

52 DAYS OF PRAYER & WORSHIP



DAY 36 – WARNING TO THE WARRIORS OF CHRIST: SATAN COMES TO SIFT YOU AS WHEAT

THE WORD Luke 22:31–32; Jeremiah 17:9; Job 1:6–8

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for believers who are being tested, that their faith does not fail and that Christ's intercession sustains them.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Examine your heart honestly before the Lord. Where weakness is revealed, abide in Him rather than trusting your own strength.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Satan seeks permission to sift those who have crossed from casual belief into covenant commitment. When love for Christ deepens, spiritual opposition intensifies. The enemy's target is not your gifts—but your faith. Sifting separates what is valuable from what is a mixture. Pride, fear, and hidden weakness are exposed under pressure. Peter's bold loyalty gave way to denial because he did not yet understand his own heart. Yet Christ declared, "I have prayed for you." The security of the believer rests not in confidence in self, but in the intercession of Jesus. The enemy mocks covenant devotion, but he cannot sift without permission. Trials refine and reveal. If failure comes, repentance restores. The Lord's purpose remains—to strengthen others once faith has been purified.

Day 36 - Warning to the Warriors of Christ: Satan comes to Sift You as Wheat

Today, we were inspired by a teaching that came from a great man of God, David Wilkerson, who understood the voice of God during his time. Today, the Word of God is still powerful for us. I pray that as you eat this Word, your heart will be changed. Your faith is being tested, and God wants you to know that He has already prayed for you; now, stand strong in your faith in Him.

In **Luke 22:31** He said, "And The Lord said, Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

This is Peter's response and the response of all of us who have crossed the point of no return to our old way of life. We have fallen in love with Jesus, and we love Him so much.

"But he said to Him, Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

Jesus knows all about the power of Satan's weapons to sift Christ's devoted disciples. He knows those who have made the commitment to Him and have said, "I will follow you wherever You go."

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

When we sit in an atmosphere like this and walk closely with Jesus, Satan will come to sift us to turn us from our faith.

Sift - to put through a sieve <sift flour>: to separate or separate out by or as if by putting through a sieve: to go through especially to sort out what is useful or valuable: the evidence often used with through: to scatter by or as if by sifting: to use a sieve to pass or fall as if through a sieve - to remove unwanted items, sieve - a device with meshes or perforations through which finer particles of a mixture (as of ashes, flour, or sand) of various sizes may be passed to separate them from coarser ones, For example -I'm sorry, I have a memory like a sieve. What was your name again?

Now, what was the plan of Satan? To take Peter and separate his heart from Jesus, now he had made a commitment to follow Christ wholeheartedly (his Faith). There was a time when you did not have the strong commitment and love that you have today. In the beginning, you were just a churchgoer who, every now and then, was touched in your heart by the message.

During that time, the enemy keeps you self-consumed with the small ranking spirits that keep you focused on you, on SELF.

That was the season when your life belonged to you and your career, your dreams, your social life, your ministry, and your desires were your priority.

You did not see yourself as being consumed by your desire to achieve your life goals, whether for yourself, your family, or your ministry.

You were doing what was socially expected of anyone who wanted to be “something” in life.

The enemy is fully aware that he can keep us consumed with those things and that he doesn't have to send the higher-ranking spirits to distract us.

But when you make a commitment as Peter did, you become a threat to Satan's kingdom.

Crossing over from being a churchgoer to a committed follower of Christ will bring you into the realm where spiritual warfare is fought with great force on the battleground.

Our love and commitment to Christ have made us prime targets for the enemy. The adversary, the devil, will start sending out assignments against you that will try to shake your faith in commitment. The enemy begins to speak, saying, “Let us deal with their minds and sift them; let us separate them from Christ through fear and their past sins. Let's separate them from what is useful and valuable to Christ. Let us deal with their minds and memories amid the hot fire of trials and testing. Let us send arrows to their mind so they can forget what they have received and forsake their commitment to their Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Look at **Psalms 2:3** "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us." This is his strategy and his plans for those who are wholeheartedly following Christ in all of their ways to inherit the nations and ends of the earth for His possession- for the Kingdom of God.

In David Wilkerson's teaching, Sifted Saints, he said, “In Christ's day, grain workers used a sieve just before they sacked the harvested grain. First, they shoveled wheat into a square box covered with netting. Then they turned the box upside down and shook it violently. The grit and dirt would fall through the netting until only the wheat kernels remained.” (52 Days of Prayer and Worship teaching on Shaking)

The enemy wants to tempt us and to mock God in our commitment by saying, “Are they really in love with you? Are they truly committed in their hearts to you, or is this lip service? Do they really have this kind of radical faith?” For some, he says, “As soon as this fast is over, I will see how committed they are.” But for others, he says, “Let's get them now while they are praying and fasting so that they can give up on their commitment.” The enemy also knows that commitment produces covenant, and he does not want us to have a covenant with God. Church, satan comes to sift us! He does not think our faith is real.

We know that this is the very tactic he used on Job when Satan stood before God mocking His people and accusing them. God knows each one of us intimately, and He knows where we are in our hearts concerning Him. He knew that Peter was not ready for such a challenge, while Job, on the other hand, would stand and not curse God. We need to remember that Satan cannot sift a believer unless he gets permission from God.

Job 1:6-8 “Now there was a day when the sons of god came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also come among them. And The Lord said to Satan, ‘from where do you come?’ So Satan answered The Lord and said, ‘from going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’ Then The Lord said to Satan, ‘have you considered My servant Job, there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns (turns away from) evil?’”

Let’s go to **verse 11**: “But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face.”

Here, God knew that Job was strong enough to receive the challenges of the enemy.

Job 2:9-10 “Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die, but he said, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity? In all this, Job did not sin with his lips.’”

Now let’s look at Peter’s test.

Christ knew that he was not strong, so He told Peter, “I am praying for you”.

Christ Jesus knows where we are in our walk with Him.

He is standing for those who are weak in their faith towards Him.

That is the hope we have in Him today; He is praying for us.

Even though we have seen demons flee from people, and we have done great things in God, He still knows our weaknesses.

We think our gifts and many words to Him are going to keep us, but it is only in abiding with Him faithfully every day of our lives.

We must learn to separate the strengths in our gifts and in self from our walk of commitment to Jesus from our heart; such a commitment requires a discipline of remaining with Him alone.

The adversary always goes after those who will be a threat to the kingdom. He knows we have been set apart for great things for the kingdom of God and that we walk in great authority over the kingdom of darkness. That is why we are being sieved or shaken by the enemy. Everything that can happen to us in this hour is coming to shake our faith in the Lord Jesus

Christ and our commitment to Him. We must be aware of our weaknesses and strengths. Peter did not know his pride or the fears lying low within him. The sifting caused Peter to forget all that he vowed, and it came after he spoke bold words of loyalty to the Lord.

