

RELEASING THE FIREPOWER OF PRAYER

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DAY 1 – PRAYING WITH FIRE FOR THE NATIONS

When you understand the power of your prayers, you can pray with fire for the nations! Jesus is our High Priest and takes our words of prayer to the Father. We are also priests unto God, and we operate in our office of priest when we pray for others. The greatest example in the Bible of someone who prayed for others was Abraham.

STUDY IT

- I. Jesus is our High Priest and takes our words of prayer to the Father.
 - *Christ* is the Greek translation of *the Anointed One*. The Hebrew word is *Messiah*.
 - In the Old Testament, there were three offices: prophet, priest and king. Jesus has fulfilled all of these offices.
 - Jesus' present-day ministry is that of priest. Billye Brim recommends Kenneth E. Hagin's book, *The Present-Day Ministry of Jesus Christ*.
 - What is Jesus doing at the right hand of God? Making intercession for all people. Jesus is praying for you (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34).
 - The most important thing in this lifetime is that Jesus is making intercession for you.
 - God does not forsake you. He's right there praying for you.
 - We have to receive what Jesus is praying for us by faith for it to work in our lives.
 - Hebrews 8:1 is a summary of Jesus as our High Priest. He is sitting on the right hand of Majesty in the heavens.

- II. We are priests unto God.
 - Jesus is our High Priest. He is the Head of the Body of Christ, of which we are a part.
 - He's the High Priest, and we, His Body, are also in the priesthood (1 Peter 2:9).
 - Our prayers rise to God like sweet incense and are saved in golden bowls (Revelation 5:8, *NKJV*).
 - You are a living example of someone who has the light of God in a dark world. Your words should reflect His firepower.
 - Jesus is right here to hear what you say. He takes what you say in agreement with God's Word to the Father. He is the High Priest of what you say, and He intercedes for you (Hebrews 4:14).
 - This is the key to THE BLESSING. Be sure that what you say is what you want to get. If you don't want it, don't say it.



- If you make a mistake and say the wrong thing, repent, bind your wrong words and say the right words.
- Guard yourself that you only say what you want to come to pass.
- Jesus has made us royal priests unto God (Revelation 1:6, *AMPC*).
 - God will not change, and it will not change that His Body is a royal priesthood. We are involved in something that will not change.
- Because Jesus makes intercession, we are to make intercession for others.

III. Believers operate in the office of priest when they pray for others.

- The book of Hebrews contains information about the duties and responsibilities of the office of priest.
- Jesus is the High Priest of your confession—your confession to receive Jesus as Lord, and your daily confessions (Hebrew 3:1).
- Jesus was a man here on the earth, so He has compassion for what you are going through (Hebrews 2:17).
- We are to intercede with prayers and intercessions (praying for someone else) and give thanks for governmental leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
 - Pray that all people be saved.
 - Pray for your leaders, so no turmoil will be in your nation.
 - Pray that your leaders will continue to allow the spread of the gospel.
- As a priest and intercessor, pray with fire for your nation.

IV. The greatest example in the Bible of one who prayed for others was Abraham.

- Abraham interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18).
- The most holy God chose to talk to His friend, Abraham, about what He was going to do with those evil cities.
- Abraham was a friend of God, and you also can be God's friend (John 15:14).
- We can be bold intercessors for our nation.

Additional scriptures: Jeremiah 20:9; Ephesians 1:20-21, 2:6; Colossians 3:1-2; James 1:17; Hebrews 13:5; Malachi 3:6

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray this prayer with us:

Heavenly Father, thank You for making us priests with the right and ability to pray for others. Right now, we pray for the leaders of our government. We ask that You will give them wisdom and knowledge as they make decisions. Let them listen to You and obey You, so we can live in peace and have the freedom to worship You. We receive this as done, in Jesus' Name. Amen.





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DAY 2 – PRAYING WITH FIRE FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

You can pray with fire for those in authority! We were created to use our voices to pray and intercede. Old Testament men interceded for the nation of Israel. The United States of America and the freedoms we enjoy are the result of people praying and interceding. We must obey the Lord and pray *first of all* for those in authority.

