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### Passionate Pray #3

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In reviewing the last few messages that we have heard, we are starting with the necessary scriptures that lay the foundation for the teaching. Prayer has been defined as how to commune with God and we have learned that in the beginning, God had given all authority and dominion to Adam to rule and govern this earth in the garden of Eden but because of Adam giving up that authority and giving it over to the enemy, after being deceived, he lost his authority and dominion to what is known as sin. Satan became the god of this world having the dominion and authority but through the plan of salvation that God had, Jesus comes on the scene and with His crucifixion defeated the enemy and all the demons in hell and restored that authority to those who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. Had Satan known what Gods plan was, he would never have allowed Jesus to be crucified.

It appears that God can do nothing unless someone asks Him. Prayer is that tool that enables God to carry out his plans and purposes in the earth because man now has dominion and authority that has been restored to him. God works through man in prayer to carry out those plans and purposes and even though we say that God is able, which is true, it is still through faith that moves the hand of God and not a need. When a believing heart comes before God in prayer and stays persistent then he will receive that petition that he has ask.

1 John 5:14-15 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." KJV

In order to be confident and have faith in our prayers we must be convinced or know what the will of God is, sometimes we know what to pray for but don't know how to pray. The following scripture answers that question for us.

Rom 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be

uttered." KJV

What is the will of God? A will or testament is a legal instruction for the disposition of property. We get excited about what might be in the will for us, but the bible or the word is the will for our lives and is Gods will for us.

John 15:7 "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." KJV

John 15:7 "But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done." PASSION

Jon 15:1-6 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." KJV

Jesus is the trunk and the believers are the branches. He is talking about the importance of staying connected in order to bear much fruit, continually abiding in the word. The life in the trunk flows into the believer.

It is through prayer that the will of God is carried out here in the earth.

Ezek 22:30-31 "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. 31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God." KJV

Things were not going well for the children of Israel and God had sought out someone who might stand in the gap and pray or intercede for them but was unable to find anyone. He had told them earlier what was to happen if changes were not made, they knew about the cursings and the blessings and that they would be destroyed because of their actions but He would not destroy the land. When people are found that can pray, things will begin to happen.

"My prayer calls forth what He has willed but can't release until someone calls upon His name" is a powerful statement, puts the responsibility back on man. Prayers will

release what God has already willed to happen here in the earth, without praying people that is not going to happen. The secret of many ministries is because of the prayers going forth, prayer is the engine that drives the church, opens doors, causes restoration to take place and for people to be saved.

James 5:16-18 "Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a \*righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. 17 Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. 18 And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual]" AMP

Many believers at sometime have felt unworthy to pray, not able to pray the prayer of faith and so did nothing. We have been made the \*righteousness of God because of the will that has been given to us and therefore are able to ask forgiveness and are given the ability to pray with tremendous power, believing for answers. Get things made right and then we can come boldly and ask and we will receive because we are in right standing. Read the will!

1 John 3:20-22 " For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." KJV

\*2 Cor 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." KJV

\*Rom 5: 1 "Therefore, since we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)." AMP

We see that Elijah was a human just like us, having feelings in the natural that would cause him to look at the situations around him and feel like that he was the only one doing anything and let fear come upon him. Elijah had a tremendous prayer life and relationship with God. He challenged the prophets of Baal, killing all of them after calling down fire from heaven, Ahab and Jezebel were wanting to kill him, he had prayed there would be no rain for a period of 3 1/2 years and until he prayed again

there was none. He never died but was taken up to heaven in a firey chariot. God was using Elijah as the channel to His plan. He never meant for there to be a drought, the plan was that the earth bear fruit abundantly. (read about his life in 1st Kings chapters 18 and 19)

1 Kings 18:41 "And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain." KJV

1 Kings 18:1 "And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth." KJV

1 Kings 19:1-2 "And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time." KJV

Prayer is the vehicle that God uses to carry out or manifest His plan and purpose here in the earth. Elijah had confidence in his prayer, knowing that God had heard him and that it was going to rain. There was a display of hinderances being removed, the prayer was dynamic in its working.

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(By changing the comma in the verse, this can be read two different ways, punctuation was put in by the translators discretion)

Some translations say that when intercessors are praying, the Spirit of the Lord will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives. When Gods people pray a mighty work can be done, restoration will come, His plans will never change. The plan that He has for us will never change, there may be circumstances arise but prayer will put us back on track and put us in the place that God has for us.

Pro 3:20 "By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew." KJV

Praying for rain but binding the destruction force of hail that is sometimes produced,

hail is not part of Gods plan. By knowing the will of God we are given the right to expect to receive rain and not the hail. Praise the Lord for the abundant supply of rain we receive.