GOD IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO PRAY!

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

"Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us" (Romans 8:34).

Jesus is now our intercessor. The intercessor lives in us through his Spirit and there he intercedes. Everything Jesus does, he does in us, with us and through us. What he does, we do. What we do, he does. If we do nothing, he can do nothing. Jesus goes with those who go. If he wants to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel, he needs a body on earth that makes itself available to him. We are the body of Christ on earth, we are the house of God on earth. We are his temple, and the temple is a house of prayer – a house of prayer for all nations. We make our bodies available to God so he can do on earth what he wants to do (see Romans 12:1).

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. He taught them the Our Father, which is actually a prayer under the Old Covenant. Under the New Covenant, we pray to the Father in the name of Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to intercede in us and through us in accordance with God's perfect will. That only became possible at Pentecost. The Bible calls it "praying in the Spirit". There is mental praying and praying in the Holy Spirit. "... the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should ..." (Romans 8:26). The Holy Spirit knows everything. He knows the future and prays through us the perfect will of God. In the Spirit, we pray mysteries! They are not mysteries for God, but rather things that our mind does not know. "... and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:27). Our spirit, with the help of the Holy Spirit, prays and God understands it. Praying in the Spirit is one of the most powerful weapons God has given us. By doing so, we release God's power.

"For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people **but to God** ... they utter mysteries **by the Spirit**" (1 Corinthians 14:2).

"...we declare God's wisdom, a mystery ..." (1 Corinthians 2:7).

"We also speak these things ... in [words] taught by the Spirit ... But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him" (1 Corinthians 2:13–14). "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays ..." (1 Corinthians 14:14).

A person who is connected with God and allows the Holy Spirit to pray through them is dangerous for the devil. Praying in the Spirit is like a nuclear explosion in the unseen realm. In the Spirit, we inflict great damage on the kingdom of darkness. Our mouth becomes God's mouth and our words become God's words that flow out of our spirit. "God's word in your mouth is as powerful as God's word in his mouth" (Reinhard Bonnke). With his mouth, Jeremiah was appointed over peoples and kingdoms, to root out, tear down, destroy, overthrow, build and plant (Jeremiah 1:10). God placed him over nations and kingdoms. Daniel's prayers dominated Babylon, which is why his enemies had a decree issued that would no longer allow Daniel to pray to his God. The devil feared Daniel's prayers. The devil is not afraid of a prayerless church. The devil fears people praying in tongues and would forbid it if he could. My denomination told me years ago that praying in new tongues was from the devil. Even today in many churches you are not allowed to pray publicly in tongues. "...do not forbid speaking in tongues," Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:39.

One denomination in the USA recently decided that praying in tongues, healing the sick and divine prosperity were false teachings. However, God wants us to pray in tongues more than ever before, for us to heal the sick and for the body of Christ to possess the wealth of this world. A poor Christian cannot give anything and can contribute nothing to the fulfilment of Jesus' Great Commission. A rich Christian could pay for an entire evangelistic campaign. "The wealth of a sinner is stored up for the righteous" (Proverbs 13:22). God can do more with a small few than with the masses. We can see that with Gideon. With 300 men, God won the battle and 29,700 fearful ones had to go home. 300 men were 1%. If we apply the same to our churches, it means that God can only work with 1% of the people.

Moses was all alone on the mountain, and through his prayers, Joshua gained the victory. Abraham was alone and prayed for Sodom and Gomorrah. Sadly, he stopped at ten righteous people, otherwise God would have spared the city because of Abraham's intercession. Joshua halted the sun, all by himself. We always think the more people pray, the sooner and more quickly something will happen. Elijah was alone and he prayed a prayer that it would not rain and it did not rain anymore. After three years he prayed again and the rain came. Is it not in our hands whether something happens in our land, whether God pours out his Spirit, whether signs and wonders happen? God is looking out for intercessors! "... if (just) two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven" (Matt 18:19). There are most certainly more than two intercessors in Germany who are praying and trusting God that Germany and Europe will also be saved.

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