## **The Family Prayer Center**

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## The Bread Delivered in Simplicity – November Letter 2023

Dear Friend.

Recently, we have been studying the subject of the different types of prayer listed in the New Testament during our Wednesday night services.

The study eventually led us to take a chronological look at 37 major miracles of Christ in each of the four Gospels. Each miracle was amazing, but *how* the miracle was performed seemed to be all the more amazing. The manner in which Jesus released the power of God for the miracle seemed to stem from something that was more private than public.

This is what we found out: We found out that whether it was a miracle that took place away from the physical presence of Christ (as in sending the word) or something that happened in His direct presence, one thing was consistent. We never found in our study that Jesus ever asked His Father, who is God, (in a request fashion) to go and heal someone or to perform the miracle at hand.

Something else that we found incredibly interesting was this: When words were spoken by Jesus in the performance of the miracle, they usually were incredibly short statements. It was almost as if Jesus just commanded or spoke the desired end result.

Here is an abbreviated list of the manner in which Jesus performed some of these incredible miracles. This list does not detail the miracles themselves, but just the words and manner in which Jesus completed each miracle. In every case, this was all it took for the supernatural to take place.

- 1. "Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast" -John 2:8
- 2. "Go thy way; thy son liveth" -John 4:50
- 3. "Hold thy peace, and come out of him" -Mark 1:25
- 4. "And he touched her hand" -Matthew 8:15 (Luke says He "rebuked the fever")
- 5. "And he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them" -Luke 4:40
- 6. "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" -Luke 5:4
- 7. "I will; be thou clean" -Matthew 8:3
- 8. "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee" -Matthew 8:13

- 9. "Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house" -Matthew 9:6
- 10. "Stretch forth thine hand" -Matthew 12:13
- 11. "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise" -Luke 7:14
- 12. "Peace, be still" -Mark 4:39
- 13. "Go" Matthew 8:32
- 14. "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise" -Mark 5:41
- 15. "According to your faith be it unto you" -Matthew 9:29

We could complete the rest of the list of the miracles of Christ and still find the same thing each time. Jesus never asked the Father for the miracle when it came time to release the power of God for the miracle.

However, we certainly can find Jesus asking His Father for something behind the scenes in His private prayer life. What did He ask for?

One day, He was praying privately as He often did and after He finished, His disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray the same type of prayer He was praying.

<u>Luke 11:1</u> And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

<u>Luke 11:2</u> And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Luke 11:3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

<u>Luke 11:4</u> And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

We see in verse 3 that Jesus taught His disciples to ask the Father for their daily portion of bread. The word for bread here is the Greek word "artos" which simply means bread. Most often, this verse is taught that Jesus is instructing His disciples to ask for their daily portion of natural provisions which is partially correct. But a closer look into the context of this chapter reveals something far deeper. In verses 5 through 13, Jesus begins to teach them about the subject of prayer.

<u>Luke 11:5</u> And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

<u>Luke 11:6</u> For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

<u>Luke 11:7</u> And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

<u>Luke 11:8</u> I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

In the above verses, Jesus begins to teach His disciples a very powerful spiritual truth with a natural illustration. In verse 5, Jesus once again uses the word "artos" or bread when referring to the three loaves. At this point in His illustration, one man is standing at his friend's door at midnight asking for "artos" for another friend waiting back at his home to be feed. There are three friends involved here in this illustration. One is waiting patiently back at his friend's home hoping to eventually get fed. The other friend is standing at the door of his friend asking for a substance that he does not have of his own accord. The friend behind the door has what is necessary to feed the friend waiting back at home.

The key for the man to feed his friend waiting back at home is illustrated in the next two versus.

<u>Luke 11:9</u> And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

<u>Luke 11:10</u> For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Jesus was teaching His disciples that asking, seeking, and knocking before the Father would yield to them the same substance of miracles for the world that He walked in. But what is the bread? It is not the miracles? It's far more than the miracles themselves. It is the very person of the Holy Ghost.

**Luke 11:11** If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Luke 11:12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

For the third time in verse 11, Jesus uses the word "artos" or bread to illustrate something asked for. In this verse, it's a natural son asking an earthly father for bread. Jesus uses this to illustrate the contrast between an earthly father's willingness and our Heavenly Father's willingness in granting a request.

In verse 13, we then see a spiritual son asking his Heavenly Father for the bread that is none other than the Holy Spirit.

<u>Luke 11:13</u> If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

This is a Bread which we are to ask for, seek for, and knock for daily. THE VERY PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. We are to believe God that as we commune with Him in worship and in HIS WORD, we are infused with our daily portion of the anointing of HIS SPIRIT.

Jesus received His daily portion of this bread from His Father. That's why He could come out and do such fantastic miracles in such a simplistic fashion. Most of the time, Christians put the premium on all the words spoken during a prayer in request for a miracle. Jesus put the premium

on the Bread requested behind the scenes. So, when the miracle was necessary, the request for the miracle was not necessary; only the simple words of the end result.

Dear friend, we are on the precipice of the greatest outpouring of God's Spirit that the world has ever witnessed. Our Father is asking us as His sons and daughters to go behind the scenes daily and ask for this Bread! When this comes to pass, we will come out like Jesus and perform the most fantastic miracles, delivering the Bread in great simplicity!

Thank you so much for standing with us and supporting us in this press for Revival.

I will see you in the Revival!

With all my love, Pastor Bronc