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**Answer to Prayers!!!, on: 2005/3/11 13:00**

As i've been praying in preparation for a sermon on Sunday i have felt deep within that this Sunday is important. I am a guest speaker at an old church where the gospel is almost never preached. i fear that perhaps even a majority do not know God...

On Sunday I'm going to preach the gospel...but i'm not going to ask people to accept Jesus (they've already done that) - I'm going to invite them to make Him their Lord (thanks to Tozer and Reidhead i have changed my approach to preaching the gospel)...BUT I NEED PRAYER - in all of you is a TREMENDOUS resource...i fear that most in this church are going to hell and they don't even know it. Sunday could be a day of change but it won't be because of me - i need your prayers and i could ask nothing more important than that my fellow brothers and sisters would pray.

If you could take even just a few moments out of your day I would be so grateful...I believe in prayer!!!! I'm terrified but I know that i know this is what God wants to me to say on Sunday but if it's just me it's going to fall on deaf ears.

If i could make one wish today i would ask for the prayers of my brothers and sisters from SermonIndex - a million dollars would be nice but I WANT prayer and I need it. I can't tell you how important i feel this is.

Finney was effective because his brothers and sisters prayed. Today as i pray i have felt desperate for the prayers of my brothers and sisters. every sermon is important to me but i don't usually feel this way about a sermon - oh would you please please pray! even just for a moment...thank you from the depths of my heart.

"May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering!!!"

**Re: Please PLEASE Pray!, on: 2005/3/11 13:21**

Those of you who have read my request, I thank you from the depths of my heart...that you took the time to read a thread requesting prayer shows that you care - thank you. the title of the thread sounds very urgent...and no i am not dying - but in truth (i think...heart is deceitfully wicked) i would trade my life for lives changed on Sunday...if only i could express to you how my heart yearns for this.

if you read my request please respond so that this thread may stay in view so that others may read it. i hope this is an ok request. Again thank you all.

**Re:, on: 2005/3/11 13:24**

I love it! Go get 'em champ. My prayers will be with you, and the church that meets in our house will be praying for you on Sunday morning...

Krispy

**Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/3/11 14:29**

Yes sir I believe God will move those people! Make sure you tell us how it goes!

**Re:, on: 2005/3/11 14:44**

Hey PreachParsly... I didn't know y'all had internet over in Arkansas! When did that happen?

:-P

Krispy

**Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/3/11 15:20**

:D yes we even have wireless so that while we are in the outhouse we have access. Just kidding on the outhouse thing ofcourse...

**Re: - posted by Angyl, on: 2005/3/11 15:29**

Quote:

-----"Hey PreachParsly... I didnt know y'all had internet over in Arkansas! When did that happen?"  
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Oh my... pot...kettle...black.

**Re: prayer - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/3/11 15:36**

Stephen,

I will be praying! You just be obedient to the Lord. The people may or may not listen, they may or may not have blinders on, let the Holy Spirit do His work. You are called to be obedient. You preach what you know is the truth. And even if you don't see the fruit right away (and maybe you will), do not lose heart. Your Father in heaven will reward you.

I will pray that the Lord will create circumstances in people's lives that will cause them to have a great NEED for God.

If they have never heard the real gospel before. There maybe many mixed feelings and reactions. Some may get mad, some may say you are right but not do anything to change. And some may listen and take it to heart and repent. Even if it is just one, it will be all worth it!

May the fire of the Holy Spirit be with you on Sunday. and may it blaze for all to see. :)

In Him, Chanin

**Re: Please PLEASE Pray! - posted by MarkDaniel (), on: 2005/3/11 18:43**

You will be prayed for. My heart is for those being called to go to the churches like you are doing. You are on the front lines bro. What a harvest of lost souls there is right in our American church buildings! Don't be terrified. Your Lord Jesus will be with you.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/3/11 19:59**

Quote:

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Brother Stephen, God is going before you, just be faithful. It is His work and He will do it! Lord speak through your vessel Stephen make him a firebrand for you so that your pure words may reach the ears of hearers. Thank you Jesus may you be glorified. Amen.

**Re: Please PLEASE Pray! - posted by AgesofWar (), on: 2005/3/11 20:20**

Dear LORD JESUS

Please Hear our Prayer

I Michael call your name and ask 4 you to show me mercy and take this meager offering and multiply it by your power and 4 your glory.

