

Prayer Part 4

“10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. 11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. 13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; 14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.” (Genesis 28:10-15 KJV)

In the above chosen passage, Jacob was in trouble, his brother Esau was after him to revenge because Jacob had deceived his father pretending to be Esau and took the blessings of his father which supposed it was to be given to Esau. Then Jacob as he was escaping for his life the Lord appeared to him in a dream and confirmed to him His great promises. The Lord promised and assured Jacob with His good Word, and the same Word of God is for us also:

1. *“to thee will I give it”*: What God meant to say to Jacob and to you is this: * You cannot get anything without Him. No need for you to grab something and run away, God said that He will be the one to give you. * Therefore let us fix our eyes on God and we will not be put to shame as God’s Word tells us, *“5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.” (Psalm 34:5 KJV)*

2. *“I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest”*: God is saying to you that He will be with you and will watch and care for you in whatever place, time or circumstance. If you are wrong He will correct you and if you are right He will encourage you and support you morally and He will supply all your needs.

3. *“I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of”*: * God is assuring you that He will not leave you at all until He will achieve what He had planned for you. So be cooperative with Him. God will neither leave you nor forsake you. * Therefore don’t abuse the grace of God, and don’t take advantage. * Let your heart be responsive to His love, care, rebuke or correction. * Don’t be unaware, God is with you even in times you think that you are alone; therefore be sure that this is the time that God really beside you. Soon you will realize that, and believe it as you are going to see it as a reality in your life.

“16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. 17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” (Genesis 28:16-17 KJV) Jacob was amazed about all what God had declared to him in that dream. But it was

not a dream but a reality; not only a reality to Jacob, but a reality to you as well. * God is serious with all the above promises; they are meant for you to bless you and prosper you. Therefore have faith in God and believe in all His promises. * Even in whatever place that you are now and as you read and listen to His Word then believe that God is here with you, and the place is awesome because God is right there in the same place that you are. * Wherever God had placed you, the place is awesome because God will make your life beautiful and will make that particular place in your sight beautiful.

Therefore, *“18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.” (Genesis 28:18-19 KJV)* God is everywhere as He was with Jacob and Jacob was unaware of Him He is also beside you and accompanying you in your journey even you are not aware of Him.

“20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, 21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: 22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.” (Genesis 28:20-22 KJV) As the Lord showed His promises and good plan for Jacob, he committed himself to the Lord. The same for you now as God revealed His good promises to you then you need to commit yourself to God as Jacob committed himself to God in the following aspects:

1. *The Lordship of God over your life, “then shall the LORD be my God”*: God should be the Lord over your life. He should be the one to lead you and lead your life in the way that you need to move and go. You should not be the Lord over your life but the Lord should be the one on the throne of your life. You cannot do what you like and decide what you wish. The Lord should be the one to decide for you and lead you in the way of righteousness.

2. *Your commitment to be part of God’s church, “And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house”*: The church is the family of God and the members are God’s household. When God gives us birth through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord He place us in His house and with His household, the church. Therefore as we commit ourselves to God we need to commit ourselves to God’s church, to serve God with the rest of His family and to do our duties and responsibilities to the church that God had placed us in.

3. *Tithing your income, “and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee”*: All the good things that you are receiving are from God and you are called by God to give Him the tenth of all what you earn or receive. This is your financial commitment so that God’s work will continue and His blessing will continue to come into your life.

Let us continue to speak about another example of prayer:

“1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. 3 Give us day by

day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.” (Luke 11:1-4 KJV) The Lord’s Prayer is short but so effective; not when you pray it only but the more when you apply the teaching that it carries in your daily life and ministry.

“9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.” (Matthew 6:9-13 KJV)

1. **“Our Father which art in heaven”**: Jesus here teaches us to call God our Father. The gap between man and God is very wide – God is Holy, man is sinful. God is perfect and man is imperfect. This is the reality, yet the Lord Jesus teaches us to call God, **“Our Father”** because He had bridged that big and wide gap between men and God when He died on the cross and paid the price for our sins. If we believe and accept His sacrifice we are given the right to call God, **“Our Father”**. **“12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”** (John 1:12 KJV) What a confidence we have when we pray and address God as **“Our Father”**; we are not speaking to God who is far from us but we are speaking to our Heavenly Father who is omnipresent or present everywhere.

2. **“Hallowed be thy name”**: The name of God is holy. **“11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”** (Deuteronomy 5:11 KJV) The name of the Lord should not be blasphemed or mentioned in vain, rather we must give thanks and revere His holy name at all times. Jesus is Lord; He is the image of the invisible God. Before He came as a man, an angel appeared to Joseph and said about Jesus that He shall save His people, that is we from our sins, **“21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”** (Matthew 1:21 KJV) Therefore as we pray, **“Hallowed be thy name”** we need to commit ourselves to live in holiness.

3. **“Thy kingdom come”**: When we believe in Jesus we have eternal life and we belong to His kingdom. Therefore, we ought to pray for other people around us to be with us in the kingdom of God. Therefore, we pray continually for our families, our relatives, our friends and other people around us to receive Jesus as personal Lord and Savior, and become part of His kingdom.

