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Perspectives

“Let us continue to go and pray to the Lord, and seek the Lord of hosts. I myself will go also” (Zechariah 8:21)

Israel’s ultimate reason for existence was to be a witness to all nations. Long ago, the prophet Zechariah had a vision that all nations would be drawn to God. “Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to pray before the Lord” (**Zechariah 8:22**). Prior to the great turning of all nations to God, the Lord revealed something that is strategic to the accomplishment of Israel’s ultimate purpose. A great multitude of people from many cities will go to Jerusalem to seek the Lord. “The inhabitants of one city shall go to another and say, ‘Let us continue to go and pray to the Lord, and seek the Lord of hosts; I myself will go also’” (**vv 20-21**). I love it! What a day that will be.

The same vision applies to Christ’s church. When she becomes a praying church, as God has called her to be, the result will be effective evangelistic and missionary service. If the church is to be a praying church, the members must become praying people. ***My purpose is to encourage our readers to make a decision to SPEND ONE HOUR praying and provide some practical suggestions. I myself will go also.***

This is the second article in a series on how to spend time with God in prayer. It is my intention in the next three issues of the **Reflector** to share thoughts from three discourses given by **Matthew Henry**, the great Scottish commentator on the Scriptures, delivered in morning lectures in the year 1712. In his lectures, he described a plan related to meaningful, daily communion with God. Pointedly, the May study will deal with “How to Begin the Day with God.” The June feature will be “How to Spend the Day with God.” This will be followed by the July study: “How to Close the Day with God.” For those who are seeking a more meaningful prayer life, I believe this series will be helpful.

We often sing in our worship service, William Walford’s ***Sweet Hour of Prayer***. The words were written by this blind English preacher and appeared in ***The New York Observer***, on September 23, 1845. The words are touching and appealing to the spirit. Few, however, have had this experience. In fact, a major study a few years ago found that most Christians pray less than four minutes a day, if at all. While Jesus Himself said that “men ought always to pray and

COME ... SEE ... GO ... TELL

The angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen as He said. **Come, see** the place where the Lord lay. And **go** quickly and **tell** His disciples ...” (**Matthew 28:5-7a**)

not faint” (**Luke 18:1**), most of us do not think to pray until we do faint.

Frankly, it is not easy to pray. It is easier to be a preacher, a deacon, an elder, a Sunday school teacher, a youth worker, or a visitor than to be a praying person. Hence, maintaining a daily, consistent prayer life is hard work. Why is this true? There are two basic reasons: (1) Satan does not want us to pray; and (2) the flesh does not want us to pray. Satan would rather we do anything than pray. He trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees crying out to God engaging in spiritual warfare. You can imagine his reaction when a strong Christian prepares himself for battle by donning the whole armor God has provided for his protection and then going to the place the battle is fought, which is prayer read (**Ephesians 6:10-18** noting in verse eighteen that prayer is the first activity mentioned after we get our armor on). To prevent prayer, the devil exercised his “wiles,” his stratagems, to attack our mind and divert us to other pressing matters. Not only does Satan not want us to pray, neither does the flesh. While the old man was crucified when we trusted Christ as Savior, his influence lives on to war against the Spirit and keep us under the flesh’s influence. As we explore HOW TO SPEND AN HOUR in prayer, we can expect Satan and our flesh to attempt to thwart us.

Keep in mind that you, as did Mary, are determined to sit at the feet of Jesus enthralled by His presence. When you do, distractions will be minimized and have little power over your mind. This will make a difference.

A place to pray

When Jesus was explaining prayer, he spoke of closet praying. In his day, people kept their valuables in their closets; hence, there was limited access to the closet. It seems obvious that what Jesus was pointing out is to find a

place as free from interruptions as possible for prayer – a set place, a shut place, and a secluded place. If possible, kneel down for your time of worship and intercession.

Throne room praying

In **Revelation 4**, the Holy Spirit gave us a glimpse into Heaven itself and speaks of a Throne Room. John saw an occupied throne – God, the Father on His throne. We know that His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is seated at His right hand (the place of honor and authority). Instead of thinking that prayer is bringing God down to earth, visualize going into the Throne Room and kneeling before Him in His majesty and glory. Remember that you are in the Throne Room before the “throne of grace” to obtain mercy and grace (**Hebrews 4:16**). You can come boldly into the “holiest” place of all through the blood of Jesus (**Hebrew 10:19**).