STUDY IT

- I. We were created to use our voices to pray and intercede.
 - Jesus' present-day ministry is that of High Priest of our confession (Hebrews 8:1).
 - What we say that agrees with God's Word, Jesus presents to the Father.
 - Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us.
 - We are to make supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks for the leaders of our nation, and intercede for all men with the firepower of God.
 - The only thing that holds God back from dispensing judgment is our prayers.
 - We can pray for a hedge to be put up around our country.
 - The devil's plan is to try to divide our country with strife, confusion and every evil work (James 3:16).
 - The devil wants to bring down the country. He knows that a house divided cannot stand (Mark 3:25).
 - By operating in our priestly office and praying with the firepower of God, we can stop the devil. We can make up the hedge. We can stand in the gap.
 - We can repent for someone else's sin (1 John 5:16). Whoever has sinned, we can forgive (John 20:23). This is part of the priesthood.
- II. Old Testament men interceded for the nation of Israel.
 - Moses interceded for the nation of Israel, and said, "God, if You won't forgive the nation of Israel, blot my name out of Your book (paraphrase from Exodus 32:32)."
 - God forgave the nation, but they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years until the unbelieving people died.
 - Daniel interceded for Israel. He had not personally sinned to bring about the captivity, but Daniel repented for sins of the nation (Daniel 9:3-19).
 - In another situation, God looked for someone to intercede, make up the hedge and stand in the gap, but He didn't find anyone (Ezekiel 22:30).



III. The United States of America and the freedoms we enjoy are the result of people praying and interceding.

- Throughout the centuries, men and women have prayed and interceded to bring into being our beloved country.
- Billye Brim found a book by Dr. Paul E. Barkey, *40 Prayers That Changed America and Those Who Prayed*.
 - This book contains a speech by Benjamin Franklin. He was calling for the new Congress to pray for God to help them write the Constitution.
 - He said the Lord must build the house and the nation. Otherwise our efforts are worthless (Psalm 127:1).
 - Read more about Benjamin Franklin in Eddie L. Hyatt's book *The Faith and Vision of Benjamin Franklin*.

IV. We must obey the Lord and pray *first of all* for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

- Billye Brim wrote a book, entitled *First of All and the Awakenings*.
- God holds the Church responsible for failures in a nation.
- Whatever happens in a nation happens because the Church allows it to happen.
- Keep in mind that Christ is the Head, and you are His Body (Ephesians 5:23, 30). He is the High Priest, and you are part of the priesthood.
- You sit in heavenly places with Jesus (Ephesians 2:6). You rule and reign with Christ, and you lift up the kings and leaders as you take your place as a priest on the earth.
- We are the ones with the authority of God, the Name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus and the Word of God. It's our responsibility to enforce the will of God in the earth.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Start praying with fire for those in authority. As a priest unto God, write down what you will pray for your nation.

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DAY 3 – THE FIREPOWER OF PRAYER IN AWAKENINGS

The firepower of prayer in awakenings is world-changing! All we need in the world today is an awakening to God. The Lord moved on Billye Brim to study the Great Awakening. At the heart of this awakening was a group of Christians called the Moravians who were diligent in prayer for 100 years.

STUDY IT

- I. All we need in the world today is an awakening to God.
 - We are to pray for leaders, first of all (1 Timothy 2:1-4).
 - Billye Brim through the instruction of the Lord, established Prayer Mountain in the Ozarks for two purposes: 1) to pray in the plans of God; 2) to pray to stop the strategies of the enemy.
 - There are private cabins for individual prayer, and a chapel for united, corporate prayer.
 - We read of united prayer in the lives of the apostles (Acts 4:23-31).
 - We need an awakening to God.
 - We are to do good to our enemies because in that way we heap coals of fire on their heads (Romans 12:17-20).
 - “Coals of fire” refers to taking your enemy to the altar where incense was burned, to pray for him/her.
 - Jesus said we should pray for those who spitefully use us (Matthew 5:44).
 - Billye Brim and her group were praying for the upcoming election in 2008.
 - God interrupted them and covered Billye Brim with a spiritual mantle. He said through her, “One thing will save America, and it is not the election. It is an awakening to God. One thing will avail for Israel and the nations. It is an awakening to God.”
- II. The LORD moved on Billye Brim to study the Great Awakening.
 - One Harvard professor said, “One cannot understand the colonial society that brought about the American Revolution without a study of the Great Awakening.”
 - “The Declaration of Independence of 1776 was the direct result of the evangelical preaching of the evangelists of the Great Awakening,” said William Perry, another Harvard professor.



