

Thursday, March 10, 2022

“Receive”

Opening Prayer

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Offering Prayer

- Every **second** and **fourth** Sunday evenings in March, we will present: **“At the Table with PD”** on-line at 6PM, this Sunday evening. You are invited.

Prayer requests/Prayer for the elements:

Communion

1 Cor. 11:23-26

“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you, eat this in remembrance of Me.” Let us eat together.

25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” Let us drink together.

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.” NASB

My Prayer for You

First, I pray that each member of the Body of Christ both here and abroad will take a stand against what is being perpetrated by the enemy of their soul in this nation. As the sons of God may they stand on the wall as watchmen and women. That in taking that place they would take authority over the sin that can so easily beset a nation of believers. I pray that abortion, the taking of a fetus before it is delivered will stop. It is against the will of God for humanity to murder, take a life or abort what God has designed as a human life. Lord, I pray that forgiveness would come to those who have and now see the error of what God has created. Let peace and forgiveness reign in them in place of the sorry they feel over having committed this in the past.

Second, I pray that in this house, the members of it would understand that God values every life. That no matter what a person has done in life that God can and will forgive. Please show us the way to minister to the homosexual, not as condemnatory, but out of love as You love. Allow us to see them through Your eyes and to embrace them as You would. Not their sin, but the life given to them by You. Let us see that

their sin is no greater than the sins of gluttony, gossip and malicious conversation, so that we realize the value, not of accepting a lifestyle, but of showing them the love of God and loving them through it and out of it. Give us a heart of love as your heart loves, in Jesus' name...

Third, my prayer for this people is that adultery, pornography and fornication be broken over them and their households. That their relationships and community involvement would be pure and holy. May they be an example of the love of God throughout their neighborhoods, their family unit and their first loves. That pornography would be exposed and break the ties of mental thoughts that would control them and be brought back to them through what they have viewed in the past. Break it, Lord, break it. Shoot down the emotions that run through them Father and restore the purity of their minds as one who has just been born to righteousness. Let the purity of Your heart be found in them.

Fourth, like Nineveh, we need to humble ourselves and pray. May our dedication be to the Kingdom of God, may we pray for our nation to rise out of the dust of corruption and once again consider God as a Christian nation. May the sin and corruption of a proud nation be exposed and may we turn to prayer and humble ourselves before You. As it is written in 2 Chronicles 7:14, may we turn from our wicked ways, humble ourselves and pray. Then and only then will You hear from heaven, heal our land and take Your rightful place as Lord of our lives and God of our nation.

Fifth, my prayer is that this body of believers would stand strong when the winds of discontent and idleness come blowing through. Having done all that we know to do let us stand before our great and glorious Father, God and watch as He works while we rest. Give us the strength to stand in the evil day and to trust in Your sovereignty, knowing that

the One who has started a good thing is us will be faithful to the day that it is completed in us. Let us fast and pray in accordance with Your Word knowing that God will open doors in our situations of life that we have not seen in the past and that His promises will be on display in our lives every day.

Sixth, help us to realize that what we need in this life is greater clarity from You. For that clarity, we must develop fresh relationship with You as God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit for there to be unity in this place. Let us see that in our fasting and prayers that all the stuff that accumulates over time and cuts off Your voice to our hearts, will be opened once again and we will have clear fellowship with You going forward. Let us run hard after the things of God and deny the works of the flesh in us.

Seventh, my prayer is that they will make time to pray to You even when they do not feel like it, knowing that the prayers of a righteous man or woman for that matter are ordained by God. May they find Your faithfulness to them to be without limit and without boundaries in love. May they abound to every good work in word, life and in witness. Grow them to exponential expressions of the love of God in these last days. That those around them would know who they serve and whom they love.

Eighth, may they honor You with their thoughts, their prayers, their coming in and going out. May they prove You to be all that You have said You would be for them in life. Break down the walls that discouragement has built over the years that they may know that You are not disappointed in them, but that Your mercies are new, fresh and extravagant every morning. May blessing come into their homes. May strength abound in them and their offspring.

Ninth, my prayer is that we may stand in the holy places of God with clean hands and a pure heart as Psalm 24:3 states. That in this world we will be instruments of the glory and presence of God. Let this body of believers be so filled with the Spirit of God that they will bring joy into their homes and not dissention and division. Create in us Your heart, Your Life and Your love and as sons of God may we always and forever shine as the light of Christ Jesus our Lord lights the way for us in this dark world. May their faces radiate with the love of God, so much so that people will ask them what they have and how they can get it.