My suggestion, for many years, has been to follow the “soul nourishment first” principle set out long ago by **George Mueller**, who took care of orphan children in Bristol, England, in the early 1800’s. Instead of telling his friends and others about the great needs, he expressed them to God alone. God never failed to provide. But Mueller stated something that guided his time with God that he called “soul nourishment first.” He found that he should let God speak to Him through His Word before He began to speak to God. For years, that has been my own approach in daily praying. Since I have been reading the Bible systematically following an established plan, no time is needed to decide what to read. Inevitably, I see God in the Scriptures and launch my prayer time accordingly.

A tremendous basic definition of praying is laid out in **Psalm 25:1** when David declared “unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.” Prayer is basically lifting yourself (spirit and soul) up to God.

The elements of prayer

Keep the five elements of prayer in mind as you begin your hour in prayer. You may not always use this order, but using the acronym **A-C-T-S** [adoration, confession, thanksgiving, seeking for self (petition), seeking for others (intercession)] is a good way to review. In the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**, the content of Session 7, dealing with your personal praying, could become the framework for a sweet hour of prayer. In a sense, I am providing a modified approach below.

FIRST Drawing near

Without doubt one of the most remarkable verses for the Christian is **James 4:8**: “Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you.” In God’s mind, this issue of access is settled; He is sovereign (i.e., has final say) and He has given us this Word. Otherwise, we could never have the access indicated. It is quite easy to see reciprocal (two-way) movement. As you and I draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us. Whether it happens or not depends on you and me. We must take the initiative and exercise **DISCIPLINE**.

What follows is a framework, a prayer ladder, on which to structure our time with God. As you think about how you can apply the framework, be creative in making notes on what you might include in each area. This will help. You may not follow the steps as I have laid them out, but before you finish include each area. Write prayer items on a piece of paper and keep it in front of you as you pray.

SECOND Thanksgiving

Begin your hour with thanksgiving following the Lord’s admonition in **Psalm 100:4**: “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.” You might begin thanking Him for the privilege He has given you to enter into His presence in His throne room. Then you could

thank Him for your salvation letting your mind dwell unhurriedly on that experience. To bring it clearly into perspective, go back to the place where you were when you trusted Jesus and placed your faith in Him. Dwell on the joy that He gave you the hour you first experienced His amazing grace.

Take some time to list specifically things He has done for you. Count some of your blessings. Choose one blessing out of each of the common categories of life (physical, material, spiritual, and people) and tell Him why you are thankful. The psalmist tells us to praise the Lord who “daily loadeth us with benefits” (**Psalm 68:19**). “Daily” does not mean “every now and then;” “loadeth” does not mean a little, but a lot.

THIRD Confession

Now ask God to examine your life. Ask Him to show you any sins in your life (things you are doing that He does not want you to do and things you are not doing that He wants you to do). Wait and listen for His answer. When the searchlight of the Holy Spirit stops on a certain sin, be honest enough to look at it, acknowledge it as sin, and confess it. Use David’s prayer in **Psalm 139:23-24** to guide you. Confess any sin the Holy Spirit reveals. Agree with God’s assessment. He expects us to name the sins and confess each one specifically. Once you have confessed a sin, be willing to receive His forgiveness (**1 John 1:9**). Yield to the Holy Spirit. Ask God to make your heart tender and alert you so won’t continue in that sin.

FOURTH Adoration

Reserve a portion of your prayer time for praise and worship. Adoration is looking at God and loving Him for who He is. Tell Him you love Him. Concentrate on His attributes, His essence, and His character. Now is the time to praise Him for who He is. Be still before the Lord and know that He is God (**Psalm 46:10**).

Rejoice in your fellowship with Him. Let your heart fill up with praise and worship knowing He is worthy. Pray some passages of Scripture back to God. You might want to use **Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149, 150** to express your feelings to Him. Use some of your prayer time to sing to the Lord. Remember He has instructed us to “make a joyful noise.” This means that you can sing beautiful music to Him whether you can carry a tune or not.

You might want to procure a copy of my book, **Adoration: Prayer as Worship** and review it in preparation for this phase of your prayer time.