- Three very prolific evangelistic preachers in the American colonies in the 1700s were George Whitefield, Charles Wesley and John Wesley.
- George Whitefield preached unity and the new birth through Jesus Christ. He knew God wanted to unite the colonies.
- These three evangelists were influenced by a group of people called the Moravians.
- The story of the Moravians can be found in the book *Fire on the Altar: Those Who Carried the Flame: Volume 1: The Great Revivalists*, by Frank "JJ" Di Pietro.

III. At the heart of this awakening was a group of Christians called the Moravians, who were diligent in prayer for 100 years.

- The revival began with Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf.
 - He determined to dedicate his life to the service of God. Prevailing prayer was his lifestyle.
 - He said, "I have one passion. It is Jesus and Jesus only."
 - He refused the responsibilities of his royal office and purchased land. Then, he invited Moravian and other refugees to live there.
- At this time, there was almost no missionary work anywhere in the world.
- These groups of people who had been persecuted for their godly beliefs eventually came together in unity. A spirit of prayer came on that place.
 - They began to anticipate the firepower of the Holy Spirit, and prayer was what opened the door.
 - As they prayed, the Holy Spirit came on them with a loud noise. He even came upon people in the nearby community, touching men and women with a passion for God. Some members who were away at work had the Holy Spirit come on them, and they fell to the ground under the power of God.
 - All selfishness left, and an overwhelming flood of grace swept them into an ocean of divine love.
 - The presence of God was so strong, the people didn't know if they were still on earth or had gone to heaven. This was a totally new experience for them.
 - These people had an experience similar to what the followers of Jesus had (Acts 2:1-4).
 - They were praying in unity in a Communion service, and an awakening started that affected the whole world.
- Every awakening, every move of God, comes because people pray.

Additional scriptures: 1 Corinthians 14:32; Acts 3:1-9

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Release the firepower of prayer for an awakening! Join us in prayer for a great awakening, a move of God in your nation and all over the world! It starts with prayer, faith and love.



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DAY 4 – THE FIREPOWER OF PRAYER IGNITES REVIVAL FIRE

The firepower of prayer ignites revival fire! Every awakening, every move of God, is preceded by prayer. In 1727, the Moravians began meeting together and praying. A successful missionary effort was birthed from the Moravians' prayers. They even traveled to colonial America to preach the new birth available in Christ Jesus.

STUDY IT

- I. Every awakening, every move of God, is preceded by prayer.
 - Prayer is incense that ascends to the Father as a sweet-smelling aroma.
 - Billye Brim reads from a book, *Fire on the Altar: Those Who Carried the Flame: Volume 1: The Great Revivalists*, by Frank "JJ" Di Pietro.
 - There are four chapters about Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians.
 - Count Zinzendorf rejected his royal standing and dedicated his life and possessions to the Lord.
 - Christian David requested that Count Zinzendorf allow those Christians who were being persecuted in other countries to live on his land. Some were Moravians, and some were from other groups.
 - The different groups didn't really get along because of minor doctrinal differences.
 - Count Zinzendorf was dedicated to unity. He asked them to start having prayer meetings in their homes. After five years, they all came into unity and had love in their hearts for one other.

- II. In 1727 the Moravians began meeting together and praying.
 - One day, the Holy Spirit came into the meeting. There was a mighty wind, and they all fell on the floor. The experience was similar to the entrance of the Holy Spirit recorded in Acts 2:1-4.
 - The spirit of prayer came on the people.
 - Count Zinzendorf received a verse from the Holy Spirit. "A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out" (Leviticus 6:13, *NKJV*).
 - He recognized that the firepower of the Lord was accessed by prayer on the altar of incense, and that the flame, or the prayers, should never go out.



- The meeting blossomed into continual, fervent, 24-hours-a-day prayer that lasted for 100 years.
- Because of their prayers, revival fires were ignited all over the world.

