

Prayer School Series! **Part 5: "Adding Agreement!"**

We are in a "School of Prayer" series... Learning about prayer is not as important as doing it... But learning about it can keep us from being ineffective, distracted, or bored with it... And we need to be rightly connected to God to be rightly connected to our world!

Prayer School...

Drawing near to God, who is our Father, changes the tone of all praying... The Holy Spirit is our best friend helping us to pray effectual/answerable prayers! The first form of prayer we looked at is *"intercession..."* NT enteuxis: *Conferring with God* regarding people/events/circumstances/situations... "that we happen upon..." OT pagha: things that "fall upon us," and "reaching assigned place."

Two examples: Jacob at Bethel: "God is in this place, and I didn't know it!" **Gen 28.11ff** Jacobs Ladder! Case of circumstances (darkness) overtaking us – but God is there! Doeg at Nob: "he fell upon the priests and killed eighty five of them..." When no one else would, "Carried out his commanders will, reaching to the outer limits." **1Sam 21/22**

Intercession is connecting with God to influence and shape situations that fall on us or others... And continuing along with Him until we attain the full reach of the intended destination.

True intercession is a burden with an intention... powerfully executed by unity in the Spirit!

Exodus 2.23,24 Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. *Then the children of Israel groaned* because of the bondage, *and they cried out; and their cry came up* to God because of the bondage. So God heard *their groaning*, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. *And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.*

Exodus 3.7-10 "I have surely *seen* the oppression of My people in Egypt and have *heard their cry* because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land... Now therefore, *behold, the cry of the children of Israel* has come to Me, and I have also seen their oppression by those who oppress them. *Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.*"

Text study... Joseph dies/his reign has ended... **1.6** People are still in Egypt... **v7** A new king, "who knew not Joseph" moves to squelch the Jews... **v8-11** Made their lives hard... **v13-14** Decided to slow their population down by infanticide... **v15-16** Process of time, that king died... **v23** [**Ex 12.40** tells us 430 yrs. of "sojourning"] *The children of Israel "sighed"* by reason of bondage and *they cried...* **v23** We don't have to suppose they had fallen away from God before this... Still love/identify w/Him... "Jews!" Just caught up in the hardness of everyday living! Which has been made harder by Moses failed coup/40 yrs earlier... **2.12** "Big Praying" has dissipated down to a few personal petitions! The old king dies and they are thinking about a reprieve... When it sinks in... *no relief coming from natural/governmental sources!* Filled with new fervor/faith... They cry out to God from their hearts...

And God always hears that kind of prayer!

The people unitedly murmured and complained about their situation, "things that had fallen on them," for years... But when they, together, "cried out," "sighing/groaning" before God, He sent them a Deliverer!

We are a nation under siege, in a world going dark, but, before a God who is our Father, led by the Holy Spirit... We can pray together to influence and shape the outcome of life for multitudes of people!

The Prayer of Agreement! "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth

concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” **Matthew 18.18-20**

When We Connect... Conferencing with God, the Father, who is in love with and favorably disposed to His children... Children who let the Spirit guide their conversation and follow-up actions... Who are willing to continue until they have fully reached God’s goal... With others of the same heart, Jesus in their midst...

Influences and power begin applying to the situations we have come upon/on us!

When our hearts are moved to find out how God wants us to move then mountains will be moved!

When a church is moved to find out how God wants them to move then “landscapes” will be changed!

And if the church is moved to find out how God wants it to move then the world can be turned right side up!