FIFTH Pray for yourself

It is important to pray for yourself during your sweet hour of prayer. You and I don't have to be defeated. We must, however, use the provision that God has given to us – the privilege of prayer. God intends for us to order our lives around prayer. Anything that concerns you concerns Him. Nothing is too small or too large. You are talking to your Father, not a stranger, who is vitally interested in His child.

SIXTH Pray for others


Ask God to impress upon you the names of people who need your intercession. Folks do not benefit from prayers that are not prayed. Pray for those who have yet to hear and understand the gospel knowing God wants to save them (**2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:3-4**). Remember, also, that each person is precious to God. You will never meet a person He does not love. Pray for laborers in the vineyard. Pray for the missionaries who are currently serving. Pray for your non-Christian family members, friends, neighbors, and workmates. Pray for those in authority in accordance to **1 Timothy 2:1-2**. There is no plainer directive in the Scriptures than this passage. Pray for fellow believers using Paul's prayers in **Philippians 1:9-11**,

Colossians 1:9-12, Ephesians 1:16-19 as models. Often the Holy Spirit will bring some specific Scripture to mind to cover the person for whom you are praying.

You might want to procure a copy of my book, **Intercession: Prayer as Work** and review it in preparation for this part of your sweet hour of prayer.

SEVENTH Surrender

Close your prayer time by surrendering to Him and asking that His will be done. Tell Him that you want Him to get glory out of each answer that He gives. Thank Him for the time in His presence and tell Him you look forward to the next **SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER**.

Yours in Calvary love,


READ YOUR BIBLE!

BECAUSE HE LIVES!

No longer must the mourners weep,
 Nor call departed Christians dead;
 For death is hallowed into sleep,
 And every grave becomes a bed.
 Read **John 11:11-13, 25;**
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

**“In the morning will I direct
 my prayer unto Thee.”
 Psalm 5:3**

**READ YOUR BIBLE!
 PREVENT TRUTH DECAY!**

A VIGNETTE OF THE PRAYER SEMINAR MINISTRY

Although thousands upon thousands have experienced a prayer seminar firsthand, others wonder what a prayer seminar is all about. Many pastors wonder how to justify asking their congregation to invest six hours in a prayer seminar. Since time is indeed precious, this is a very good question. As I recently reviewed 2004 *Testimonies from Pakistan*, it became obvious to me that the testimonies are vignettes (little word pictures) to explain the impact of a prayer seminar.

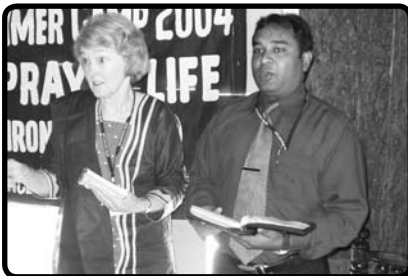
The testimonies are a very good spiritual exercise for each alumni of a prayer seminar to use to review his/her own experience. In a nutshell, you can relive a seminar. Reading the testimonies from your brothers and sisters in Pakistan will be a good reminder to pray for them. It is not easy to be a Christian in Pakistan, where 97% of the people are Muslim. Upon becoming a Christian, a person (regardless of his educational background) is relegated to second-degree citizen status with rights diminished accordingly.

Testimonies from Pakistan

The Lord asked me in a message “What will ye that I shall do unto you?” I said, “Open my eyes, Lord, to see into the invisible.” The Lord promised to use me greatly to witness to others. I am praying for a harvest of souls in Pakistan.

Through the prayer seminar, I have gained much insight in how to go about praying. I will give more time to pray than ever before. I understand the importance of becoming clean before God otherwise He will not hear my prayers for myself, my family, and my nation. I now know how to deal with my sins and yield to the Holy Spirit.

My name is Martina and the Lord, through this seminar, has answered a long-time desire to know how to pray effectively. I feel blessed and plan to share what I have learned, to pray and how to pray.



**Sue Henry with James Dean
Speaking at the 2004 Family Camp
in Pakistan's NW Territory**

During the seminar, God told me that not praying is a big sin. Not praying is actually a sin against who God is. This was amazing to me since I had not thought of prayerlessness a sin. Whatever I have learned I promise to teach to others.