In the hour of darkness, when Christ was about to enter His season of suffering, Peter learned something about himself that Jesus was fully aware of: Peter's fears, in the hour of desperation, dwelt so deeply in him that he would curse and deny Christ. But the Lord knew what was in Peter; he told him that He had prayed for him. Christ is standing in the heavens at the right hand of the Father interceding for us in our weakness because a darkness is coming and we must be ready to stand in the trials of darkness that test of our faith.

We must love God for placing this Scripture in His Word for us today.

In **Luke 22:32**, Jesus said, "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." Jesus is now prophesying to Peter that he had prayed for him concerning something that Peter was about to go through.

Yet the words of our Savior to Peter are encouraging.

He says, "Peter, I know your weaknesses, and I have prayed for you, that you will not lose your faith in Me and your purpose.

Because Peter, you will return to Me because the love is very strong in you for Me.

And Peter, you are still chosen to lead My people.

Father God has not changed His mind to use you greatly to strengthen your brothers in this hour."

The enemy's main target is our FAITH in Christ Jesus. He comes to shake our faith.

Jesus wants the love of God to remain in us. He knew Peter had to be sifted by Satan because the Father had given him permission. So Jesus prayed for him so that his faith would remain. He knew that the ruler of this world would come after those who are called by Father God for a special mission on earth. Therefore, we must abide in Him through every trial and test that is placed before us. We are called to the Kingdom of God to serve Him and Him alone, and we come to sit at His table to dine with Him. We are called to perfect communion with the Lord Jesus, who knows what we need for this journey.

Please go back and read **Luke 22:27-30** because the Lord is speaking to us in a powerful way in this hour. He has made promises to us to be fruitful and multiply in His Kingdom.

I like how it was said in the teaching of David Wilkerson, "Beloved, you don't have to fail as Peter did. As we read his story, we are to be warned by it. But if you've failed. If you've grieved the Lord, run into the arms of Jesus and remember that he is praying for you. Repent, return, and share your experiences with others who are being sifted. Jesus didn't say to Peter,

If you are converted." He said, "When you are converted (strengthened)."

Be strengthened in your faith today! You MUST READ **John 17:9-26**, this will be our prayer focus!

Prayer Focus

- Pray for those who have been given to Christ for the purpose of the kingdom.
- Pray that we know that we belong to Him and we are to glorify Him in our trials.
- Pray that we are no longer of the world and that He will keep us through His name.
- Pray that He will not lose one in the battle against our faith toward Him alone.
- Pray we endure the hatred of the enemy against us because we are not of this world.
- Pray that we will be sanctified by the truth of the Word that He has given us.
- Pray that we are one with Jesus as He is one with the Father!
- Pray that the love that is in Jesus for us will also be in us for Him and others.

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DAY 37 – A PURE RIVER PRODUCING TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE WORD Isaiah 66:1–2; Psalm 1:3; Ezekiel 47:7, 12

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray that the Church would return to the garden—abiding in intimacy, producing righteousness, and bringing healing to the nations.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Meditate on His Word today and ask the Lord to root you more deeply beside His river.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

God seeks a resting place—not in buildings, but in contrite hearts. From Eden to Revelation, the garden and river reveal His desire for intimacy and fruitfulness. We are called to be trees planted by living waters, flourishing in His presence.

The river flows from the sanctuary. When we position ourselves before Him in prayer and worship, the waters deepen—from ankle to overflow. As we remain planted, our leaves do not wither, and our fruit does not fail.

The Lord is gathering trees of righteousness from every background to beautify His sanctuary. Pride uproots; humility plants. Only those rooted in trust will endure drought and heat.

Day 37 - A Pure River Producing Trees of Righteousness

In my time of prayer, the Lord said, "Come up the mountain, there is a beautiful garden beyond the clouds of this great mountain, and a river flows from this garden and feeds the nations." He has said this to me many times, but I always pondered how to get up the mountain.

He has revealed to me that going up the mountain is entering a place as we seek Him to draw near.

We must go up to Him as Moses and many of the prophets did.

Jesus Himself knew the importance of getting away and going up the mountain.

We must pull away from all distractions and position ourselves in prayer and worship before the Lord in a safe, restful place.

He is looking for such a one who will draw near to His heart and be a dwelling place.

Isaiah 66:1-2 "Thus says the Lord: Heaven is My throne and earth is My footstool, where is the house you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist, says the Lord. But on this one will I look; on him who is poor and of contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word."

From the beginning, God was always looking for a resting place; not in the things and buildings of the earth, but in us, in our hearts. He looks throughout the earth seeking one who is poor and of a contrite spirit; one who is broken with humility and who honors His word by being obedient to each word spoken.

Genesis 2:8 "The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed."

God placed Adam in a garden, a place where He could walk with him and share the majesty of His creation. A garden has always been a special and intimate place to the Lord.

Song of **Solomon 6:2-3** "My beloved has gone to his garden to the beds of spices, to feed His flock in the gardens and to gather lilies. I am my beloved, and my beloved is in my mind. He feeds His flock among the lilies."

How beautiful is the picture of Christ, in His garden tending His sheep, and gathering the beauty of His garden to share with us.

God placed man in the garden because He longed to dwell with man in this beautiful place. God placed two important things in the garden that I must mention in this message. The first were two trees and the second is a great river.

Genesis 2:9 "And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

In this lush garden were found two trees that are key to everything that follows in all human history. They were the physical means God used to transact (to carry out) spiritual realities. (Commentary-Spirit-filled life) This statement is so true as you read the Word of God closely. We will look at the importance of those trees for us today.

But let's go to the second important thing in the garden, which is also used to illustrate spiritual realities.

Genesis 2:10 "Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four river heads."

We must see each scripture in the context God gave it to us:

He planted the garden to be an intimate resting place.

He placed man in His garden to be His dwelling place.

He placed trees in the garden that were pleasant to the sight and good for food, providing for their needs in this safe place.

He placed a river to water the garden, which divided into four rivers that would become a healing place.

The garden was God's resting place. He placed man there to share it and His creation with Him. He placed every tree there that looked and tasted good. This was the heart of God from the beginning. Let's journey through the word to see how this applies to us today as we long to fulfill His heart in this resting place. There is so much you can pull from this message, so feel free to let God speak to you on this journey.

2 Corinthians 6:16 "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

This foundational scripture tells us who we are and what Father God always intended for us in His creation. He always wanted us to be close and intimate with Him, by living in us. How much more intimate can we be with Him than sharing oneness of heart?

