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TRANSITIONS IN MINISTRY

PERSISTENT PRAYER - PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

[Luke 18:1-8](#)

“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ ” Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?””

CONTEXT - THIS PARABLE FOLLOWS HIS TEACHING ON THE LAST DAYS

JESUS SPOKE:

VERSE 1 MEN ALWAYS OUGHT TO PRAY AND NOT LOSE HEART

VERSE 7 SHALL GOD NOT AVENGE HIS OWN ELECT?

BENEFITS OF PERSISTENT PRAYER:

PERSISTENT PRAYER KEEPS US IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH GOD

SECRET PLACE COMMUNICATION ENSURES PERSPECTIVE

PATIENT PRAYER Psalm 40:1–4a

“I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth— Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the Lord. Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust,”

CONTEXT - DAVID CRYES OUT TO GOD FOR DELIVERANCE - PROBABLY IN THE WILDERNESS

DAVID LEARNED TO WAIT ON THE LORD AS THE ANOINTED SHEPHERD BOY TENDING THE FLOCK

BENEFITS OF WAITING ON GOD:

HE PULLS US OUT OF THE PIT AND PUTS US ON SOLID GROUND

HE GIVES US A NEW SONG OF PRAISE

MANY WILL RESPOND

PROPHETIC PRAYER [Jonah 2:1-10](#)

“Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish’s belly. And he said: “I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, And He answered me. “Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice. For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me. Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.’ The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head. I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord, my God. “When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple. “Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their own Mercy. But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.” So the Lord...”

CONTEXT - JONAH’S TRANSITION TIME IS IN THE BELLY OF A WHALE - HE IS ON THE BENCH

VERSE 2: “HIS” GOD - WE MUST NEVER FORGET HE IS OUR GOD THE FATHER

VERSE 2: “FISH’S BELLY” - EVERY PLACE AND PREDICAMENT WE CAN FIND THE SECRET PLACE OF HIS PRESENCE

VERSE 4: CAST OUT OF YOUR SIGHT, YET I WILL LOOK AGAIN TOWARD YOUR HOLY TEMPLE. - **NO MATTER WHAT WE HAVE DONE OR EXPERIENCED WE CAN MEET HIM IN THE SECRET PLACE**

VERSE 9: THE PROPHETIC SACRIFICE WITH THE VOICE OF THANKSGIVING - **JONAH BELIEVES AND ANTICIPATES DELIVERANCE AND THANKS GOD IN ADVANCE**

PRAY PROPHETICALLY -

[REV 19:10](#) THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

LET'S CLOSE WITH THE PRAYERS OF JESUS

YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

[JOHN 17:13-22](#)

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