

Success & the Culture of Prayer

I. Knowing Father – Basis of A Prosperous Soul

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, **that they know you** the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

A. Changing the Vision

The proliferation of **PRESENCE BASED** communities (worship and prayer; humility, celebration, authority, and compassion) has changed the culture of church.

Beholding **love** becoming **love**

2 Cor 3:18 And **we all**, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord**, are being **transformed into the same image** from **one degree of glory to another**. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

(We are obliged to be GLORIOUS)

B. The House of Presence is Father's House

Ps 16:11 — **fullness, absolute joy!**

House of Influence — Catalyst of Obed Edom — *"the effect of one thing upon another — causing something to happen or change without any direct or apparent effort"*

A House of Release!

Matt 21:12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. **13** He said to them, "It is written, '**My house shall be called a house of prayer (Mark 11:17 ...for all nations),'** but you make it a den of robbers."

14 And the **blind** and the **lame** came to him in the temple, and he **healed** them. **15** But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the **children crying** out in

the temple, "**Hosanna to the Son of David!**" they were indignant,

1. **Clears the roadblocks.** Changing the culture from TAKE to GIVE.
2. **Makes Access** to Healing. Celebration. Thanksgiving. Communion. Communication. Compassion. Worldwide Hope. Vision. Intercession. Declaration.
3. **Awakening joy** in the children. Who carry the future!

II. Presence & Transformation

A House of Grace – Future & Hope

- Isa 56:3 **Let not** the **foreigner** who has joined himself to the LORD say, *disqualified by birth*
 "The LORD will surely separate me from his people";
and **let not** the **eunuch** say, *disqualified by trauma*
 "Behold, I am a dry tree."
- 4 For thus says the LORD:
 "To the eunuchs who **keep** my Sabbaths,
 who **choose** the things that please me
 and **hold fast** my covenant,
- 5 **I will give in my house** and **within my walls**
 a **monument** and a **name**
 better than sons and daughters;
 I will give them an **everlasting name**
 that shall not be cut off.
- 6 "And the **foreigners** who join themselves to the LORD,
 to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,...
- 7 **these I will bring** to my holy mountain,
 and *make them joyful* in my **house of prayer**;
 their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
 will be **accepted** on my altar;

PRESENCE PRECEDES TRANSFORMATION

Acts 10 — Cornelius

Acts 13 — Set Saul & Barnabas

Success changed the culture so much that the original community was troubled.

CHANGE and CONTROVERSY

Acts 15:15 **ESV** And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, **16** “After this I will **re-turn**, and I will **re-build** the **tent** of David that has fallen; I will **re-build** its ruins, and I will **re-store** it, **17** that the **remnant** of mankind may **seek** the Lord, and **all the Gentiles** who are **called by my name**, says the Lord...

Amos 9:11 “In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old,

12 **that they may possess** the **remnant** of Edom and **all the nations who are called by my name**,” declares the LORD who does this. (**Psalm 2:8**)

SOCIETAL TRANSFORMATION CULTURE, CIVILIZATION

13 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;

(excessive success)

the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.

(earth releasing joyful bounty)

14 I will **restore** the **fortunes** of my people Israel, and they shall **rebuild** the **ruined cities** and **inhabit** them; they shall **plant** vineyards and **drink** their wine,
and they shall **make gardens** and **eat** their fruit.

(long term restoration of structures)

ACCESS to PRESENCE

Eph 6:18 NIV And pray **in the Spirit** on **all occasions** with **all kinds** of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and **always keep on praying** for **all the saints**.

This must be **IMPORTANT** and must be **POSSIBLE**. It must be full of grace — righteousness, peace and joy!

The City Set on a Hill — A Holy Experiment

All kinds of Prayer:

PURPOSE: Changing the atmosphere so that the seeds that God plants in hearts and minds can grow. Like a greenhouse.

The way children think, the way adults think

The way we communicate

The **BREADTH** of our imagination

The **FRUITFULNESS** of our imagination

Creativity is the highest expression of the image and likeness of love.

John 14:1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2 In my Father's house are many rooms.** ... **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that **where I am you may be also.**

NOT JUST Heaven BUT ALSO Heaven on Earth!

B. Our Goal is the Love of God — to experience, be transformed, and deliver it **to all around us.**

Beholding **love** becoming **love**

READ JAME'S WORD

Anne — House of Prayer Details

A HOLY ASSIGNMENT

Zerubbabel, the governor and Joshua the high priest had been charged to rebuild the temple. There had been struggle. Now it will be finished with GRACE.

Zech 4:6 Then he 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. **7** Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward **the top stone** amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

All who feel called to the **House of Prayer**, come forward.

COMMISSIONING

SHOUTING OF GRACE, GRACE

Beholding Becoming The Image of Endless Love & Infinite Abundance! Become the Solution from Heaven

BEHOLD (VISION, HOPE) —> BECOME (THOUGHTS, WORDS) —> ACT (DEEDS)