We are His temple, and He will dwell in us and walk among us. We must have a lifestyle of prayer and worship that produces a consecrated life, so the Lord can dwell in us. He made a covenant with us and told us in **2 Corinthians 6:18**, "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters." This is the longing heart of a Father telling us He wants to fulfill His promises to us in this covenant relationship.

Now, if we are the temple of God, we must look at the temple described in the Old Testament. It will be our guideline for us today, because the ministry of the tabernacle and temple was only a type and symbol of the realities accomplished by Christ. In **Hebrews 8:5**, the priest “served the copy and shadow of the heavenly things as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, ‘See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain’.”

Hebrews 8:6 “But now Christ has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as he is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.”

When Christ died and was resurrected, He did not die for salvation only; He died so He could fulfill the heart of Father God in His covenant promises, which is to give us a new spirit and a new heart. Now we can be one with Him.

Now let’s look at how He took the temple that Solomon built and see how it applies to our lives. Please read I **Kings 6:12-19**

1 Kings 6:13-15 " And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and not forsake My people, Israel. So, Solomon built the temple and finished it. And he built the inside walls of the temple with cedar boards; from the floor of the temple to the ceiling, he paneled the inside with wood; and covered the floor of the temple with planks of cypress.”

The temple was constructed from cedar wood. These are strong evergreen trees that grow to great size and are known for their durability and resistance to pressure and damage.

The Lord is a very detailed God in all that He does. He knew what we needed to build His temple, and He chose the best trees. We are those trees today as we look at the Word of God. We will list many scriptures that Father God placed in the Word to see the importance of the various trees He placed in the garden from the beginning.

Psalms 52:8 “But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.”

Only one kind of tree was planted within the temple's boundaries: a green olive tree, known for its long life. Being planted in the court area, it would experience God's presence for many years.

Jeremiah 11:16, "The Lord called your name, a green olive tree, beautiful in fruit and form." In His eyes, He sees us beautiful and fruitful.

Isaiah 60:13 "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious.”

The glory of the best trees (His people) shall come to you to beautify the place of My sanctuary (a sacred and holy place, a place of worship, part of a church around the altar). As I look at these definitions from Webster, I can see that He wants those trees to

be trees of righteousness, dwelling in a place of worship that surrounds the altar and throne room of God.

Isaiah 61:3 b "That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

The Spirit of the living God is upon us, and we will be called trees of righteousness.

Psalms 92:12-14 "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing" (literally full of oil and sap). Every time I share each scripture, my heart pounds with excitement. My Lord so loves us that He had us in His heart and mind from the beginning, with each tree He created.

We are not through with this awesome journey through His Word, which reveals His truths and heart. Now we must look at the trees and the river that we saw in the gardens.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will it cease from yielding."

We are planted as trees by the river in our trust relationship with Father God. The word trust also means to rest in Him. He wants us to rest in Him as He rests in us.

Psalms 1:3 "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper."

We have been chosen to remain in His Word and meditate on it. Meditation means to ponder to gain understanding and wisdom. When we meditate on His Word day and night, we will be that tree that He has planted to prosper us for His Kingdom.

Please read **Ezekiel 31:3-9**.

He speaks about a nation that He allowed to be great, comparing them to the great and beautiful trees that grew there around the water. He warned them that if they became proud, they would be cut down. In **verse 4**, He speaks of its growth:

"The waters made it grow; underground waters gave it height; with their rivers running around the place where it was planted, and sent out rivulets (a channel, stream) to all the trees of the field."

Some of us have been called to be a great tree for others, yet we have become prideful. If we do not repent, we will be cut down by Him. Remember, the one God is looking to dwell with has a broken, humble, and contrite spirit.

Ezekiel 19:10 "Your mother was like a vine in your bloodline, planted by the waters, fruitful and full of branches because of many waters."

He is speaking of Israel as a nation and how He made her a great tree. She was a strong tree with strong branches that reached high, because He had chosen her to stand above all other trees.

We must know who we are in our relationship with Father God and our Lord Jesus. We were chosen for His glory alone, to show His heart to the nations by flowing with them.

Isaiah 41:17-20 "The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, their tongues fail for thirst. I, the Lord, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree, the myrtle and the olive tree; I will set the desert the cypress tree and the pine and the box tree together. That they may see and know, and consider and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it."

This is the most beautiful message in the bible to me. I hear His heart for those who are poor and needy; He desires to give them water in their wilderness place. He will cause them to grow into great trees and then gather all the various trees together. Only He can do this in this hour. He will bring all kinds of denominations, races, economic backgrounds... in one place for His glory. Yes, Lord, You will open the rivers in our desert places.

In we heard many sermons on **Ezekiel 47:1**, now we can see this scripture differently. The water was flowing from under the temple threshold toward the east. The water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. "Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar." Now, do you see that the garden was also facing the east? I am amazed by the connection to the river in **Genesis 2**, in the garden. Our God is a very detailed God.

The Hebrew word for altar (mizbeach) means a place of sacrifice, where an animal is offered. Altars are of great importance to God. In Solomon's temple, the altar was the center of daily activity, without which the rest of Israel's worship could not take place. The altar of sacrifice was also crucial in God's revelation of true worship in joyful times, such as His feasts. We must let God deal with our hearts at His altar and allow the rivers of living waters to flow through us.

John 7:37-39 "On the last day, that great day of the fest, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living waters."

We must see how important it is to position ourselves as worshippers at the altar. We will find ourselves in deep waters if we position ourselves before Him with a pure heart.

Matthew 13:23 "But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty".

God is raising up worship and intercession that will be measured by its fruit. This is like the rising of the river to our ankle, then, the waist, and finally, the deep water overruns us.

Ezekiel 47:5 "Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed." We want to be in that place where we are overtaken by the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Ezekiel 47:7 "When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were many trees on one side and the other."

Genesis 2:15-16 "Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend (cultivate, take care) and keep (retain possession) it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'of every tree of the garden you may freely eat.'"

We can see in **Genesis 2: 8-17** that the trees of life were also placed on both sides of the river. Just as God instructed Adam to cultivate the garden, He has called us to cultivate and possess the hearts of men by praying for their salvation and healing. He knows that the tree of life was for us to eat from, not the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, their eyes were opened to evil, the desires of their sinful flesh, and the lust of the world. We have been called to be by the river, and to be those many trees on one side and the other.

This water flows toward the east. Now, when it reaches the sea, the waters of the sea are healed. **Ezekiel 47:9** "And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish (souls for the kingdom) because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes."

Wherever we go, we are to bring life to reach the lost and heal His people. This is what pure worship and prayer do when we remain in the garden and eat of the tree of life from His hands.

