Praying To Change History
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Seven Basic Conditions
For Answered Prayer
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I. God’s Willingness To Answer Prayer
   A. Prov. 15:8—The prayer of the upright is his delight.
   B. Song 2:14—Let me hear thy voice . . .
   C. Also: Matt. 7:7–8, 21:22; Mark 11:24; John 14:13–14, 15:7, 16:24

II. Basic Conditions
   A. In the name of Jesus
      John 14:13–14; Rom. 8:32; Phil. 4:19; 2 Cor. 1:20
   B. With praise and thanks
      Ps. 100:4; Is. 60:18; Phil. 4:6
   C. Without condemnation = **boldly**
      Ps. 66:18; 1 Tim. 2:8; Heb. 4:16; 10:19
   D. Right motive: God’s glory
      James 4:2–3; John 14:13; 2 Cor. 1:20
   E. Right relationships
      1. Matt. 6:12—“Forgive us . . . as we forgive . . .”
      2. Also: Mark 11:25–26; 1 Pet. 3:7
   F. Directed by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14, 26–27; Eph. 3:20)
   G. According to God’s Word
      1. 1 Chron. 17:23—“Do as thou hast said . . .”
      2. Luke 1:38—“Be it unto me according to thy word . . .”

III. Result
   A. Matt. 18:19–20—Prayer “symphony”
      1. Conductor: the Holy Spirit
      2. Score: God’s will revealed in God’s Word
   B. 1 Pet. 3:7—Primary “cell”: husband and wife
Intervening By Prayer In National Affairs

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I. Review Seven Basic Conditions Leading To Prayer “Symphony”

II. Score: 1 Tim. 2:1–4
   A. First of all: prayer
      1. For: all in authority
      2. That: we may lead a quiet and peaceable life (i.e., good government)
   B. Good government is God’s will because:
      1. God desires all to be saved
      2. Therefore all must hear the gospel
      3. Good government makes it easier to spread the gospel

III. Score: 1 John 5:14–15
   A. If we ask anything according to God’s will, we know that:
      1. God hears us
      2. We have our petition
   B. Good government is God’s will—if we pray for it we know:
      1. God hears us
      2. We have our petition
   C. If we do not have good government, it is because . . .

IV. Making History By Prayer—Personal experience
   A. 1943—North Africa: Battle of El Alamein
   B. 1948—State of Israel
   C. 1953—Stalin and the Jews in Russia
   D. 1960—Kenya and independence

V. Score: 2 Chron. 7:14
   A. Four things God requires from us:
      1. Humble ourselves
      2. Pray
      3. Seek His face
      4. Turn from our wicked ways
   B. Three things God will do for us:
      1. Hear
      2. Forgive
      3. Heal our land
   C. Has God failed? Or have we?

Fasting Precipitates God’s Latter Rain

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I. Score: Ezek. 36:24–30
   A. “I will” 17 times
      1. Ezek. 36:37—“I will yet for this be inquired of. . .”
2. God’s predestined purpose provokes man’s free response according to God’s foreknowledge.

II. God’s Purpose For Us
   A. Restoration through the outpoured Spirit (Acts 2:17; Joel 2:25)
   B. Our response to God’s Spirit:
      1. Prayer and fasting (Joel 1:14; 2:12, 14)
      2. Sealed by God’s “Afterward...” (Joel 2:28)

III. Fasting for Restoration
   A. Daniel: “I understood... I set my face... by prayer... with fasting...” (Dan. 9:2–3)
   B. Ezra: “I proclaimed a fast... Our God was entreated of us...” (Ezra 8:21–23)
   C. Nehemiah: “I wept... mourned... fasted... prayed...” (Neh. 1:4)
   D. Esther: “Gather together... fast... three days...” (Est. 4:16–17)

IV. Results Of Fasting
   A. Self-denial (Matt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 9:25–27)
   B. Self-humbling (Ps. 35:13; 69:10)
   C. Right priorities (Matt. 6:33)
   D. Dependence upon God (2 Chron. 20:3, 12). Leading to: divine intervention

