

RESTORATION

& The Power of Prayer



A dramatic scene featuring a person in a dark, flowing robe kneeling on a stone floor, arms raised in prayer. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing a large, dark, textured wall. A bright, vertical beam of light emanates from a crack in the wall, creating a strong contrast with the dark surroundings. The floor is made of large, rectangular stone tiles. The overall atmosphere is one of solemnity and spiritual seeking.

WHY PRAY?



A dramatic scene with a person in prayer. The background is split vertically. The left side is a warm, textured orange-brown. The right side is a deep blue with vertical light streaks. A bright blue light source, resembling a crack in a dark surface, is at the top center, casting light downwards. In the lower-left foreground, a person in a dark robe with a light-colored sash is kneeling on a stone floor, arms raised in prayer. The floor is made of large, irregular stone tiles.

WHY PRAY?

SLIDE DECK





Therefore, believers, since we have confidence and full freedom to enter the Holy Place [the place where God dwells] by [means of] the blood of Jesus, by this new and living way which He initiated and opened for us through the veil [as in the Holy of Holies], that is, through His flesh...

Hebrews 10:19-22 AMP

The curtain to
the Holy of
Holies was torn
from top to
bottom.



...and since we have a great and wonderful Priest [Who rules] over the house of God, let us approach [God] with a true and sincere heart in unqualified assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-22 AMP

The curtain to the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom.



ALTAR OF THE HEAVENLIES

HE TOOK ME back into the chamber that housed the stone replica of the Temple. “That,” he said, pointing to his right, “is the brazen altar, the altar on which the sacrifices were offered up and by which the people were reconciled to God. On the Day of Atonement, after the sacrifice was complete, the high priest would take the blood and enter through those two golden doors into the holy place. He would then go beyond the veil into the holy of holies where he would sprinkle the blood on the ark of the covenant in between the wings of the golden cherubim. Everything begins with the altar. What does it foretell, the altar of sacrifice?”

“The offering of the final sacrifice,” I said, “the sacrifice of Messiah.”

“On what altar?” he asked.

“On the altar of the cross.”

“Yes,” he said. “The cross is the ultimate and cosmic altar of the ultimate and cosmic sacrifice, the Lamb of God. But the altar of sacrifice was only one part of the Temple. What about the rest?”

“What do you mean?”

“People see the cross as if it was the end of salvation. But the altar of sacrifice was never the end, but the beginning. It is the altar of sacrifice that gives access, the ability to enter through the Temple doors, to walk beyond the veil, and to stand in the holy of holies. The altar begins the journey. So then, the cosmic altar must give you cosmic access . . . that you might begin a cosmic journey. The altar of Messiah’s sacrifice gives you access to go where you never could go before, to open doors you never before could open, to enter into that which you never before could enter, and to walk a path you never before could walk. This cosmic altar gives you the power to enter the realm of the holy and, in the Spirit, to stand in the heavenly places, in the holy of holies, in the actual dwelling place of God. Learn the mystery and the magnitude of this altar and enter beyond the veil . . . For if the altar of sacrifice opened the way that one might dwell in the holy place, then the altar of Messiah’s sacrifice has opened the way for you to dwell in the heavenlies . . . and the realms of glory.”

The Mission: Bring your life totally inside the cross. It is a doorway. Use its access to go where you never could before.

Exodus 40:6; Leviticus 16:12–14; Hebrews 4:14–16; 10:19–23

The Lamb Mysteries I–VI



WHY PRAY?

The Door is Opened To Us for Powerful Prayer

It is through the redeeming power of Jesus Christ, **the atonement of the cross** that **we can stand before God in prayer** —the door was opened to the Throne Room of God.

*“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

Hebrews 4:16



WHY PRAY?

The Door is Opened To Us for Powerful Prayer

Jesus has no limits. Through His redemption we dare not limit God *by our feeble (limited) understanding, but rather embrace this Divine opportunity to come into the Throne room before Him in the name of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.*

“The Cross is not the cross of a man but the Cross of God, and the Cross of God can never be realized in human experience. The Cross is the exhibition of the nature of God, the gateway whereby any individual of the human race can enter into union with God. When we get to the Cross, we do not go through it; we abide in the life to which the Cross is the gateway.”

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost For His Highest



WHY PRAY?

The New Covenant and Prayer

“The fulfilment of the great promises of the new covenant is made dependent on prayer.

To us in our unbelief and our judging of the meaning of God’s Word according to human thought and experience, there is no expectation of these promises being truly fulfilled. We do not believe that God means these promises to be literally true. We do not have the faith that in the mighty power of God that is waiting to make His promise true in our experience.”

God’s Best Secrets, Andrew Murray



WHY PRAY?

The New Covenant and Prayer

“And God has said that without such faith our experience will be but very partial and very limited. He has graciously pointed THE WAY (emphasis added) in which such faith can be found.

It is the path of much prayer.”



WHY PRAY?

