THE KINGDOM UNLEASHED

DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM MOVEMENTS

RAISE THE SAILS

DMM TRAINING 6 WEEKS: FEBRUARY 25TH - APRIL 1ST 6:30-8:00 PM EST



MESSAGE 3: PRAYING

BRAND-NEW MOVEMENT

BRAND-NEW AGREEMENT

BRAND-NEW COMMANDMENT

ABUNDENT PRAYER





Jesus taught more about prayer than any other subject except the Kingdom of God. We also know that both Jesus and the early church spent much time in prayer including praying the Psalms. We can also say that every major revival and movement of the Holy Spirit was preceded by long, intense prayer. We find powerful prayers recorded elsewhere in Scripture, such as in Paul's epistles, but in all cases these prayers reflect the priorities and petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Jerry Trousdale: The Kingdom Unleashed (2013)

JESUS' MODEL PRAYER

"Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, May the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. Manifest (unleash) your kingdom realm (reign), and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven. We acknowledge you as Provider of all we need (give us bread for life) each day. Forgive us the wrongs (sins) we have done as we ourselves release forgiveness to those who have wronged us. Rescue us every time we face tribulation (testing) and set us free from evil (the evil one). For you are the King who rules (Kingdom) with power and glory (goodness) forever. Amen."

Matthew 6:9-13 TPT

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- 4. "Give Us" Our Daily Bread for Life.
- 5. "Forgive Us" as we Forgive Others.
- 6. "Keep Us" from Places of Temptation (Testing).
- 7. "Deliver Us" from the Evil One (Satan).

Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of God's new (creation) project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's (Model) Prayer is about.

N.T. Wright: Surprised by Hope (2008) Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church THE KINGDOM UNLEASHED

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed (weary) and helpless, like (lost) sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful (huge and ripe) but the workers are few. Ask (pray) the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send (thrust) out workers into the harvest field." ... As you go, proclaim (preach) this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near (is at hand).' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely (unleash) give." THE KINGDOM Matthew 9:36-38; 10:7-8 NIV UNLEASHED

DESTROY THE KINGDOM OF SATAN

... But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."
"Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off (steal) his possessions (property) unless he first ties up (binds) the strong man (Satan)? Then he can plunder (ransack) his house.
Whoever is not (joined) with me is against me, and whoever does not gather (the spoils) with me (makes things worse) scatters."

Matthew 12:28-30 NIV

MULTIPLY EXTRA-ORDINARY PRAYER

Prayer is the lifeblood of movements. The church in the Global North does not rely on prayer, and if behavior is any indication, it does not believe in it, either. If we are going to see movements in the Global North, we will need to see a new, ongoing commitment to serious, intense, persistent prayer for God to open heaven, to raise up disciple makers and church planters, to guide us to His people of peace (POPs), and to empower our work. Without that, there will be no movements and the church will continue its slow, inexorable decline into irrelevance in Global North culture. Jerry Trousdale: The Kingdom Unleashed (2013) THE KINGDOM UNLEASHED

3 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. Martin Luther reportedly said that he was "so busy" that he could not possibly get "everything done" without taking at least two hours a day to pray. How often and how long do you pray by yourself and with others?
- 2. In the Global South "Miraculous Movements" that have been happening are credited to "much prayer." The question, then, is why do Christians in the Global North spend so little time and attention on prayer?
- 3. Read about Daniel's prayer, fast and angelic vision in Daniel chapters 9 and 10. What is the "takeaway" on prayer that we can glean from Daniel 10:12-14? **THE KINGDOM**

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