Ezekiel 47:12 "Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine."

Now the river must be there so that all kinds of evergreen trees will grow that always bear fruit. This river that flows from the sanctuary will support the trees so their fruit will be food and their leaves will be medicine, to bring healing and deliverance to all.

Now we must go up the mountain and position ourselves in the garden. The Lord is calling to us to partner with Him to tend and keep it so others can come and find our Beloved in His garden, feeding his flocks in the gardens, and gather lilies (the chosen ones).

We have gone from the beginning of God's Word in Genesis and now let us look to the end.

Revelation 22:1-5 "And they showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever."

Prayer Focus

- **Revelation 22:17** "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come!" And let him who hears say Come! And let him who thirst come, whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."
- Pray that all will see they are precious trees of righteousness planted by God, and we are all to come back to the Lord's garden.
- Pray that we will provide the necessary atmosphere of prayer and worship to produce the rising rivers in our sanctuaries, so all can drink freely and be healed.

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DAY 38 – WATERFALL

THE WORD Revelation 22:1; Isaiah 30:21; Isaiah 35:8

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for purity in worship and for hearts cleansed from mixture and worldly absorption.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Enter worship intentionally today. Ask the Lord to reveal and cleanse any impurity dimming His light within you.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Moving water turns white when light reflects through it. Likewise, when believers surrender in worship, mixture is removed and the pure light of Christ is reflected. Colored waters—jealousy, pride, fear, wounds—must be cleansed by immersion in His presence. As we ascend the mountain of communion and surrender control, the Holy Spirit fills us like bubbles of joy cascading over a waterfall. Transformation occurs when self-focus gives way to God-focus. Remaining pure requires discipline. The Highway of Holiness is not traveled casually. The Lord promises to guide every step for those who remain near Him.

Day 38 - Waterfall

As I was looking at the Spiritual Awakening poster last night, looking at the beautiful waterfall flowing down from a high mountain, I noticed something that went deep within me. Why is the water in the waterfall white? The water started out blue, green, or brown, but now it was white.

What caused it to change colors? For that matter, why is some moving water white at times (crest of waves, in rapids) and other moving water is not white (river, waves)?

I knew this was not just a scientific curiosity, but I started there.

When water moves rapidly and is pushed into the air (e.g., a waterfall, rapids, or the top of a falling wave), it mixes with the air, creating bubbles. These bubbles are light and very thin. When sunlight hits the bubbles, all the light is reflected into our eyes, making them appear white. When we look at still water, we see color because some of the light from the sun is absorbed by the water, revealing the colors of the light spectrum absorbed.

The Lord then led me to this analogy.

I think of our lives as Christians when we come to a worship service.

We are in the river, but are we flowing with the Holy Spirit?

We all come to the Lord with different colors on our souls, sins, and wounds that distract us and cause us to bring a mixture into the presence of the Lord.

The water has color because we have absorbed the dark light of the sins of our flesh and the world.

When we truly enter worship of the Lord, the river becomes swifter.

As we die to our flesh and surrender control of our lives to the Lord, we go over the waterfall.

This is where the Holy Spirit breathes life into us and fills us with great joy, like bubbles of life filling our souls.

As worship increases and as the bubbles continue to fill our souls and spirits, the Lord shines His pure light into our hearts, and we are cleansed.

No longer are we colored, but now we are pure white.

Only His pure light will cleanse us, because during this transformation, we get our minds off of ourselves (absorbing the light of the world and flesh) and onto the Lord (reflecting His pure light).

We must have nothing in common with the world and our flesh so we can be transformed into pure reflection of Almighty God.

All glory belongs to Him!

This is a poem the Lord gave me to further illustrate this message.

We come to You when we are blue, filled with sadness and grief

We come to You when we are red, filled with anger and frustration

We come to You when we are green, filled with jealousy and resentment

We come to You when we are yellow, filled with fear and uncertainty

We come to You when we are brown, filled with the filth of the world and sin

We come to You when we are black and blue, filled with wounds and unforgiveness

We come to You when we are clothed in purple, filled with pride and arrogance We come to You with all the colors of the rainbow.

But when we bow in pure worship to You

You lift us to a high place, sweeping us into the river

Joy of the Holy Spirit is bubbling up inside of us

As we cascade down the waterfall

Our colored water is transformed into bubbles of joy

As You shine Your pure light into our hearts

We are transformed by Your Spirit and now we are white

Great power is found in worshiping You

Transforming us from darkness to light

Now we come to You shining with Your glory

Now we come to You shining for Your glory

Revelation 22:1 "Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,"

The river of life that flows from the Throne of God is crystal clear; there is no mixture in it, and it is pure. There is no color to it. On the other hand, we are in a colored river, with the impurities of the world and our flesh. Only when we go up on the mountain of God, to

commune with Him and to be filled by Him, can we be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit working inside of us.

As we cascade down the mountain in a beautiful white waterfall, we reflect God's glory and righteousness. We must be careful when we reach the pool of water at the bottom of the waterfall. Will we continue to be stirred up with the Holy Spirit and be white, or will we revert to the color we were before?

Of course, we want to continue to be stirred up, full of righteousness and joy. But how do we do that? We live in a fallen world among fallen people, with an enemy that is sifting us and seeking to destroy us at any wrong turn we take. Let's go to the Word of God and seek His counsel.

Isaiah 30:18-21 "Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you ... He, your Teacher, will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left."

Do you hear His heart for us? He longs for us to come up the mountain and commune with Him in His garden, as we saw in yesterday's message. And while we are communing with Him, sharing our triumphs and struggles, He is listening and moved by compassion to work on our behalf. But not only that, He is always with us, whispering in our ear for every step we take of every minute of the day. You may say, he's not that concerned about everything I do in my day, just the big and important things. But no, that is not what His Word says. It says he will tell us at each step whether to go right or left. He wants to lead us in every step.

It is not just that he wants to lead us, but He also needs to lead us. So often we do not know the right thing to do, or we think we do and find out we didn't! Really, we are blind in most of our decisions, and we need Almighty God to lead us in each step.

Isaiah 42:16 "I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, in paths they do not know, I will guide them. I will make darkness into light before them and rugged places into plains. These are the things I will do, and I will not leave them undone."

I love that last part, "these are the things I will do"! This next scripture is just as reassuring.

Psalms 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you."

If you ever wanted to know the name of your path, you are travelling on, it is called the Highway of Holiness, and it is for all who desire and are disciplined to walk in holiness. Let the joy of the Holy Spirit bubble up in you as He cleanses you from all our unholy way, all our unrighteousness. This is not a path for fools; it is for all who see the value in following wholeheartedly after the Lord!

Isaiah 35:8 “A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it.”

