



The Prayer is The Power

When I was in Bible School in the 1980s, I took a course in the Book of Acts. Through this powerful Book, the Lord gave me 3 principals that have been keys to abiding in the Lord and living a supernatural life.

1. The Promise is the Prayer
2. The Prayer is the Power
3. The Power is the Proclamation (Program)

In the first epistle of John, there is something very interesting that I want to share with you.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:1-3

John is saying that the way to declare is not by taking a course in preaching, but it's by connecting with God. It's prayer. It's fellowship with the Father and the Son. It's NOT by taking a bible course and learning 3 points of preaching. We have done that in the Church of Jesus Christ. And that's NOT what the disciples were doing. That's NOT what Jesus was doing.

Jesus said, Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. John 5:19

John is saying exactly the same thing that Jesus said. He's saying, "That which we have seen, that which we have heard, that we declare to you." They were in a realm of the Spirit of communion with God. They were connecting with the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through that they were declaring to the people what they were experiencing with God. That was their fellowship with God and that was their fellowship with one another.

It's exactly the same thing in the Book of Acts. It says that they were praying in Acts 4, and even when they were being persecuted, they lifted up their voices up to God with one accord. They made their petitions to God and then they began to share Scripture directly with God:

God, you said in Psalm 2, “Why do the heathen rage?” They began to quote Scripture. Then it says, “When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the Word of God with boldness.”

I want to say that we have gotten away from this very simple way of ministering to this world: We commune with God. We pray. We connect with God. We see what He’s doing in the realm of the Spirit. We hear what He’s saying. And we declare that. And then people respond because it’s not us but it’s the power of the Holy Spirit.

When I was a very young believer in Bible School, the Lord showed me that there’s a 3-fold principle in the Book of Acts: The Promise is the Prayer. The Prayer is the Power. The Power is the Proclamation. That is going on all through the Book of Acts. The disciples were not learning some theological way to preach the Gospel to the people. They were staying in fellowship with God. They were staying in alignment with God. They were experiencing the presence and the power of God. And that was their proclamation.

I want to encourage you today to be like the disciples who didn’t ask Jesus, “Teach us how to preach”, but they said, “Teach us how to pray” (Luke 11:1), because they saw something in the Son of God. They saw the presence of the Father in the Son. They saw that Jesus had authority when He ministered to the people because He said, “I and the Father are One” (John 10:30/ John 17:11+22). He said, “I am never alone, the Father is always with me” (John 16:32). Saints, if we get to this place where we can say like Jesus, “The Father is always with me. The Spirit is always with me. I and the Father, I and Jesus, we are One” - like it says in John 17 - the Promises of God will be our Prayers. Our Prayers will be the Power of God and the Power of God will be our Proclamation.

I want to encourage you today to continue to pray as the disciples did. Wait on the Holy Spirit, get filled with the Holy Spirit, hear a fresh, present word from God and the power of God will be your proclamation and this world will be touched. In Jesus Name!

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