

These Perilous Times
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“End-Time Petitions”

In these last days, daily communication with the God of the universe is the most essential act that man can do to foster spiritual growth and a lasting relationship with our creator—we call it Prayer. Let me quote Brother R. G., a long-time friend of mine.

“Much prayer, much power.” “Little prayer, little power.” “No prayer, no power.” Was he the originator of this quote; that I don’t know? But it was from his lips that I heard it for the first time nearly thirty years ago—very wise counsel. Another quote that I observed on a local church’s sign was; “A **week** without prayer makes one **weak.**” How true! Is it possible for God’s last-day people to be deficient in their prayer life?

Biblical examples to model

Jesus rose early in the morning before day light and went to a solitary place and prayed. ¹ Daniel prayed three times a day. ² We are counseled by Paul to prayer without ceasing. ³

¹ Mark 1:34&35

² Daniel 6:10; 9:4

³ I Thessalonians 5:17

Anna the prophetess prayed night and day. ⁴ Of course these Bible verses should be very familiar to us, and instilled in our hearts and minds to encourage God's people to pray often.

God's remnant people read and study books, periodicals, and listen to CD'S on prayer, which help motivate us to pray more. We see many Biblical examples of prayer and fasting; followers of Jesus who lived humble, selfless lives for us to model.

Is our prayer life preparing us, and others for heaven, and the imminent danger ahead? If not-Why not?

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

The closer we come to Christ's coming the more time we need to spend in "*dialogue*" with our Lord.

Warnings from God's servant

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The

⁴ Luke 2:36-38

Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth.

Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous, {*serious and significant*}. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

The agents of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and *the final movements will be rapid ones.*" ⁵

Praying for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit is not only mandatory, but paramount if we are to move forward with God's plan for His church—especially in the end time in which we are living.

Conditions for Receiving God's Spirit & Answered Prayer!

Yes friends, there are conditions and requirements that must be met for our petitions and supplications to be manifested in our lives, for Christ's sake. Sound legalistic-NO, it is written in God's Word.

“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.”

⁵ E. G. White. Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 11-17

Repent and be baptized, then we receive the Holy Ghost. ⁶ God gives the Holy Ghost to them that obey Him. ⁷ When we put away our sins then God will hear our petitions. ⁸ Our prayers should not be selfish, but glorify God. ⁹

Please do not confuse loving obedience with legalism. Satan wants you to believe you are powerless to live a sanctified Spirit-filled life! Remember we can do *all things through Christ*. ¹⁰

“The Holy Spirit flatters no man; neither does it work according to the devising of any man. Finite, sinful men are not to work the Holy Spirit. When it shall come as a reprovor, through any human agent, whom God shall choose, *it is man’s place to hear and obey its voice.*” ¹¹

“Faith, Fact, and Feeling”

“We must not arbitrarily mark out in advance the precise channel. It is easy to form preconceptions which have no warrant in the Bible. Many are looking for physical feelings-joyous thrills and marvelous spiritual shocks-which, if they do not have they are disheartened.

⁶ Acts 2:38

⁷ Acts 5:32

⁸ Isaiah 59:1&2

⁹ John 14:13-16

¹⁰ Philippians 4:13; Hebrews 4: 15&16

¹¹ Testimonies to Ministers, p. 65.

Really, the filling of the Spirit was not meant to be extraordinary. It is the heritage for Christians, *daily enabling us to live a holy life and serve effectually, as well as to meet crises by special inducements.*¹²

**Don't become spiritually shipwrecked-You CAN
put away ALL sin through
GOD'S SANCTIFYING POWER!
Then, HE will Listen.**



¹² LeRoy E. Froom. Coming of the Comforter, pp. 155, 156.