Prayer Focus

- Pray that we will go up the mountain and jump in the river.
- Pray that we will allow the joy of the Holy Spirit to fill our souls with a bubble of life.
- Pray that we will seek after holiness and righteousness so the water will stay pure.
- Pray that we will trust the Lord in all things and let Him lead us in everything we do, say, and even think.

52 DAYS OF PRAYER & WORSHIP



DAY 39 – THE RAIN AND FIRE ARE HERE

THE WORD 1 Kings 18:21, 38; Isaiah 9:6

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for holy fire and abundant rain to fall upon the Church, exposing idols and restoring true worship.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Rebuild the altar in your own heart today – lay down pride, follow His Word precisely, and wait for His fire.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Elijah confronted wavering hearts and rebuilt the altar before the fire fell. Twelve stones established God's authority. The trench was dug. The sacrifice was laid. Water was poured. Everything was done according to the Word before heaven responded.

Fire represents prayer. Rain represents worship. Both are necessary to confront idolatry and awaken the deceived. The spirit of Jezebel seeks to silence prophetic voices, but one surrendered servant can shift a nation.

The Lord still answers by fire. Yet preparation precedes manifestation. Sacrifice, obedience, timing, and unwavering trust prepare the altar of the heart.

Day 39 - The Rain and Fire are HERE

This past week has been wonderful, filled with the Word, worship, warring, washing, and warnings about our enemy, the accuser (also known as the tempter and the devil).

As we enter this second week of fasting and prayer, how much more can we take?

This week, we must carry the winds of fire and wait for the rain.

The Lord spoke to us this past week, saying that the walls are being built and the walls are made of fire and water.

The fire is prayer, and the water is worship.

We must not give up now; we are creating an atmosphere in these 52 Days of Prayer and Worship.

Please don't let the voices of the enemy bring you down from the wall of prayer and worship.

We must be like Elijah; it is time for rain, and we must face our enemies.

As we prayed last week, God met us every day with His wonders. Whether it was by conviction or through repentance in our hearts, we have a new awareness of where we are, and through the infilling of the Holy Spirit, we have received prophetic words of wisdom and prayers of insight. God was faithful. Now that He has been faithful to us, we must be faithful to Him by carrying out His Word, the message of the Gospel. Why do we need rain and the winds of fire for this coming year? Because both the lost and wandering, backsliding saints await us!

Please get your Bible and follow me in the Word as we walk through this study together. Please read **1 Kings 18**.

This is an account of Elijah challenging those who had fallen under the Jezebel spirit. This chapter begins with the Lord speaking to Elijah to arise and present himself to the enemy, and that He (God) would send rain on the earth. Then in **verse 4**, Jezebel massacred (cut off) the prophets. Today, the spirit of Jezebel massacres, or cuts off those who prophetically hear the voice of God to build the house of God with His Word.

In **verse 21**, Elijah goes before his enemies and challenges both them and God's people not to waver between God and false gods. "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him. But the people answered him not a word."

We are in a time when we must arise as the voice of God to show the world that the true God lives. We must not sit down in this season. God has raised up Elijah voices that will challenge the spiritual darkness that has entered our homes, churches, and communities. Those who worship Baal (Baal means master or husband) as their master

because of the influence of Jezebel's table were deceived and lost. Today, the deceived are those who believe in Jesus Christ but do not eat from the Lord's table. Instead, they eat from the table of those who serve a different kind of spiritual food that is not of the Lord.

In **verse 22**, Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men." We must remember that the Lord looks at the hearts of those who will stand with him rather than the number of people who stand against him. One person, whose heart is pure for God, can make a difference if he or she takes his or her rightful place in God's heart. But there are not many without mixture in their hearts, and not many who are seeking the heart of God for His sake and not for their own personal gain.

Verse 24 is a confession and declaration that should come from our mouths:

"I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God."

Elijah was not afraid to make a declaration of who God was; yet those present did not answer when Elijah challenged them to choose whether they would follow Baal or God (**verse 21**).

Sometimes, when we are not right in our actions, we have very little, if anything at all to say.

Verse 29: "And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention."

The people paid no attention to the false prophets who were crying out and cutting themselves. Take the time to read how they cried out to their false god but there was no answer and no fire that was going to prove to the people that their god was a living god because their god was dead (**verses 25-28**). Today, our gods are fashioned from material things, drugs, finances, and all kinds of lusts; although they are dead gods, we make them alive to us by setting our affections on them. If we fail to see these dead gods for what they truly are, we, too, will be deceived and guilty of idol worship.

By **verse 30**, the people have become so interested in what was about to happen next that they drew near to Elijah. "Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So, all the people came near to him." The people gathered and witnessed how Elijah followed the Lord's instructions in preparation all that was needed for the fire that was coming.

Verses 31-32, we are going to dig into Elijah's preparations for sacrifice. Let this also be our Prayer Focus.

FIRST, the 12 stones signify that He, the LORD, established the heavens and the earth, and the government in which it stands. And this government is on the shoulders of

Jesus. He established the 12 tribes that would represent His name. The number 12 represents government - complete spiritual authority.

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace."

When Elijah set those 12 stones up, he FIRST had to establish the NAME of Jesus as Lord. I AM. I AM Almighty God had to be represented first. Why? Because Elijah's declaration was not going to stand on any other NAME or FOUNDATION, but Christ Jesus. Even Elijah could not get credit for what God was about to do before His people. Peter quoted in Matthew 16, "You are Christ, the Son of the Living God." Please read **Matthew 16:13-19** and remember how Jesus established the church upon the ROCK.

SECOND, we must display the NAME OF JESUS. It had to be built on the altar. The word Altar means sacrifice and death. Jesus died on that altar so we could see that there is no other name for salvation for His people. He had to die to receive all authority over the darkness. If we are going to challenge darkness, we must walk as He walked with His spiritual authority.

Please read **Colossians 1:10-20**. There is much to read here, but it is worth it for you, Bible scholars, who will find much revelation from the word.

"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth."

THIRD, we must build a trench. A trench is a ditch built for the army to provide shelter from enemy fire. Today, the trench we must build for the army must be dug into the earth, into the land, and the land is the heart of the people. We built trenches last week when we allowed God to dig deeper into our hearts to pour the water (the river of the Holy Spirit) over us as a sacrifice. We have been called to be slaughtered and die to bring life to those who are lost and deceived.

What is sacrifice? Sacrifice is the surrender or destruction of something prized or desirable, for the sake of something considered as having a higher or more pressing claim; it is to permit injury or disadvantage for the sake of something or someone else.

We are reserved for God and His service through this sacrifice of death made for us. We must likewise be a living sacrifice, as Jesus was for us. We are called to lay down our lives (emotions, opinions, hurts and agendas) in order that others may see only HIM.

