

**Revivals And Church History :: PrayerE M Bounds...****PrayerE M Bounds... - posted by flaglady (), on: 2015/3/7 21:33**

Where Are The Godly Leaders Who Can Teach The Saints How To Pray?

By E. M. Bounds

Only glimpses of the great importance of prayer could the apostles get before Pentecost. But the Holy Spirit, coming and filling on Pentecost, elevated prayer to its vital and all-commanding position in the Gospel of Christ.

The call now of prayer to every saint is the Spirit's loudest and most urgent call. Sainthood's piety is made, refined, perfected, by prayer. The Gospel moves with slow and timid pace when the saints are not at their prayers early and late and long.

Where are the godly leaders who can teach the modern saints how to pray and put them to praying? Let those leaders come to the front and do the work, and it will be the greatest work which can be done.

Nothing but a specific effort from a praying leadership will avail. The chief ones must lead in the apostolic effort to firmly establish the vital importance and fact of prayer in the heart and life of the church. None but praying leaders can have praying followers!

Praying Apostles Will Beget Praying Saints

A praying pulpit will beget praying pews. We do greatly need somebody who can set the saints to this business of praying. We are not a generation of praying saints.

Non-praying saints are a beggarly gang of saints who have neither the ardor nor the beauty nor the power of saints. Who will restore this breach? The greatest will be of reformers and apostles, who can set the church to praying.

We put it as our most sober judgment that the great need of the church in this and all ages is for men of such commanding faith, of such unsullied holiness, of such marked spiritual vigor and consuming zeal, that their prayers, faith, lives and ministry will be of such a powerful and aggressive form as to work spiritual revivals which will form eras in individual and church life.

Men Who Can Set the Church Ablaze for God!

We do not mean men who attract by a pleasing entertainment; but men who can stir things, and bring revival by the preaching of God's Word, and by the power of the Holy Ghost - revivals which change the whole current of things!

Natural ability and educational advantages do not figure as factors in this matter; but capacity for faith, the ability to pray, the power of thorough consecration, the ability of self-renunciation, an absolute losing of one's self in God's glory, and an ever-present and insatiable yearning and seeking after all the fullness of God - men who can set the church ablaze for God; not in a noisy, showy way, but with an intense and quiet heat that melts and moves everything for God!

God Can Work Wonders If He Can Get a Suitable Man!

Men can work wonders if they follow God's leading. The full endowment of the Holy Spirit - that will enable men to turn the world upside down - would be eminently useful in these latter days!

Men who can stir things mightily for God, whose spiritual revivals change the whole aspect of things - are the universal need of the church!

The church has never been without these men. They adorn its history. Their example is an unfailing inspiration and blessing. An increase in their number and power should be our prayer!

That which has been done in spiritual matters can be done again, and be better done! So Christ taught. He said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father" (John 14:12).

The past has not exhausted the possibilities nor the demands for doing great things for God. The church that is dependent on its past history for its miracles of power and grace is a fallen church.

God Wants Elect Men

God wants men out of whom self and the world have gone by a severe crucifixion, by a bankruptcy which has so totally ruined self and the world that there is neither hope nor desire of recovery; men who by their insolvency and crucifixion have turned toward God perfect hearts.

Re: PrayerE M Bounds... - posted by mkelly, on: 2015/3/7 22:09

The one thing our Lord Jesus Christ commanded us to pray for was workers for the harvest, E M Bounds recognized this great need for prayer warriors, I pray the church makes prayer the priority we so desperately need

Re: - posted by flaglady (), on: 2015/4/12 22:22

Amen

.....I am trying to get my church to pray more.. Pls pray they open up more .. some dont want revival because it will stop their agenda. Father break religious boxes LORD and break us in areas we need to be broken Breathe of GOD breathe on us and send your purifying fire once again...