A major thing that I have learned is who the Holy Spirit is. He is the *Paraclete*, one called along side to help. He provides the strength that I need. He came to live in me the moment I trusted Jesus as my Savior. He placed me in the body of Christ. I will never be alone because He lives in me. He convicts and instructs. The will of God is for me to allow the Holy Spirit to control my life. To be Spirit-filled is to be Spirit-controlled.

What I have **learned about spiritual warfare** has opened my eyes as to what is happening in Pakistan. Mighty princes of Satan have been assigned and are working as Satan's workers to keep us in darkness and bondage. Above all, I have learned that Satan is defeated totally. The Holy Spirit, who lives in me, is greater than Satan. Satan does not have a place to stand in my life unless I give him a place. After I submit to God, I can resist the devil and he will flee from me. Hallelujah. I plan to take time to become cleansed. I will ask God to show me my sins just as David did. When He shows me, I will repent and confess. I have learned I cannot just say “forgive me of all my sins.” I must name each sin admitting to God I am guilty. Then I

will have forgiveness and cleansing. I will yield to the Holy Spirit and then be in a position to resist the devil. Then he must flee.

What did God teach me during the prayer seminar? Many things. One thing I will never forget is that God wants us to order our lives around prayer. I need to pray about everything. God wants me to ask His hand to move as well as to seek His face. In **2 Chronicles 7:14**, the great verse that is the theme of the Family Camp, I see that a major part of praying is to ask His hand to move, not just to seek His face for worship. Although I am only fourteen years old, I have learned so much that will help me glorify His name and do the needed prayer work. I have decided to tell others the things that I have learned that are in my prayer seminar workbook. I know this will help Pakistan.

I will now change my prayer ways. I knew so little about prayer, although I thought I did. God has taught me how better to understand myself. I have learned that I must take the Holy Spirit seriously and I will. My plans are to change my prayer life by including everything that I now understand. My commitment is to give myself completely and to be strong in God. Many of my doubts have been removed and I am leaving without doubt.

During the prayer seminar, **God taught me so many things.** I will list some of them. I have learned the best time to pray, to whom we are to pray, for whom we are to pray, who our Helper is in prayer (the Holy Spirit), and the weapons He has given us. I will teach these things to other people who do not know how to pray. But first, I will apply these things in my own life.

God taught me many things in this seminar. I learned steps and principles. Above all, I now understand how I can pray for my nation, especially for the lost people. I even learned that it is right to pray for myself even about small things. Amazing, it is to me, about how one person praying effectively can influence



Thousands have attended prayer seminars in Pakistan (with Dr. Henry & other teachers)

the world. I learned, also, about the Holy Spirit and His role in my praying, how he takes my weakness, not knowing what to pray for, and interpreting them to God. I have learned a simple truth: prayer is coming to the Father who is in Heaven's Throne Room, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit for myself and for others. By remembering that I am in God's Throne Room when I pray will help me be alert and not lose attention. I have learned that Spirit filled means Spirit controlled. I have learned what to do to become Spirit controlled. What will I be doing next? I will share in my live group and in my light house of prayer for Pakistan. I even will share in my own family. I am so burdened that this message of prayer will be transferred to many people in my nation.

The Lord gave me blessings. I learned the right method of praying. Things I knew before about prayer were insufficient for becoming a strong prayer warrior. We need strong prayer warriors interceding for Pakistan. I see now very clearly how we can mobilize our people to pray for themselves, their families, their churches, and our nation. It was powerful and meaningful to learn how to be filled with the Spirit, which I did not know before. I have learned to stay away from sin in my life in order for the fruit of the Spirit to be in my life. I will pray right with the power of the Lord and the Holy Spirit for myself and others.