We must dig into the hearts of the people through prayer, and because the pieces of wood that Elijah laid were to ensure the sacrifice would catch fire more easily, we have to grasp that He is cutting us into pieces, little by little, to lay us on the wood pile.

FOURTH, He prepares us for death by filling up the water pots before the fire comes. The infilling water represents the Holy Spirit in another form. Read **John 7:37-39**. We must ask the Lord to pour the first, second, and third times until the water is all around

the altar, filling the trench. Connect **John 2:6-7**, where in verse 7 Jesus says, "Fill the water pots with water. And they filled them to the brim." The water represents the time of purification and preparation for us as we wait for the change. We want to be filled.

FIFTH, we must wait upon God's timing for the sacrifice. We cannot kill ourselves and produce God's fire. Death comes with time as He takes us through each trial to produce His Character and His Glory. We must know Him and His timing.

SIXTH, we must do everything according to the WORD OF GOD. **Verses 36-37** "And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, 'LORD God of Abraham...I AM YOUR SERVANT, AND THAT I HAVE DONE ALL THESE THINGS AT YOUR WORD.'"

We must cry out to the Lord so that the people will know Him and turn their hearts toward Him.

Seventh, we must wait and let the fire come so that the people may see it and fall on their faces and worship the only true GOD. HE IS GOD. When the fire comes, we must seize the enemy/enemies and execute them through intense prayer. (Verses 38-41) When we have dealt with the enemy, then God will tell us to eat and drink, for there is the sound of abundance of rain.

PRAISE THE LORD! FIRE AND RAIN HAVE COME.

The river is being produced by faithful prayer warriors and worshippers. Please don't stop praying and worshipping before our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer Focus

- Pray for fire and rain to fall in this Hour!!!!!!!!!!

52 DAYS OF PRAYER & WORSHIP



DAY 40 – THE FIRE AND THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

THE WORD Luke 12:49; Acts 1:8

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for endurance to carry the fire faithfully without drifting into compromise or distraction.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Return to the secret place today. Guard the flame through prayer, worship, and separation from compromise.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Christ came to send fire upon the earth—a fire of holy love and refining separation. This fire illuminates darkness and divides allegiance. To carry it requires abiding in His presence. Drifting dulls the flame. Sin extinguishes light. Pride distracts from the Giver to the gift. The fire must be sustained through intimacy, obedience, and humility. We are called to be messengers of His return, bearing light in deep darkness. The Spirit fuels the flame; our role is to remain close.

Day 40 - The Fire and the Light of the Lord

Hear the Cry of Jesus in **Luke 12:49**: "I came to send fire on the earth; how I wish it were already kindled!"

I cannot believe it is the 40th day of Prayer and Worship. We have produced the fire and the river of God, and He is coming back, as the Light of the world, to battle for souls in the last days. We must see that God is calling us in the end-time darkness to arise and challenge the people of God and those who do not know Him. He is equipping and preparing His remnant to dig the trenches and prepare them to be the sacrifice, and to follow every Word He is speaking. Then fire will come down from heaven to either consume our hearts with His love or to consume those who will not turn to Him with judgment.

How do we carry the fire amid such darkness? The Lord wants to give us instructions on how to carry the light. His Light must connect with the light in your heart. Ask God to speak to us for direction and instruction. Make this our prayer focus as well:

His heart is revealed in **Luke 12:49**, "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"

The fire He came to set is meant to arouse a strong emotion in us. This is the same definition as compassionate. His heart longs to send the fire that will baptize us in His love and cause us to come close to Him.

He expresses His passion in **Luke 12:50**: "But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!"

Jesus was distressed until the cross was accomplished. He is not talking about the fire of judgment that comes from the cross, but the fire of His love for our hearts to see the glory of the Lord in His return.

Please read **Luke 12:51-53**

Jesus is saying that when we receive this love, it will bring division, because those who are close to us will not receive it and will not understand our heart for them. They will judge and reject you because of His love that burns in your heart.

Mark 3:21 "But when His own people (his family) heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, 'He is out of His mind'."

Jesus' own brothers did not understand the love He had for God and for God's people. They did not accept that He was the Messiah until his death and resurrection. They thought He was crazy. He explains to us in the scriptures that His family is those who do the will of the Father

Mark 3:35 "For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

He decided not to let those who are close to us, our families, put out the fire in His heart for the Father.

The Lord has taught us how to love the unlovable, and that we must pray and pray and pray for them until Christ is formed in them. Don't cease praying and loving those who judge and reject the love of God. But likewise, do not let the enemy use them to keep you from His passion to draw you closer. I keep hearing the voice of God saying, come and stay close.

When the fire comes upon you, believe me, because of your faithfulness, it will touch their hearts. Do not stop praying and loving them where they are. The Lord is faithful, and you must stay faithful on the journey of love, as we carry this end-time fire for Him in our hearts.

Luke 12:56 "Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?"

Why is it that technology can give us all we need to function in the world, but we have nothing that can help us discern the times we are living in, just as Jesus spoke to the people then? The only way you will be able to discern the time is by spending time alone with Him.

We Have Heard His Heart, Now Let's Receive His Instructions as We Pray

The Lord will start this fire, and we must keep the fire going. Cultivate your heart by staying in the presence of God and close to His heart.

Do not drift from the purpose and the light of His Presence. Stay close! If you drift from the Presence of God, the weight of the ministry and your life will become heavy. Then the fire will become a burden and not a delight. If you drift into sin far from the presence of God, you cannot carry the light/fire at all. He will give the fire to someone else to carry.

As a carrier of the light/fire, you must know it is moved by heaven and not earth. Don't think your works will keep the fire going. No power on earth can put the fire out that is given to you. Stay close.

Do not touch the world and be seduced to drift away. The pleasure of this world will cause you to drift away, and you will not know you have drifted. Do not touch that which is unclean.

There are others who will carry this same fire; you must connect and gather to help each other. In this hour, we cannot stand alone. This is very important because each of us will be connected to shed greater light on the deep, deep darkness. His Light and fire will overcome the darkness of the earth.

This fire/light you have now will set people, cities, and nations FREE!

This fire/light is alive; it lives in you to see His love. He lives in you. Don't bring in dead things that will dim the light.

You must touch the fire of God, so the surge of its power will flow through you daily. Stay Close by seeking Him daily. Touch His heart with prayer and worship that pleases Him.

Your vision will increase as you get closer. Your mind will be sharper; you will be able to discern good and evil much more quickly than before. Your spirit will be strengthened, you will feel it, and it will help you know the love of God.

