

WHY PRAY PART IV
“LIFE IN AND THROUGH PRAYER”
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INTRODUCTION

- Week One we talked about that there are no giants in prayer. We start small and keep at it! Galatians 6:9
- Week Two we talked about being called to contend.
- Week 3 was on how to pray when we don't have a prayer.
- We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring its power down to earth.
-Andrew Murray

I. LIFE THROUGH PRAYER

- Elijah was human, but his prayers were productive because God had recreated Him - James 5:17-18
- Creation gives us a picture of what happens when God moves over the lives of people - Genesis 1:1-2
- Key: Moved/hovered/swept = *rachaph* (*raw·khaf*)
- When the Spirit works, He is active = produces something.
- Psalm 90:1-2, "...Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth...you are God."
- Isaiah 66:8, "...by the time Jerusalem's birth pains begin, her children will be born..."
- Same words used in Psalm 90 and Deuteronomy 32:10-18.
- The Spirit moved over each of these situations to bring life.

II. OUR PART IN PRAYER

- Our part in prayer means we should be praying for something to be produced!

- Contending/ Intercession = paw·gah = battle, to fall upon, strike down
- Ephesians 6 = picture; we are delivered not from Satan's power but from his authority.
- Colossians 1:13, "For He rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son..."
- The authority Satan gained from Adam, Jesus took back on the cross.

III. PRAYING FOR OTHERS

- If spiritual authority is ours, what do we do with it?
- 2 Corinthians 4:4, "Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe..."
- Pray the blinding away; lift the darkness.
- Acts 26:18, "To open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God..."
- Colossians 2:8-10, "Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense..."
- Creates blindness and pride. We think we don't need God.
- Pray privately. Contend as the Spirit leads.

IV. IN THE END, PRAYER

- First - Prayer is God's work in us.
- Second - Prayer is the life of Jesus coming alive in us; maturity.
- Third - Prayer is faithfulness.

Close

- Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me...to proclaim...that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free..."
- Prayer is where our dedication to God is tested. This is where our destiny is really determined.