The Lord talked to me during the prayer seminar as a pastor. He really spoke to me about the place of prayer. Prayer touches three worlds, a helpful concept. It touches Heaven looking

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PRAYER CALENDAR

April 2009

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

1 KINGS 1-4 (Aruba 101,541)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
Burnace Abrams (OH)
Marie Adams (VA)
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
Norma Ailes (NJ)
Clyde & Kathryn Allen (VA)
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
Milcie Arnold (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

1 KINGS 5-8 (Australia 20.6M)

Leonor Avila (MD)
Bill & Karen Baker (VA)
Carolyn Barkley (NY)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
Jean Beasley (TN)
Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

1 KINGS 9-11 (Austria 8.2M)

Charles & Andrea Black (VA)
Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)
Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)
William & Debbie Bowden (MD)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

1 KINGS 12-16 (Azerbaijan 8.2M)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Shirley Brown (VA)
Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Janice Bugg (TN)
Ruby Burger (TN)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Lew & Mary Campbell (ID)
Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Joreatha Capers (FL)
David & Martha Cecil (VA)
Mary Clarke (VA)
Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
Joe & Carol Coulter (VA)
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene Cummings (NC)
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)

MONDAY, APRIL 6

1 KINGS 17-19 (Bahamas 307,451)

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Mark & Charmaine Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)
Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)
Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor
Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)
Walt Edwards (NC)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

1 KINGS 20-22 (Bahrain 718,308)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
Grace Eldridge (NJ)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Evalena Enoch (VA)
Lynne Farrow (NJ)
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
June Fisher (TN)
Josephine Fitzgerald (AL)
Makeva Flowers (VA)
Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

2 KINGS 1-3 (Bangladesh 153.5M)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Frank Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)
Frances Glass (AL)
Gloucester Co. Community Church
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Odether Gray (GA)
Linda Gregory (NJ)
Charles M. Hale (VA)
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

2 KINGS 4-8 (Barbados 21,986)

Jim & Joyce Hengood (FL/CT)
Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)
Doug Henry (TN)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
Jacqueline Henry (VA)
Mark Henry (TN)
Melody Henry (VA)
Roger Henry (OH)
Sean Henry (VA/Iraq)
Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
Wendy Henry & Caleb (OK)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

2 KINGS 9-12 (Belarus 9.7M)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)
Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
Bonnie Houston (TN)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

2 KINGS 13-17 (Belgium 10.4M)

Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Louis & May Jenkins (DC)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Peter & Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
SUNDAY, APRIL 12
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Mohan Katta (IL)
Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Joyce Kelley (OR)
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor
Archie & Mary King (TN)
Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Sherry Klutz (WA)
Quentin & Mary Knauer (OH)

MONDAY, APRIL 13

2 KINGS 18-21 (Belize 301,270)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
David & Cathy Laing (FL)
Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

1 CHRON 1-9 (Benin 8.3M)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)

Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

1 CHRON 10-16 (Bermuda 66,536)

Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Bill & Mirle Matheny (VA)

Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

1 CHRON 17-21 (Bhutan 682,321)

Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Mike & Cherylan Miller (CO)
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

1 CHRON 22-27 (Bolivian 9.2M)

Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
 Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)
 Ann Palumbo (NJ)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

1 CHRON 28-29 (Bosnia/Hez 5M)

Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)
 Paul & Donna Quetsch (VA)
 James & Jeannette Ralph (VA)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)
 David & Amy Ross (KY)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Denise Russell (OR)
 John Saint (PA)
 Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)
 Eric Farel, Pastor

MONDAY, APRIL 20

2 CHRON 1-5 (Botswana 1.8M)

Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Mary Siegner (VA)
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
 His Highest Praise (HI)
 Lori Siri, Pastor
 Mary Skiles (KS)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

2 CHRON 6-9 (Brazil 191.9M)

Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Marion J. Stansell (TX)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

2 CHRON 10-12 (Br Virgin I 24,004)

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 Clarence & Roselin Stringfield (VA)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)
 William Stroman, Pastor

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

2 CHRON 13-16 (Brunei 381,371)

Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church (TN)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Temple of Praise (TX)
 Gilbert Perez, Pastor
 Earlene Thigpen (TN)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

2 CHRON 17-20 (Bulgaria 7.3M)

Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 Mildred V. Thompson (GA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

2 CHRON 21-25 (Burkina Faso 15.3M)

Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Tommy Waddell (TN)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)

MONDAY, APRIL 27

2 CHRON 26-28 (Cambodia 14.2M)

Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
 M/M Herbert Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Edward Williams (NC)
 Elijah Williams (NJ)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

2 CHRON 29-32 (Cameron 18.5M)

Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)
 Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)
 Stephen Latong (Nigeria)
 John & Egberta McSween (Trinidad)
 Leslie & Tabitha Motalane (South Africa)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

