and walking as the Lord walked. They not only keep the commandments of God but also the desires of God's heart, even though not written explicitly.

## 10. 1 John 2:12–14: Little Children, Young Men, and Fathers

‘Little children’ are those who got saved recently, they do not know much doctrine, but they know their Father.

‘Young men’ are energetic and active. They are fighters and overcome the wicked one.

‘Fathers’: This advanced stage in Christian life is not achieved quickly or easily.

As in the physical realm, our heavenly Father wants us to move from spiritual infancy to maturity, however, it takes time and toil.

### Conclusion

Thus, the two levels of Christian living are very much evident. Many born-again, redeemed believers still live at the infancy level, just like the wilderness life of the redeemed Israelites. God wants us to move forward, cross over and enjoy



Canaan-like life. Why do we fail to reach this higher level of spiritual life? It is our failure, as in the case of the Israelites' unbelief and rebellion.

So, living a victorious Christian life is to live in a higher level – a Canaan-like life. It is not just an option. It is God's commandment and His plan for His people. Failure to reach this higher level is a loss for us as well as a dishonor to God.

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*(To be continued...)*

## ■ ANECDOTE -1

### Dangerous Prayer Training



Joanne Shetler, a Wycliffe Bible Translator in the Philippines, noticed that the new believers in the tribe she was working with did not pray as they should. So she prayed, “Lord, do whatever it takes to teach these people to pray.”

About a month later, she was in a helicopter crash there and almost died. That event prompted the people to pray fervently, “Lord, don't let her die because our book isn't done.” From then on, the people prayed.

**Steven J. Cole**

# ASKING IN FAITH

**W**hen Hudson Taylor was sailing to China to begin his missionary work, his ship was in great danger. The wind had died, and the current was carrying them toward sunken reefs which were close to islands inhabited by cannibals—so close they could see them building fires on the shore. Everything they tried was to no avail.

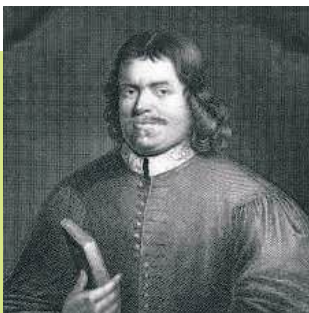
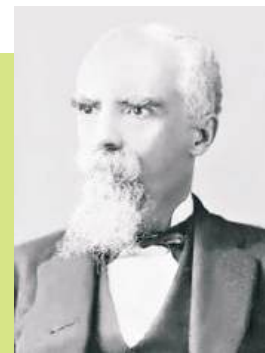


In his journal, Taylor recorded what happened next: The Captain said to me, “Well, we have done everything that can be done.” A thought occurred to me, and I replied, “No, there is one thing we have not done yet.” “What is that?” he queried.

**-Ministry127**

***“What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer.”***

*E.M. Bounds*



***“He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day.”***

*John Bunyan*

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