

Praying Breakthrough Prayers

I. Breakthrough prayer comes about because we develop an attitude about prayer that puts you in harmony with God.

- A. If you think improperly about prayer, you will not get proper results.
Proverbs 23:7 *“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...”*
1. God doesn't answer my prayers.
 2. I really don't have time for prayer.
 3. My circumstances aren't big enough to bother God about.
 4. I don't deserve for God to hear me.
- B. Begin to come into agreement with God's will concerning prayer.
Romans 12:2 *“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*
1. God had commanded us to pray.
I Thessalonians 5:17 *“Pray without ceasing.”*
 2. God's will is that His power be displayed by prayer.
 - a. God brings walls down when we pray. (Joshua at Jericho).
 - b. God delivers through prayer. (Jonah in the whale's belly)
 - c. God brings blessings through prayer. (Elijah after three years without rain)
 - d. Remember Daniel, Shadrach, Meschach, and Abednego.
- C. Begin to believe that you can come into harmony and intimacy with God through prayer.
John 15:7 *“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”*
Matthew 18:19-20 *“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*
I John 5:14-15 *“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”*

II. Breakthrough prayer comes through the recognition of our need for prayer.

- A. Arthur C. Coxe wrote.
“We are living, we are dwelling, in a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling; to be living is sublime.
Hark! the waking up of nations, hosts advancing to the fray;
Hark! what soundeth is creation's groaning for the latter day.”
- B. The very earth is crying out for the sons of God to come forth.
Romans 8: 22-23 *“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. ²³ And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”*
- C. We need to be prayer warriors because of the adversary.
1 Peter 5:8 *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”*
- D. We need guidance that we can get in no other way than through prayer.
- E. We need God's blessing on our lives which we can receive through prayer.
Example: Jacob wrestled with God.
- F. When we're desperate for a touch from God, He will hear and answer our prayer.
Matthew 9:20-22 *“And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: ²¹For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. ²²But Jesus turned him*

about, and when he saw her, he said, *Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.*"

III. Breakthrough will come as we get rid of the hindrance to our prayer life.

Matthew 6:24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

A. Our God is a jealous God.

Exodus 20:3 "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

1. Other gods get in the way of our hearing the One True God.
2. It's time to bring everything into its proper priority position.
 - a. God is number one.
 - b. Family is next.
 - c. After this is work, material things, material comfort, career, education and all the other little things that make up our lives.

B. It's time to make the proper choices if we want to see breakthrough in our prayer life.

Joshua 24:15 "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

IV. If you really want breakthrough, set a time and place for prayer in addition to all the spontaneous moments we have throughout the day.

Matthew 14:23 "And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone."

Luke 6:12 "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

Luke 9:28 "And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray."

No Time

I knelt to pray but not for long,
I had too much to do.
I had to hurry and get to work
For bills would soon be due.
So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,
And jumped up off my knees.
My Christian duty was now done
My soul could rest at ease.
All day long I had no time
To spread a word of cheer.
No time to speak of Christ to friends,
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.
No time, no time, too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to souls in need
But at last the time, the time to die.
I went before the Lord,
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in his hands God held a book;
It was the book of life.
God looked into his book and said
"Your name I cannot find.
I once was going to write it down...
But never found the time"