2 CHRON 33-34 (Canada 33.2M)

Adam & Dianna Nathanson
 (Venezuela)

Andrew J. Sakari (Kenya)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

2 CHRON 35-36 (Cape Verde 426,998)

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**WE WILL
 GIVE
 OURSELVES
 CONTINUALLY
 TO PRAYER.
 ACTS 6:4**

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toward God as worship. I will do my best to do this every day. Prayer touches Earth, looking toward people and circumstances and is the work that must be done before all other work. It touches Hell, looking toward Satan, as warfare. I must do this, but I must also teach my people the things that I have learned. The prayer seminar workbook will be a valuable resource to me to guide my teaching my people. We must pray for Pakistan.

As a pastor, I was amazed that the Holy Spirit brought so many things that I had forgotten alive in my mind. This made me stronger. But He also taught me many things I did not know. I have new blessings. I promised to teach my own people the blessings that I have received.

I am a pastor. I have learned so much that I will share with my people. For me, I have learned about spiritual warfare and how to become a watchman on the wall for Pakistan. Knowing that Satan has already been defeated is encouraging. I will teach in my home church everything that I have learned. My life will no longer be the same.

I have learned many things that touched my soul such as the necessity to make an appointment with God each day and to keep the appointment. I see that this time needs to be early morning. That will respect God and give Him first reference. The example of Jesus in praying caused me to want to follow His example. I knew many things before, but was so careless in praying. I did not know that failing to pray is a big sin. Now, I'm going to pray each day.

I want to share some things I have learned during the prayer seminar. First of all, I would like to say that your way of teaching is very good. What you are teaching is exactly what the Christians in Pakistan need. I am grateful to God to see this come into our country and believe that it will sweep across our nation to make a difference. God taught me to pray in

a proper way, not the careless way that I had been following, even thinking that I was a good person in prayer. I have learned to pray for myself and for others and why I must do this. Whatever I have learned I would like to share with my family members and friends. I would like to make everything I have learned as things I do in my life. Prayer is coming to the Father through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit for myself (petition) and for others (intercession). I want His hand to move.

I was blessed in having the beautiful opportunity to attend the prayer seminar. It was the most wonderful Bible studies that I have ever seen. It was excellent. I am very much impressed and blessed learning much about prayer. I could tell that it was really the Holy Spirit who was teaching because great Bible truths came alive. I was touched by the Holy Spirit, who is our Teacher. I felt that everything that was taught was just for me. Now I have decided to teach the prayer seminar to many churches where I have opportunity to share. Christians in Pakistan are ready to learn what you have taught and need to know them. Once they see this approach, many of them will have their lives changed.

What did I learn from this seminar? We received much blessing and we learned a lot of new things. We learned to confess specific sins one by one, rather than to say "God, forgive all my sins." Prayer is something practical that we must do, not to pray the same. We need to have a personal time of prayer every day. I have learned that the work of the Holy Spirit is to honor and to bring glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. What we have learned, we will apply by the power of the Holy Spirit. All these things that I have learned, I will go and share with others. Please pray for me since I want to become a full-time worker for the Lord in Pakistan. Pray that the Lord will clearly lead and direct us. Pray that our children, as long as they live, will live their lives in the fear of the Lord and that they be righteous people.

Last will and testament

Most of us admire **Patrick Henry** and know him for his “Give Me Liberty, Or Give Me Death” speech during the lead-up to our war for independence. His final home, Red Hill, is only a short distance from Lynchburg, Virginia. We enjoy taking our guests to visit Red Hill. His role as the first governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and his overall leadership for our country was significant. He openly testified of His faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, but words in his Last Will and Testament speak louder than any comment I could make.

My most cherished possession I wish I could leave you is my faith in Jesus Christ, for with Him and nothing else you can be happy, but without Him and with all else you’ll never be happy.

Are you leaving such a legacy and testament for your children and other family members? Because the Lord Jesus Christ lives, we can face tomorrow with confidence and joy. When the end comes, we can encourage our loved ones to follow our steps.

Resurrection

Over the magnificent mausoleum in Westminster Abbey that holds the mortal remains of **Queen Victoria** and those of her royal husband are inscribed the words of faith: “Here at last I will rest with thee and with thee in Christ I shall also rise again.” When Jesus returns from Heaven with the saints, their bodies will be resurrected (basically stand up straight). The resurrected bodies will meet the Lord in the air and the saints will move back into their bodies. Then He will touch them and the bodies will be like His. Read **John 6:40**, **1 Corinthians 15:20-23**.

NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 1101. The more that we become attached to the sinless Christ, the more we become detached from the sinful world.

Note 1102. Spiritual investments always bear heavenly interest.

Note 1103. The real measure of a man’s wealth is what he shall own in eternity.

Note 1104. The name of Jesus is a BYWORD to sinners, but a PASSWORD to believers.

Note 1105. The best way to know God’s will is to say “I will” to God before He reveals it.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers”

1 Thessalonians 1:2
February 24--March 5

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THANKS! DOORKEEPERS!

“Laborers together with God”
1 Corinthians 3:9

PRAYING FOR AMERICA

(First of a nine-part series)

A number of years ago, we begin receiving a publication called **The Prayer Closet**, containing studies by its editor, **Dr. Kevin Meador** [P.O. Box 278, Hickory MS 39332]. We have found it to be one of the richest and most helpful resources to encourage praying. Often I have said “let the Word explain the Word; the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible.” This is exactly what Dr. Meador does in his timely studies which both challenge and guide. His studies are invaluable. He has given JGHM permission to share a series of his articles entitled **Transforming America through Prayer** (VOL IX, May-June 2006, Issue 3).

Healing America’s Wounded Heart

America resembles Isaiah’s description of Israel, “Where will you be stricken again, as you continue in your rebellion? The whole head is faint” (**Isaiah 1:5**). America stands as a wounded nation. The nation has deep spiritual and emotional wounds that only God can heal. I don’t have the space to list the wounds that the nation has. Yet healing does not come by focusing on the wounds but on the One who can heal those wounds. The following prayer pointers can help you pray for the healing of our nation.

1. Plead for a spirit of repentance throughout America (**Luke 13:1-3**).
2. Ask that people will see that God is the only true **Healer** of the broken heart (**Psalms 147:3**).
3. Plead that the people of this nation will take responsibility for their sins and failures (**1 John 1:9**).
4. Pray that the people of this nation will see that there is only one true refuge the living God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ (**Psalms 46:1**).
5. Ask that a spirit of prayer will fill this nation that the people of this nation will cry out to God in their pain, seeking His salvation and help (**Matthew 7:7**).

6. Plead that believers will bless this nation with their words and actions (**Proverbs 11:11**).

Note: See the web-site for **The Prayer Closet** www.prayerclosetministries.org
Or www.kingdompraying.com.

“Pray without ceasing”

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Come at **the morning hour**,
Come, let us kneel and pray;
Prayer is the Christian pilgrim’s staff
To walk with God all day.

At noon, beneath the Rock
Of Ages, rest and pray;
Sweet is that shelter from the sun
In the weary heat of day.

At evening, in thy home,
Around its altar, pray;
And finding there the house of God,
With heaven then close the day.

When **midnight** veils our eyes,
Oh, it is sweet to say,
“I sleep, but my heart waketh, Lord,
With Thee to watch and pray.”

--Author unknown

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

*You can listen to beautiful music--some of my favorite songs--while you are working on your computer or while you are doing other things. Just go to www.jgordonhenryministries.org and click on the music button. Several have recently shared that this is what they do and are blessed. The lead song is **GIVE ME JESUS!***

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THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED!

Two believers encountered the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. Their report contains one of the most thrilling expressions to be found in all literature. "And they said one to another, '*Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way and while He opened to us the Scriptures?*'" And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, "**The Lord is risen indeed**" (Luke 24:32-34a). When you and I let Him open the Scriptures and let Him talk to us as we pray, our hearts will also burn within us. We will then have a message to share with others:



A QUIET HEART

As we enter our prayer closet and close the door, we shut out distractions. God says: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a). We need to be still until we are aware that we are in the Throne Room in the presence of our heavenly Father seated on His throne. Bible reading prepares our hearts for our prayer time so **READ YOUR BIBLE FIRST**. As we wait for God to speak from His Word, the focus of our attention is turned from our needs to the Lord Himself. God wants us to be quiet enough to listen to what He says to us. The listening side of prayer is as important as our speaking.