4. **“Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven”**: * When we pray to God, we need to commit ourselves, and we need to fully obey and live His will; that our own will, plans and desires be submitted to His will. We pray that His will to be done and followed on earth as it is fully obeyed in Heaven. * We pray for His kingdom to be revealed on earth through our lives and through the lives of every believer, as we desire to follow Jesus and live for Him and with Him on this earth and in the new Heaven and new earth to come.

5. **“Give us this day our daily bread”**: God is our Father. He is the Creator and giver of life. We have assurance that every day God will meet all our needs, the material needs and the spiritual needs, according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. **“19 But my God shall**

supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19 KJV) Our daily bread is not only the delicious food that we eat: **“4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”** (Matthew 4:4 KJV) Our daily bread also is the Word of God that gives us comfort, contentment and clear direction of how we manage our daily living. So when we pray, **“Give us this day our daily bread”**, it means we are asking God to meet our physical as well as our spiritual needs, and that what really we need to do.

6. **“And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us”**: We ought to live like Christ. We must maintain a holy life living away from sin because Jesus has already cleansed us and forgiven our transgressions. Sin separates us from God and God will not hear our prayers if we keep sin in our hearts and lives. **“18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: 19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.”** (Psalm 66:18-19 KJV) When we pray, we need to confess our sins to God to be forgiven. **“9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** (1 John 1:9 KJV) Prayer teaches us and disciplines us to repent from our sins, and to forgive others. Jesus said, **“25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”** (Mark 11:25 KJV)

7. **“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”**: * In our prayers we put in the hand of God our Father our lives, our difficulties, our troubles and the temptations around us. We ask Him to protect us from the evil one and to lead us away from any of the devil schemes that we are not aware of. * In our prayers we ask God to help us not to go through unsafe ways and to guide us by His Word and by His Holy Spirit so that we will not sin against Him. Jesus said. **“33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”** (John 16:33 KJV)

My dear and beloved: To pray is to live properly as God our Father wants us to be. It is a great blessing for us to sit down daily with the Lord; to give Him our praise, our burdens or problems, and to receive from Him the assurance of victory in life, and the peace that He promised us as His Word says, **“6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”** (Philippians 4:6-7 KJV)

Our prayer life is not only our communication to God but it is our commitment to Him and our respond to His goodness for all the good things that we received and we are receiving from Him.

Therefore, to be sure that what God had promised you in His Word to come true, you need to commit your life to God in prayer that you shall do all to God as we explained so that all his good promises shall come true in your life. * Your prayer is powerful when you commit yourself to God to do what His Word dictates on you.

Let us pray

My Prayer: *Father God in Heaven, I come to you in the name of Jesus who died for me on the cross to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your Word and your clear message to me. Lord thank you for teaching me your ways and how to live my life for you. Lord thank you for all your answered prayers and thank you for your precious promises to me. Lord thank you for all the material and the spiritual blessings that we had received from you. Lord thank you for all the teachings, the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments we received in this message.*

Now repent and renounce all your sins. Repent of doing your own will and plans, and in non surrendering your life and will to God and in not allowing God to be the Lord over your life. Repent of your lack of commitment to God and to His church, and your lack of commitment to give your tithes to God. Repent and renounce your cheatings, telling lies, deceiving and the rest of the works of the flesh. Repent of your worldliness, your love for material things. Repent of your lack of commitment and non willingness to serve God. Repent of being bad example to others. Repent of your non forgiveness to those who hurt you. Repent of wasting your time and spoiling your mind with non believers, friends, the Media, News and games. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word in the Bible and your lack of prayers. Lord I repent from the following sins _____.

Lord, put in my heart to pray and to read your Word daily. Lord increase my faith in you, and help me to do your good and perfect will. Lord be the Lord and the God over my life. I commit myself to serve you and do my best to contribute to your church, to serve your people faithfully and to give you the tenth of all what I receive from you. Lord mold me to follow you and to serve you the rest of my life, and to be good example to others to follow you. Lord give me the endurance and the perseverance to do that. Lord I commit myself to forgive the following people _____. Lord protect me, deliver me from the evil one, and provide my daily needs. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and committed themselves to serve you and to bring to you the tithes of all what they receive from you. Lord watch over their lives and accomplish all what you had promised to them. Lord bless them, protect them, be with them, and provide for them so they will continue to live for you and serve you. Lord help them to overcome struggles deal with their enemies do miracles in their lives and deliver them from the evil ones. Lord make them fruitful, and good example to others to follow you. Lord answer their prayers prosper their ministries and fill them with your Holy Spirit so they will continue to serve you.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. *Lord bless us as your church, and continue to accomplish your purpose in our lives as we commit ourselves to serve you. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit, to go and evangelize, making new disciples and training new workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord I pray for more people to be water baptized, and receives the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming that we will go with you when you come to take us. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God'. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let*

your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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