Prayer is power beyond the temporal world

Our human reasoning limits our faith. We are oftentimes guilty of putting God-in-a-box of our own perspective, rather than...*leaning not on our own understanding, but (rather) trusting in the Lord with all of our hearts. (Proverbs 3:5)* From head knowledge to the heart of faith we overcome.

Faith will lead you where reason cannot walk. We are defeated by the enemy through our reasoning, but *in simple child-like faith in God and His Word* the enemy has no power.

Prayer is the bond that keeps hold of the foundation. An effective prayer life can and will move mountains.



The Power of Prayer

By prayer we are led by the Holy Spirit and empowered to:

- I. Stand firmly in The Cornerstone ([Ephesians 2:19-22](#))
- II. Understand The Real Battle ([Eph 6:12](#), [2 Cor 10:3-5](#))
- III. Walk in Our Inheritance by Way of the Cross ([Eph 1:11-14](#))
- IV. Overcome – Victorious in Christ ([1 Corinthians 15:57](#))
 - 1. The World Belief System ([1 John 2: 15-17](#); [5:4](#))
 - 2. The Flesh ([Galatians 5:16-17](#))
 - 3. The Devil ([Luke 10:19](#))



The Power of Prayer

As a true Believer in Jesus Christ,
our highest and greatest calling is prayer.

*The prayer of a Righteous Man
is powerful and effective.*

James 5:16



Kinds of Prayer

- ❖ **Simple Petition** – lifting our words in Jesus' name to the heart of love. (John 14:13)
- ❖ **Persistent tenacious prayer** – that will not yield until the answer comes. (Mark 11:24)
- ❖ **Prevailing prayer** – that overcomes every obstacle, finally landing the answer in the harbor of God's peace. (1 John 4:4, Revelation 11:12)
- ❖ **Battle prayer** – with its tears and agony, an intense yearning leading to an understanding of absolute surrender. (Romans 12:1)



Kinds of Prayer

- ❖ **Quiet prayer of faith** – whose voice is never lifted above a whisper but whose persistent faith shakes the very throne of heaven. (James 5:13-16)
- ❖ **Prayer without ceasing** – that is in continual communion with God in both asking and perceiving. (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)
- ❖ **Intercessory Prayer** – that stands in the gap for others before God's Throne with Christ as Kings and Priests. (John 17)



Kinds of Prayer

- ❖ **Prayer that pleases the Lord** – the most important form of prayer is intimate personal communion which is not simply in the form of a monologue of request and petitions but of dialogue with our Most High God so that we may know and trust Him. (Jeremiah 29: 12-13, John 10:27)



Prayer as Dialogue

Talking with God which includes both bearing our heart and soul,
then LISTENING to Him.

Fellowship with the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit

BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP -- A LOVE RELATIONSHIP!

Acquiring trust that can only be found in relationship.



The Battle of Surrender

The challenge for you is to “*lean not on your own understanding*”, but by means of trusting in God with all of your heart, with all of your mind, with all of your soul the Holy Spirit will testify to your spirit (Proverbs 3:5-6).

The Holy Spirit is your Teacher; and you are in *His school of prayer*.



Armor Up, One Day at a Time!

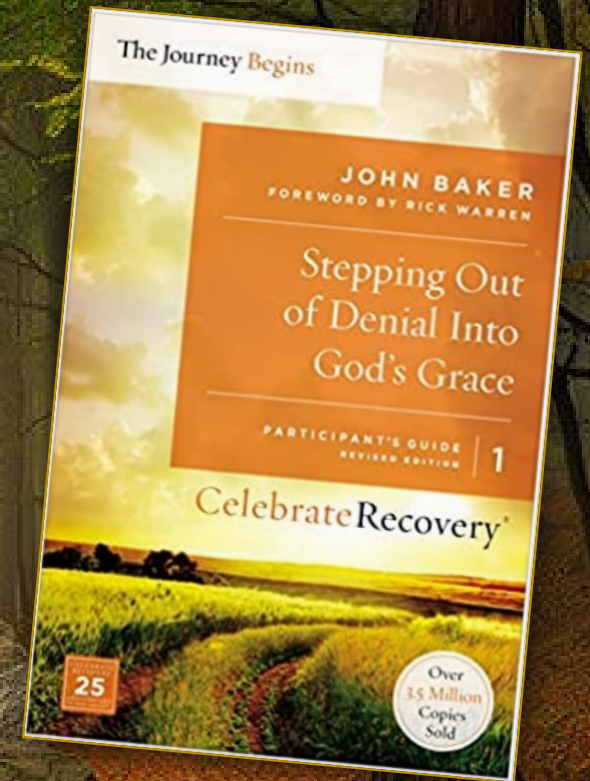
- Like the Israelites in the wilderness; we are given manna from heaven one day at a time. Our manna is God's amazing Grace new and abundant each day.
- Our part is to "Armor up" in and through prayer each, and every day, one day at a time.
- Begin your day by setting aside a "period of time" (the most valuable thing we have is our time) and simply be with the Lord in prayer.



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Celebrate Recovery Books (Participant Guides) 1-4

Book 1 – Stepping Out of Denial & Into God's Grace



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