There will also be pain in carrying the fire/light. The fire we carry can distract us from following the fire and not Him. We can begin to follow the move of God and not who He is in the Light. The fire will give you influence, and people will want to be around the fire; they will want it for themselves. This can distract you from Him and cause you to look to the fire and to the people. Stay focused on Him.

The Light and the fire of His presence are upheld by the Word of God. This truth continues to move with life. Life moves through the fire. Truth and life continue to move.

It does not stop with Jesus in our midst. He lives and is always moving.

We must move with the fire and the Holy Spirit; He will give us visions of creativity. You will feel and breathe the atmosphere of His heart with vision.

The fire we are to carry has been the source of every true movement of the Spirit. He is moving, and you must not stop moving. The harvest is waiting for us.

You must abide in His presence and take what you see and what He gives you. In abiding and remaining with Him, there is so much He wants to tell and show you.

We are the last-day Messengers of Christ, forerunners of His return. The fire is for all who have consecrated themselves for THE COMING MESSENGER. But only a few will carry it. We must know the message and share it with the nations through our writings, songs, and creativity. He is pouring so much of Himself in us, now bring it before the Lord and let Him light the fire in your hearts.

Repeatedly, I keep hearing in my heart, "The deep darkness has entered into the earth, and we must stay close to Him and His presence; stay in the secret place of His heart."

Prayer Focus

- Pray for fresh visions and creativity to reach the lost.
- Pray to abide in His presence and to have your spiritual sight expanded.
- Pray for endurance as last-days messengers of Christ, that we would not grow weary in this world.

52 DAYS OF PRAYER & WORSHIP

DAY 41 – PERSEVERING AND PAYING A PRICE

THE WORD 1 Peter 2:4–5; Hebrews 12:1–2; Nehemiah 4:6

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for strength to persevere in building the wall of prayer despite accusation and distraction.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Refuse distraction today. Stay on the wall through focused prayer and unity with others.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

We are living stones being built into a spiritual house. Rejection, accusation, and mockery accompany the rebuilding of prayer. Sanballat still mocks. Foxes still attempt to weaken the wall. Perseverance requires unity and prayer. The enemy questions commitment and predicts collapse. But those with a mind to work and a heart to pray will see the wall completed. Sacrifice precedes glory. We lay aside weights and run with endurance, looking unto Jesus—the author and finisher of faith.

Day 41 - Persevering and Paying a Price

In our persevering and waiting on God, we must know who we are, and our responsibilities in PRAYER. Why is it so important for us to know who we are in this season of building prayer?

I believe the Lord wants to anchor us in HIS LOVE and commit us to prayer that will build His house as Priest. Jesus knew who He was and was perfectly clear about His mission on this earth. Today, we are to follow Him in this battle of dying to ourselves. We are called to pay a price, a sacrifice, leading us to battle for our covenant relationship with Him. As we do so, we build His temple with living STONES.

1 Peter 2:4-5 "Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

We examine the scriptures to discern our purpose and our responsibility to carry the Light and Fire of God on a solid foundation. His consuming Fire must burn continually, and the enemy cannot be permitted to extinguish it. We must work together as we persevere in this endeavor.

Let's go back to **verse 4** - "Coming to Him as to a living stone." The Lord is the cornerstone, a hard, solid rock that everything rests on. He is maturing us as living stones of sacrifice, solid in the Word of God. Remember in **1 Kings 18**, Elijah had to put 12 stones in position on the sacrifice as a representation of Christ's solid foundation of spiritual authority.

1 Corinthians 3:11 "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Our foundation is in Him, but the exciting thing is we are living stones, not dead stones. We are solid like Jesus when we live as He lives.

Again, in **verse 4** - "Rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious". We likewise are truly rejected by men once they see Him in us, as living stones, standing strong in our relationship with Jesus. Men do not see the value that you are in Him, but God sees you as precious; something of GREAT value, not to be wasted, but greatly loved and treasured by someone. This definition so fits the heart of God for us.

Nehemiah 4:1-4 "But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will

they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—stones that are burned?” Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, “Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall.” Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads and give them as plunder to a land of captivity!”

Our enemies come to tear down what God has done in our lives. Sanballat's name means sin. He is furious about God building you up, positioning you for Himself; so, the enemy speaks against you as "the accuser," saying (verse 2):

What are these feeble (lacking physical strength) Christians doing?

Will they fortify themselves (strengthen a place with defensive works to protect against attack)?

Will they offer sacrifices (will they die and surrender themselves totally) to their Lord Jesus?

Will they complete (run the full course and finish) it in a day?

Hebrews 12:1-2 “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin, which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”

Will they revive (restore life and consciousness, give new strength and energy) these stones from the rubbish heaps (something that is worthless, useless waste), stones that are burned?

Now we see how the accuser comes to speak against us and mock us while we are laboring before the Lord in prayer. But God has spoken to us about our wealth and value, and how precious we are to Him, and we must know how great His Love for us is. We are His precious jewels.

Nehemiah 4:3 "Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said: Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall."

The enemy is now mocking us by challenging our commitments. Are we able to persevere in building the wall of prayer? Will the wall stay up? Foxes are the little problems that make us give up. The enemy, "the accuser", is still talking and saying, "They are not going to keep this up. All we have to do is send foxes to distract them, and the wall (built upon prayer) won't hold up."

The enemy says that as soon as this study is over, they will return to "normal". Let's wait them out and see how strong they'll be in a couple of months. They will stop praying with such intensity. SEND THE FOXES!

We must be like Nehemiah in **verse 4**: Pray, Pray, Pray!

"Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads and give them as plunder to a land of captivity."

All we have to do is pray, pray, and pray some more! The Lord will fight our battle if we stay on the wall united. Then we will see His glory.

Nehemiah was a man of prayer and faith; he refused to give the enemy his attention and stayed focused on the mission. We must do the same.

Nehemiah 4:6 "So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work."

Nehemiah 4:9 "Nevertheless, we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night."

We have been praying for many years for God to raise up His Prayer Army. We must see His heart for us. Let us **ARISE AND SHINE WITH THE FIRE OF GOD!**

Prayer Focus

- Pray for the 24/7 Prayer Army of worshippers, warriors, and watchmen; those who are building the wall of prayer all over the world.
- Pray that we will understand and know that we are living stones, who are precious and valuable to the Lord.
- Pray that we will be strengthened in body and soul to persevere in the task before us.
- Pray that we will be fortified by coming together in unity.
- Pray that we will die to our flesh and sinful ways and totally surrender to our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray that we, as living stones, can now bring life to others who have gotten weak and hopeless.

