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THE INVINCIBLE ARM OF PREVAILING PRAYER

Bible Reading: Genesis 32:1-30

Prayer is broad: thanksgiving, worship, petition, supplication, intercession, warfare, etc. We focus today on prevailing prayer: praying till the mountains move, till results come. It is not bound to time or place; it is results that count. All may pray but not all prevail. Prevailing prayer is a choice just like faith is. We pray in the measure of the faith we have in the deity we believe. Prevailing prayer works because God commands it; it is the key to great breakthroughs personally and collectively. **“And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed”** (Gen 32:28).

PERTINENT SITUATIONS THAT DEMAND PREVAILING PRAYER Genesis 32:9-12

The arms of prevailing prayer are wide and long; there is hope for you if you engage therein. It is needed:

1. To understand God’s mind or will in a serious situation or case (Gen 25:20-24; 2 Sam 21:1; Dan 2:13-19; 9:1-3; 10:1-3,11-14; Acts 13:1-3). You can be severely punished if you just go on without tarrying till you know God’s will in crucial cases, decisions or actions (Pro 22:3; Hos 4:6; Eph 5:17).
2. To overcome a strong temptation, adversary or battle (Gen 32:11,24-29; Mark 14:32-42 cf. Heb 5:6-9; Luke 18:1-8; 2 Cor 12:7-9). Prevailing prayer will lift you above mountains, troubles and barriers.
3. To reverse a condition, sentence or verdict that is unfavourable, distressing or devastating (Gen 18:20-33; 19:29; Deu 9:12-20; Eze 22:29-31; Acts 12:5; Rom 9:1-5 cf. 10:1). It makes a difference!
4. To establish God’s will in an individual, a family, Church, or nation (1 Sam 12:23; Luke 22:31,32; Col 1:9-11; 4:12; Jam 5:17,18). Prevailing prayer changes men, delivers families, establishes Churches and preserves ministers. It meets material and spiritual needs. It is powerful, practicable and profitable.

PRACTICAL STEPS IN DECISIVE, PREVAILING PRAYER Genesis 32:11,24-30

Prevailing prayer avails. It works on God’s principles. As a cook needs both ingredients and skills to succeed, so also it is for prevailing prayer. You must understand its principles and go skilfully and diligently at it.

1. **Ingredients of prevailing prayer:**
 - a. **A clear case** that demands prayer (Mat 6:7,8; 1 Sam 1:26,27): Prayer is to ask God to do what only He can do. You should not ask God to do your duty or what He already commanded you to do. The case must be concrete so you know what the expected result should be.
 - b. **A clear conscience** that does not harbour or regard sin in the heart or hold grudge or unfor-giveness against any man (Psa 66:18; Isa 59:1,2; 58:3-7; Mat 6:14,15; 1 John 3:20-22). If iniquity is there, spell and spue it out. God does not compromise with sin; yet He is merciful to forgive when you turn to Him humbly and honestly. He will answer your prayer.
 - c. **A prepared heart** that waits on God for as long as it takes to receive His answer (Hab 2:1-3).
 - d. **A ready mind** that puts confidence in God’s power and faithfulness and is prepared to take God’s answer and do what He says (1 Sam 1:17,18; Jer 10:23; Job 42:7-10; 2 Cor 12:7-9).
2. **Instruction for prevailing prayer:**
 - a. **Desire** (Gen 27:46; Pro 30:15,16): The situation must change. Refuse to accept or ‘manage’ it. Complaining about it or celebrating it will not do. Be determined to change your lot.
 - b. **Demand** (Isa 41:21; Luke 18:1-8; at 15:22-28): Pray till you know what to do, till you receive needed help for the situation. Pray with searching the scriptures to know God’s view about it and His promises for you (Heb 11:6). Pray until the assurance comes (1 Sam 1:17-19).
 - c. **Discern** (1 Sam 30:7,8,11-19; Job 42:10; Hab 2:1-3; Acts 12:5-11,17; 27:21-26,30-32,42-44): Go ahead once the assurance of answer has come or you have received clear direction. Follow the steps that God has revealed and will reveal. It could be a direct answer (healing, deliverance, provision, etc.). Or an enabling, where God helps you to do what is needed to change the situation (change of lifestyle, education, forgiving someone, making a consecration, ser-vice to others, specific attitude change, exercise, etc.). Prayer does not cancel duty.

“For with God nothing shall be impossible” – Luke 1:37