III. A successful missionary effort was born through the Moravians' prayers.

- As the Moravians matured, they felt God wanted them to take the truth to people who had not heard of God and His Son, Jesus.
- They had the heart of God for the lost. They began to go to other nations, so people in faraway lands could hear the good news!
- The Moravians went willingly into dangerous and godless places, unafraid that they might lose their lives. They even went into leper colonies, knowing they would probably contract the disease and never leave.
- All the while, they were encouraged by the prayers of people at home.

IV. Moravians traveled to colonial America to preach the good news and the new birth available in Christ Jesus.

- Count Zinzendorf himself traveled to Pennsylvania and started a settlement called Bethlehem. It was the base for his missionary work to reach the American Indians with the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- John Wesley was on a ship traveling to America to minister, and some Moravians were on the ship. Other shipmates made fun of the unusual people.
 - A dangerous storm arose and all were terrified for their lives, screaming and crying.
 - All except the Moravians—they sat calmly singing hymns and waiting for the outcome of the storm. Their lack of fear was evident.
 - John Wesley spent time with them and was born again. John Wesley and his brother, Charles, preached all over the American colonies, and many came to Christ.
- Everything starts on the altar of prayer.
- If we do what they did, we will get the results they got.

Additional scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:17

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Thank God for His spirit of prayer and the desire He puts in us to preach the gospel to the world. Make a list of those with whom you want to share the love of God, and pray that the fire of God will bring an awakening to their hearts.



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DAY 5 – THE FIRE OF GOD COMES IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

The fire of God comes in answer to prayer! King Solomon prayed, offering sacrifices, and God answered with fire. The fire of God in Solomon's Temple and the fire at the Azusa Street Revival were the same. Like every other move of God, the Azusa Street Revival began with prayer. Elijah and his prayers are examples to us.

STUDY IT

- I. King Solomon prayed, offering sacrifices, and God answered with fire (2 Chronicles 7:1-4).
 - The glory of the Lord filled the house!
 - The people said, "For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever" (verse 3).
 - The fire, the Shekinah glory and the prayer all went together to bring the presence of God.

- II. The fire of God in Solomon's Temple and the fire at the Azusa Street Revival were the same.
 - Billye Brim went to Azusa Street to pray, and saw the street workers demolishing the street. She noticed a sign leaning sideways, "Azusa St."
 - God spoke to her and said, *A to Z, USA. Alpha to Omega, USA. From beginning to ending, USA. From this street that goes nowhere through a people the world thought little about, I took this Pentecostal message around the world.*

- III. Like every other move of God, the Azusa Street Revival began with prayer.
 - Billye Brim reads from Tommy Welchel's book *They Told Me their Stores: The Youth and Children of Azusa Street*.
 - During the Azusa Street Revival, the Shekinah glory was always present in the meetings in the form of a mist along the floor. Some children would get down on the floor and play in the glory!
 - Sometimes the glory looked like flames of fire on the outside of the building.
 - Several times the fire department came to the meeting place, because it looked as though the building was on fire—but it wasn't! The fire looked like it came down from heaven and up from the building and met in the middle—fire came from two directions!
 - God's mighty presence was there.

- Through the Azusa Street Revival, God restored the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues and divine healing.
- Brother Seymour, the leader of the Azusa Street Revival, gave a prophecy that in about 100 years the Shekinah glory would come again in an even greater revival. We are waiting for the fulfillment of this prophecy.

IV. Elijah and his prayers are examples to us.

- Elijah challenged the priests of Baal. He prayed that God would respond to the sacrifice with fire. The fire came down from heaven, and burned up the sacrifice and all of the water around it (1 Kings 18:30-39).
- Elijah also prayed for rain to end the three-and-a-half-year drought. And it rained (1 Kings 18:41-45)!
- Effectual, fervent prayer will bring the presence of God (James 5:16-18).
- God has promised to send the former and the latter rain together (Joel 2:23).
- We are to be expecting the coming of the Lord, like a farmer waits for the harvest (James 5:7-9, *AMPC*).
 - That prayer and that rain will bring in a great harvest of souls before Jesus comes back.
- We have to pray, and we have to walk in love to have the presence of God.

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