

Places and Assignments in Prayer

I. Times of Turning

Pondering the essentials that produce and reproduce Eden, Heaven on Earth, a holy culture and thriving civilization.

A. Pivotal Moments

1. Mary — Let it be to me according to your word.

Luke 1:38 *ESV*

And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

2. Saul of Tarsus — Who are you, Lord?

Acts 9:5 *ESV*

And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

Divine Initiative & Human Response — Seeds of Western Civilization

B. His Choices (His Purposes, not Resumé)

Position is more dynamic than status. LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Truth that outlives all the heresies, paganism, selfishness, and anger of the last 2000 years.

Colossians 1:26–27 (ESV)

the **mystery** hidden for ages and generations but **now revealed** ... **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

NOW revealed... Christ IN you, the hope of glory!

We stand as the IMAGE and LIKENESS of the Creator within the Temple of Creation. Restored in Christ, recreated as New Creation, we have more potential than we can understand.

1 John 4:17 (ESV)

... As [Christ] is so also are we in this world.

We behold his face and both reflect it and are transformed into the same image. Light of the world. Image of what we behold.

Keep yourself from idols. From beholding factions and distinctions

Galatians 3:28 ESV

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

C. Time for Awakening

Knowing the Kairos Moment... WAKE UP

Romans 13:10–11 NKJV

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.

Freedom is at stake... Spiritual (salvation) & Political (don't expect a politician to save you. Our prayers and participation can rescue nations, including United States of America

Similar to pre Civil War... Lincoln was VERY unpopular. Many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence paid. We are in a moment calling for courage and faith.

II. Dimensions & Places in Prayer

A. Holy Spirit Infinite Regeneration, Gifting, & Fruitfulness

Acts 2:17 ESV

“ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

The spiritual dimension is now open to believers

B. He Chooses us, not for our Resume, but for His Purposes

“Don't limit me!”

Galatians 1:13 ESV

For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.

Galatians 1:15–16 ESV

But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;

Response — Participation in Faith

C. Places in Prayer

John 14:2 ESV

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

topos — a space; task, a role of activity and responsibility; position or rank; possibility, opportunity.

1. Secret Place — Open Reward

Matthew 6:6 ESV

But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

NKJ “openly”

(Father) causes things to shift in the natural so everyone can see it.

The way we come into the secret place yesterday may not be the way we find today.

Daily sensitivity.

2. The Council Room of the Lord

As a FRIEND We stand in Authority

John 15:15 ESV

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

Genesis 18:17 ESV

The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,

Genesis 18:22–23 ESV

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?”

Abraham STOOD before YHWH. Drew near; Boldly contended... God's FRIEND.

James 2:23 ESV

and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

3. Court Room of Heaven

Decisions are made. The adversary is not permitted in the council, but is permitted in the courtroom.

ἀντίδικος -legal adversary. Looking for a legal means to deny individuals and nations of their destiny.

Luke 18:1–3 ESV

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.

And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’

Luke 18:4–7 ESV

For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’ ”

And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

Luke 18:8 ESV

I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

faith - trust — title deed of God based expectations. Convinced by invisible evidence!

A little horn shall arise

Daniel 7:25–26 “He shall **speak words against** the Most High, and shall **wear out the saints** of the Most High, and **shall think to change the times and the law**; and they shall be given into his hand [**temporarily**]. But the ***court shall sit*** in judgment, and **his dominion shall be taken away**, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.”

Daniel 7:27 ESV

And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.’

4. Throne Room of Grace

a room we enter with bold confidence

Hebrews 4:14–16 ESV

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 2:18 (ESV)

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is **able to help** those who are being tempted.

βοηθέω – run to the aid of those who cry for help

Jesus - High Priest & Intercessor

Hebrews 7:25 *ESV*

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

5. The Place of Rest and Rule (Jesus Seated) a whisper can shift nations.

Psalms 110:1 *ESV*

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

Isaiah 66:1 *ESV*

Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?”

6. Mount Zion (Place of Co-Rule)

House of Prayer When the House shakes its head, nations shift.

Psalms 110:2 *ESV*

The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Hebrews 12:22–24 *ESV*

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Isaiah 2:2 ESV

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

Isaiah 56:7 ESV

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; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

7. Place of Mysteries

1 Corinthians 14:2 ESV

For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

What's written in the book is decoded through **glossolalia**.

Unsealed Prophetic Insights - the seals are opened through process

Revelation 5:4–5 ESV

and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

The Lion can roar because the Lamb was slain.

Co-Laboring with God

John's tears were part of opening the book.

Intercession pulls into reality all that Jesus died to release.

Books of cities, states, nations need to be opened.

8. The Trading Floor - exchange

We give something and we receive something

Negatively — sow to the flesh and reap corruption

Positively — sow to the Spirit and reap eternal life

Isaiah 61:3 NKJV

To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

Beauty for Ashes

Joy for Mourning

Garment of Praise for spirit of heaviness or despair

III. Crisis! Now it is high time to AWAKE

A. House of Prayer - A Chosen Place for the Sacrifice of Praise

I HAVE CHOSEN

2 Chronicles 7:12 ESV

Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice.

Hebrews 13:15 NKJV

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

WHEN things seem desperate

2 Chronicles 7:13 ESV

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people,

IF

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

1 - humble themselves <subdue, submit>

2 - pray <*judge, execute, expect **palal***>

3 - seek my face <desire, inquire, require, look for >

4 - turn from their wicked ways <leave the harmful and inferior >

THEN

5 - I will hear from Heaven *SHEMA*

6 - Forgive their sin *REMOVE SHAME, SORROW*

7 - Heal their land *RESTORE INHERITANCE*

NOW... THIS PLACE... FOR ALL TIME

2 Chronicles 7:15–16 ESV

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

B. Prioritize Prayer

1 Timothy 2:1 NIV84

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—

FIRST OF ALL

1 Timothy 2:2 NKJV

for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

for all in high positions

THAT

a peaceful and quiet life

godly

dignified in every way

IV. Activation to Prayer

A. Stay in Love

No Matter What! Light of the World

1 John 4:16 ESV

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

B. Overflow with Hope

No Negativity! Effective Prayer

Romans 15:13 NIV84

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Persevere in Faith for Restoration of Our National Purposes
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