

## Prevailing in Prayer III

Prayer honors God; it dishonors self  
*E. M. Bounds "Purpose in Prayer"*

Prayer is communion with God.

Prayer is dialogue with God.

- Vision is strengthened through prayer.

The early disciples had a vision for *"the promise of the Father"*.

Consider *Acts 1:1-14* and *2:1-4*

*NLT Acts 1:1* In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. <sup>3</sup> **During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive.** And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. <sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup> So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. <sup>8</sup> **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**"<sup>9</sup> After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. <sup>10</sup> As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men

suddenly stood among them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!” <sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James). <sup>14</sup> **They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.**

*Acts 2:1* On the day of Pentecost **all the believers were meeting together in one place.** <sup>2</sup> Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. <sup>4</sup> And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

## I

We learn to be with Him in our prayer life. *Mark 3:14-15*

*Mark 3:14* And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, <sup>15</sup> And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

Our prayer life precedes our reaching life.

Our prayer life precedes our prophetic life.

Our prayer life precedes our powerful life.

- P~~riestly~~ ministry precedes prophetic ministry.

## II

These disciples were d~~eveloped~~ in prayer. *Matthew 6:9*

*Matthew 6:9* After this manner therefore pray ye:

These disciples had a d~~esire~~ to pray. *Luke 11:1*

*Luke 11:1* And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

These disciples had a d~~iscipline~~ in prayer. *Acts 1:14*

- They ultimately had a d~~elight~~ in prayer.

## III

*Acts 2:1-4*

They were all with one accord. *Acts 2:1*

*KJV Acts 2:1* And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

- Prayer p~~roduces~~ intimacy.

*Intimacy* is marked by a warm friendship developing through long association.

- We become intimate with the people we pray w~~ith~~.

- We become intimate with the things we pray for.
- We become intimate with the God we pray to.

*Prayer produces intimacy in marriage, family and the church.*