52 DAYS OF PRAYER & WORSHIP



DAY 42 – POSITION YOURSELF TO PRODUCE POWER: WE ARE CHOSEN

THE WORD Zechariah 4:6; 1 Peter 2:5; Acts 1:8

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for fresh baptism in the Holy Spirit, that believers would walk in divine power for the coming harvest.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Position yourself deliberately before the Lord today—waiting, listening, and asking to be filled anew with His Spirit.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

We are awakened from slumber and positioned between the olive trees. Oil flows when olives are crushed. Power is produced not by might nor by human strength, but by the Spirit of the Lord. The lampstand burns continuously only when supplied with oil. Positioning ourselves in the secret place allows the Spirit to fill our bowls. Without immersion in the Holy Spirit, no lasting fire can burn. A great separation is coming. Only those immersed in Spirit and Word will stand as witnesses with power.

Day 42 - Position Yourself to Produce Power WE ARE CHOSEN

Please read **Zechariah 4: 1-6**.

Zechariah 4:1 “Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep.”

We are being awakened from our slumber by the Lord. The Lord is calling us to **ARISE**. He has risen to conquer and bring His people to Him. Believe it or not, He is waiting on you. You have been **CHOSEN**, and you are **LIVING STONES**.

Zechariah 4:2-3 “And he said to me, ‘What do you see?’ So, I said, ‘I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.”

What do we see? The fire has come! The lampstands of separation hold bowls at the top, and on the stand, seven lamps with seven channels or pipes to feed oil (fuel) to the lamps. The two olive trees represent the anointing oil. The bowls hold the pure oil produced when the olives are crushed. We must be crushed to produce the oil that is consumed by His fire, a fire that must burn day and night, night and day. We learn in Nehemiah to watchfully stand guard day and night, searching for the stones that come to life to build the church and the great army the Lord of hosts is gathering.

We need to position ourselves in the presence of God, between the two olive trees, so we can receive the oil. Remember, the olives are **CRUSHED**. Our calling as Jesus' followers is to pay the price and lay down our lives, to see the fire and produce it for the Kingdom. God is filling our bowls as we position ourselves to produce the oil.

Please don't leave the secret place of the Lord. This is where the Lord comes to meet us, minister to us, and speak of our responsibility as living stones, chosen priests. As His chosen ones, we will build His spiritual house, and our prayers will help others to be cleansed as His precious stones. These are for His Glory. It is vital we see the value God places on all mankind; they are His precious stones.

1 Peter 2:5 “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

We will all be positioned by Him in His Temple. Every detail of the Word is significant to the Lord.

Now grasp your importance. We must rise to His call to be effective. Without **POSITIONING OURSELVES WITH HIS POWER**, we are unable to help the hurting, backsliding, and blinded Christians; much less help the lost who are prepared for the Great Harvest. The rubbish and darkness weighing on His people is very great! We must know this will be done by His power alone, and not our own.

Zechariah 4:6 “So he answered and said to me: This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘

Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

He was not going to rebuild the temple and bring revival by His position or might, but only through the Spirit of God.

The word might in Hebrew (chayil) means strength, power, force, might (especially an army), valor, substance, or wealth, the force of military strength.

We must see that it will not come from our power or wealth or force. We cannot produce such power, no matter how gifted we are, who we are, how much we have, or how great our position is here on earth.

This POWER Cannot Be Produced by Man:

The Lord is supplying to His army POWER from on high, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be our strength, power, force, and might; He will supply all that we need to make war as His army. But He is looking to see if we will position ourselves to receive the oil so He can light the fire of the Holy Spirit. Then, He will manifest Himself to us as we cry out to Him.

Our Lord Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, is always interceding for us, and He longs to lead us in victory. Will we be awakened to walk in this great power?

The Lord has given scripture and definitions to illuminate what He is doing as we position ourselves before the Holy Spirit in this hour. He is the only one who will help us gather in the harvest and secure them in the presence of Jesus. He alone will help us keep the river flowing and the fire falling. The Holy Spirit, often undervalued and misunderstood as the third member of the Godhead, is key to our usefulness to God in this hour. He is invaluable to us as living stones.

Acts 1:5 “For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Baptism means to dip or immerse. We need to be completely immersed in the consuming fire and the oil of the Holy Spirit to produce fire.

Matthew 3:11-12 “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is MIGHTIER than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with the unquenchable fire.”

THERE WILL BE A GREAT SEPARATION COMING TO THE CHURCH. SHE CANNOT OPERATE THE SAME AT HIS COMING.

Luke 12:49 “I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled.”

He wants us to be immersed, dipped, and covered with His oil to produce the fire.

Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Jesus was telling His disciples to wait on Him and pray, knowing that the Holy Spirit would come as the Father willed. We likewise must continue to pray for His outpouring. We must be positioned to hear, seek, and be with the Lord Jesus daily. When the Father finds us faithful, positioned between the crushing olive trees, He will show up with the oil. We must see the TRUTH OF THE LORD IN HIS WORD as we wait on Him. We must do all that He tells us to do according to HIS WORD.

We MUST Receive the Power of the Holy Spirit for the Harvest:

Acts 4:33 “And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”

After receiving great POWER, the apostles gave witness with grace upon them. There is so much to teach in this verse alone. Please dig deeper to understand what a witness means to you.

We need a better understanding of the word, POWER. There are four great power words used in God's Word:

Eousia - delegated authority

Isschros - great strength (especially physical)

Kratos - dominion authority

Dunamis - energy, power, might, great force, great ability, strength

It is sometimes used to describe the powers of the world to come at work upon the earth and divine power overcoming resistance. We get the word dynamite from this word for power.

The *dunamis* in Jesus resulted in dramatic transformations. This should be the norm for the Spirit-filled and Spirit-led church. Not for a denomination or certain culture, but for His Bride, the CHURCH, the Body of Christ. This will be the norm for those who will wait on God and let Him work through them as they walk in the power of the Lord Jesus for the HARVEST.

We must see that this is the heart of God.

He is raising the Church, His Bride, to understand His power by the Holy Spirit. She must know that He has sent us on a mission, just as Christ was sent, and that we must complete His mission.

The Lord Jesus is looking for those who will cry out. Seek the ONE, the Holy Spirit, who was sent to equip us for His work upon the earth at this time. We must continue to seek the face of Jesus, who is at the right hand of the Father, crying out for us.

CRY OUT FOR THE OVERFLOWING OF THE FATHER'S GREAT LOVE FOR YOU!

Prayer Focus

- Pray that the Church, the body of Christ, will awaken to all the Lord is speaking in this hour.
- Pray that we will see the surpassing value in the crushing we are all going through, as it produces pure oil of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Pray that we will position ourselves in the secret place with the Lord every day to receive His instructions straight from his heart.
- Pray to receive His power to minister to the needs of those around us who are hurting and lost.