Tenth, and finally, as has been prayed in past prayers, I pray that this house, their house and their bodies which are the temple of God be found blameless and holy. That no disease, sickness, depression, oppression, evil thought, confusing thoughts, condemning thoughts, no harsh words, or hateful remarks come from their lips or on their bodies. These are Your people, the sheep of the pasture of God and as Christ is the “Good Shepherd” may they find rest in the green pastures of His goodness toward them. All these things we pray in the mighty name of our blessed redeemer, the One who in giving His life for us gave eternal life as a result of accepting that gift of salvation. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior we pray, AMEN!

Script: Galatians 6:7-10 NET

“Do not be deceived. God will not be made a fool. For a person will reap what he sows,

8 because the person who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

9 So we must not grow weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not give up.

10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the family of faith.”

Flesh and Spirit

I. “Prayer Changes Things...While Fasting Helps You Gain Dominion/Authority Over the Flesh.

- I’ve titled this flesh and Spirit for the simple reason that prayer changes things in the spirit realm and through fasting we have authority and dominion over the flesh. I guess the proper way to describe it is to say that we gain our authority from the One who has all authority and the One who has all dominion in heaven and earth. If all authority was given to Jesus and Jesus gave that authority to the disciples, then being disciples of Christ, we have authority over this flesh. Listen, this flesh doesn’t have to control you and me. We think it stronger than it is. Take authority over the flesh and do with it what the Lord commands. Fast and pray because the fervent prayer of a righteous man can change things. And fasting can circumvent the flesh and allow you to remain in the Spirit.
- Paul states that you can’t change the declaration of God. (God will not be mocked.) Deception leads us away from the authority that God has given us through Jesus Christ. If you sow good...you will reap good. If you sow seeds of doubt and unbelief, you will reap nothing in return. Does a farmer doubt that if the conditions are right and soil turned that what he puts in the ground will germinate and come to harvest? No, in fact, he waits patiently for the harvest. DQ#1: What does doubt and unbelief do to your planting when harvest time comes? The natural reaction to trouble in your life is thinking that you must have done something wrong. We instantly go there. In fact, it was Job’s friend Eliphaz

who told Job that he must have sown something bad or he wouldn't be going through so much trouble in his life. **Job 4:8;** *“Even as I have seen, those who plow iniquity and those who sow trouble reap the same.”* Job was a man who could stand strong even when his friends told him, just curse God and die. You'd be better off if you did. No, Job wouldn't give in to the flesh. Many times, we are in a very short space of time before the victory over the flesh comes and we give in to it and lose the authority we had to overcome. Paul said; God's not mocked over this so stay the course and say no to flesh, so that through your fasting you will see God as He wants to be seen.

- OK PD, when you fasted did you get great insight into the workings of God? No, not necessarily, but I did reach the place where I was with Him. Just me and Him. In that place, He began to share with me and open up His Word to me in a fresh new way. Paul goes on to say that if you sow to the flesh, with the flesh you will reap corruption. What the sower needs is authority and dominion. Listen, if the farmer owns the ground he stands on, then he has the authority to plant what he wants and he takes that authority and puts seed in the ground. When the one who does not own the ground comes, (the enemy) he has no authority over the ground, because that ground does not belong to him. He (the enemy) will try to convince you and me that he is as much owner of the ground you stand on because he acts out in the flesh, but when the owner takes the authority over what he owns then he can fight off the enemy.
- Come on church...we lose ground because we don't take the authority that was given to us in Christ to withstand all the effects of the squatter (devil). He does not own your ground as a child of God, God does, but the flesh will try to tell you otherwise because

we have not chased the squatter off our land, our ground. It's time to start to take the authority over your life off of the enemy and plant it, sow it squarely in the Kingdom of God where the Spirit resides. If in you, then He is already there. Chase the squatter off, he has not right to your life. THEN: Paul goes on to say that if we plant to the Spirit, we will reap eternal life in the Spirit. Come on church where is the hardship here? We act as if it is so hard to sow our lives into and grounded in the Spirit of God when all that is necessary that we determine that no squatter, no enemy, no devil can keep us out of the Kingdom of God and the eternal life we have in Jesus Christ through the Spirit of God.

DQ#2: What can you use to keep the squatter out of your life?

- Finally, tonight, how often do we lose heart when we see no progress in our lives. You've been planting and sowing, watering, planting again and nothing seems to come to fruit in your life. You've done all you know to do, but it seems nothing is happening. Paul tells the church at Galatia, "*Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.*" Come on church...that's when we grab to opportunity to plant. That's when we begin to sow above and beyond what we have done before or are doing now. Paul said; "*So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the family of faith.*"
- DQ#3: Give some ways that you can take opportunities to sow life in your community or into the house of faith?