May you fill Brother Stephen with a terror, with an Anguish that breaks his heart and shatters his soul for those who are lost.

JESUS LORD almighty may you give him a full measure of your terrible might

My GOD may show him the depths of the vile and corrupted sin that still keeps him from you.

May you present him a image of your GLORY or your absolute Righteousness as you did to The apostle you Loved when you showed the Revelation to him.

May him not sleep, not eat, Not bath Not even think of anything but YOU JESUS.

May he seek you with such fever that we would think him Mad, May he seek you with all of his being.

Then LORD and only then when he lie prostrate and broken before you, May YOU give him Your HOLY Fire Filled WORD and MAY YOU GIVE him the humble heart to preach it with Trembling and in UNION with YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.

I pray in your NAME JESUS MY GOD.

I add to this Prayer Lord that You do the Same 4 me and break my hard heart and that you be my everything...

In Christ Michael.

**Re:, on: 2005/3/11 21:38**

Thank you all sooo much!! As i read your postings i was moved deeply. I am so encouraged.

I'm glad i checked in. I would continue to ask for everyone's prayers!!

God bless you!

i will let you know how things go.

Your brother in Christ,

Stephen

**Re: Trust - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/3/11 21:51**

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;

and lean not unto thine own understanding.

My prayers as well.

**Re: Please Pray - posted by Spitfire, on: 2005/3/12 7:30**

Oh, Stephen! I will pray for you! This is urgent indeed. I just found this request (Sat. morning). I'll pray today and tomorrow morning, as well. Please give us the report. Love, Dian.

**Answer to prayer!, on: 2005/3/14 13:35**

At this point the heading of this post is misleading...i am now writing to thank you all SO much for your prayers and let you know how things went.

Saturday and through the night were a huge struggle for me. i was so shook up that i fumbled through much of the service prior to the sermon (and yet i knew God's presence was among us).

i was still nervous (almost terrified) until i began to speak, and I have never felt God's presence when i have spoken as i did on Sunday. Where i had been timid before God gave me authority...i had felt such urgency about this sermon and God filled me with such compassion for the audience that at times i almost wept as i shared with them the urgency of this message and the message itself (this is highly unusual for me - i'm normally a very wooden speaker...and trust me i didn't do any yelling - i just felt such compassion for them...but i know it wasn't from me).

Well - God answered our prayers! I didn't ask anyone to come forward but i gave the congregation an opportunity to respond in silence. it was beautiful - i know God was working. I prefer not to describe the situation because i believe it a holy thing and i want God to get the glory. But i will say that the angels were rejoicing over at least one soul...there was an overwhelmingly positive response (i don't know if that is good or not) and many shared with me that the message had gotten through - praise God! But one person in particular said that the message was for her...said she had grown up in the church but had never understood the gospel before.

Again, i wish i could share more. I want to be respectful about these things. Just know that your prayers were answered beyond (shamefully) what I expected!!!

One day we will see the fruit! And may God receive all the glory - I am so glad Sunday was the way it was...i wanted to construct the service in a way that would allow God to work but the service was the most awkward thing you ever saw. The mechanics were terrible; I was a mess (fumbling and nervous)...but God doesn't need either!!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRAYERS! What a treasure you are...knowing that i had your prayers was my greatest comfort. What a resource this is! Let's continue to make use of it. Please share as prayer needs come up (if this is ok with the administrator - i think it will be :-)) and I will be happy to pray for the needs of my brothers and sisters. God bless you all,

Your brother in Christ,

Stephen

**Re: answered prayer - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2005/3/14 14:15**

Praise God, Stephen! Though you may have fumbled and may have seems afraid, the Lord took what was weak and showed His strength. How awesome!

This may be only the beginning for you! May God have his way in your life and may the fruit continue to grow in those people whom you spoke to.

In Him, Chanin

**Re: Answer to prayer! - posted by MarkDaniel (), on: 2005/3/14 15:19**

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I found this profoundly funny in a righteous sort of way. :) I bet more hearts were touched by the awkwardness than anything you could have done as a polished-up man preaching the same-old broken record!

GLORY TO GOD! HALLELUJAH! What a marvelous testimony to Him! Keep contending for the faith!

**Re: Answer to prayer! - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/3/14 15:34**

Praise God, Stephen..

this is a joy to hear. God can do wonderful things with choas, its too much organisation He struggles with. :-D