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/4/13 2:30

One of the last churches I went to, I started a prayer meeting one night a week until the church closed for about 3 or 4 months... only one person came to the prayer meeting and that was only a couple of times. The pastor never came. The one thing I learn was... if the pastor doesn't support it, it's over before it starts.

Re: PrayerE M Bounds... - posted by turn, on: 2015/4/13 8:23

Prayer meetings are difficult to sustain and get "derailed" easily. The world, the flesh and the devils don't particularly like prayer meetings.

There is a place for corporate prayer and the prayer meeting but I think that there needs to be a greater emphasis on private prayer.

Jesus spoke about this in the Sermon on the Mount. As Jesus described it, hypocrites love to pray standing in the synagogues and on street corners to be seen of men. Jesus said to enter your closet and close the door and pray to the Father in secret.

Jesus prayed in secret. Jesus sought out private, secret places to pray and would give whole nights to prayer. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus invited his disciples to pray with Him but they slept instead. So, Jesus prayed alone and then was arrested, beaten and crucified. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead to live evermore.

Finally, in Acts 1:14, we see the disciples gathered in united prayer together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the siblings of Jesus. We see the answer to those prayers in Acts 2:1ff. The Holy Spirit came. Peter preached publicly. Three thousand were baptized and added to the church.

Re: PrayerE M Bounds... - posted by mkelly, on: 2015/4/13 8:36

E M Bounds said prayer was our mightest weapon. If we look around at the world it is evident few are using their weapons. Ravenhill and Tozer said they weren't worried about what they did but what they didn't do, when they stood before the Lord. How many will be held accountable for not praying. The church needs to wake up. How often in church do you hear the prayer for the workers of the harvest. May the Holy Spirit fill the brothers and sisters in the harvest.

Re: - posted by turn, on: 2015/4/13 9:29

Prayer meetings can easily get "derailed". Time given to taking prayer requests can easily be greater than the time given to prayer itself.

In prayer, I think that praying for the Kingdom of God needs to come ahead of personal needs. As Jesus taught it, "See ye first the Kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33) comes ahead of praying for personal needs.

"...for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." (Matthew 6:8 also v.32)

FWIW, I pray using electronic prayer lists connected to an electronic calendar. Different prayers have different intervals. Some prayers may be set up with a daily interval at first but then the intervals become longer. Other prayers are less frequent out to once per year. FYI.

Re: PrayerE M Bounds... - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2015/4/13 16:18

Thank you sister for posting this excellent teaching and exhortation on prayer.

Our Lord declared what He thought of the importance of prayer in the House of God when He said: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." (Mark 11:17).

We need godly leaders that will put prayer as a top priority in their churches. Many pastors would much rather see the flock busily engaged in church activity than on their knees in fervent prayer. God will not move on the earth apart from the prayers of His people.

Re: Prayer - posted by flaglady (), on: 2015/6/10 19:59

Prayer is the center of the church. I am happy to say after several attempts this church I am currently involved in is starting to put the prayer in the bulletins.

Prayer is the heart of the church.

JESUS said can u not pray with me one hour??

Im believing for the intercessors to have a Caleb and Joshua spirit and focus on the promises not the giants.. may We be more like JESUS and be about His business.

Prayer changes things!!!

Blessings

to all and may there be a Revival of prayer and repentance.. Prayer changes things!

Frannie

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2015/6/11 1:17

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Re: From Revival Praying by Leonard ravenhill - posted by flaglady (), on: 2015/6/16 21:04

Oh my Saviour, I say to Thee again with more insistence than ever: Teach me to pray; implant in me all the dispositions needful for the prayer of the Holy Spirit. Make me humble, simple and docile; may I do all that is in my own power to become so. Of what use is my prayer if the Holy Spirit does not pray with me? Come Holy Spirit, come to dwell and work within me!

Take possession of my understanding and of my will; govern my actions not only at the moment of prayer but at every moment. I cannot glorify God nor sanctify myself save by Thee.

Jean-Nicolas Grou (1750)