V. Fasting In The New Testament
   A. Taught by Jesus (Matt. 6:16–18; Mark 2:18–20)
   B. Practiced by:
      1. Jesus (Matt. 4:1–2)
      3. Apostles and churches (Acts 14:23)
      4. Paul (2 Cor. 6:4–5; 11:27)

Spiritual Weapons For Spiritual Warfare

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I. Diagram To Illustrate Spiritual Warfare

   A. Satan seeks to control earth’s rulers and empires
   B. It is our responsibility to restrain and cast down Satan’s kingdom

II. Spiritual Weapons (2 Cor. 10:3–5)
   A. Eph. 6:17—The Word of God
   B. Ps. 8:1–2—The name of Jesus (Matt. 21:16)
   C. Rev. 12:11—The blood of Jesus
   D. Through:
      1. Prayer
      2. Praise
      3. Preaching
      4. Testimony

III. Jehoshaphat’s Weapons (2 Chron. 20)
A. Proclaimed a fast (v. 3)
B. Gathered God’s people (v. 4)
C. Prayer—based on God’s Word (vv. 5–12)
D. Prophecy (vv. 14–17)
E. Praise (vv. 19–22)
F. Result: total victory (vv. 23–25)

God’s Atomic Weapon: The Blood Of Jesus

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I. Introduction
A. Rev. 12:7–13—These events are still in the future.
B. They represent the climax of the spiritual warfare already revealed in Daniel 10.

Review diagram from previous study.

II. How To Overcome Satan
A. Testify personally to what the Word says that the Blood does for you
B. Ex. 12:1–28—Analogy of the Passover

III. Application Of The Blood
A. Eph. 1:7 Redeemed (see also Ps. 107:2)
   Forgiven
B. 1 John 1:7 Cleansed
C. Rom. 5:9 Justified
   Made righteous
   “Just-as-if-I’d never sinned”
D. Heb. 13:12 Sanctified
   Made holy
   Set apart to God
E. 1 Cor. 6:19–20 The believer’s body is the temple of the Holy Spirit
   Therefore Satan has no power over me
   and no place in me.
F. 1 John 5:6–8—The Spirit, the water (= the Word) and the blood must be brought together
   by our testimony. It is the Spirit that bears witness to the Word and the blood.
I. Seven Distinctive Marks Of The True Church As She Will Appear At The Close Of This Age (Eph. 5:25–27; 3:14–19)
   A. Glorious
   B. Holy
   C. Without blemish
   D. Unity of faith
   E. Christ acknowledged
   F. Maturity
   G. Fullness (compare Eph. 3:14–19)

II. Isaiah’s Portrait Of This Church Emerging At The Close Of This Age (Isaiah 59:19–20; 60:1–5)
   A. The enemy comes in . . . the Spirit uplifts Christ (59:19)
   B. God’s people turn back to Him in repentance (59:20)
   C. The Spirit permanently restored (59:21)
   D. The earth: Darkness . . . the church: Glory (60:1–2) (compare Gen. 15:5; Song 6:10; Rev. 22:11)
   E. Nations and their rulers turn to the church (60:3)
   F. The young people come in (60:4) (compare Acts 2:17)
   D. The church’s reaction (60:5):
      1. Thou shalt see . . . flow together . . .
      2. Thine heart shall fear and be enlarged
      3. Result: abundant wealth

IV. Pattern From Solomon’s Temple (1 Chron. 28–29)
   A. Pattern and provision (28:11–18)
   B. Gold given by David: (29:1–5)
      \[3,000 \text{ talents} \times 25,000 = 75,000,000\]
   C. Gold given by fathers: (29:6–7)
      \[5,000 \text{ talents} \times 25,000 = 125,000,000\]
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      \text{Total gold} = 200,000,000
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V. Promise of restoration of God’s house (Hag. 2:6–9)
   A. Heaven, earth, nations shaken (vv. 6–7)
   B. Nations’ treasures brought to God’s house (v. 7)
   C. Silver and gold belong to God (v. 8)
   D. To be used for the glory of God’s house (v. 9)
   E. Matt. 24:14—The church’s last great obligation: to bring this gospel of the kingdom to all nations.

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