



November 8, 2023 Prayer Gathering
Wednesday of Prayer and Fasting Week

SONG: How Great is Our God

Psalm 146 (ESV) ¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

PERSPECTIVE

Impossible to describe how profoundly Prayer Gathering is NOT ABOUT US but about obediently worshipping God to make impact Earthly Realm and Heavenly Realm

The way it works: We give God His rightful place → He acts → we experience His best, whether emotion, direction, conviction, encouragement, transformation

STATEMENTS HERB'S BEEN HEARING

† There is more at stake than we realize.
Prayer with fasting matters Unseen

Eph 3:10–12 (ESV) so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

† We have no idea what God is up to.

† Perseverance IS the battle.

† Obedience is the essence of worship.

† Father longs to have us home in Heaven but He must leave us away from home to do His work that OTHERS can become His children, too.

† God usually speaks or acts AFTER people worship with intensity:

Psalm 104:31–35 (ESV) ³¹May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, ³²who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! ³³I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. ³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

SONG: Revelation Song

Isaiah 6 as a template for Seeking God

1. Seek God, “worship” as giving God His proper place

2. Experience God as God chooses

3. Sin exposed, often hidden or unrecognized

IMPORTANT: if at any time God convicts you of sin – soul level guilt – grab another person, confess and pray together to be clean with God, but also because it has impact on you AND on ALL OF US! There will be no judgment, but rejoicing that you are Surrendering, Listening, Obeying

SONG: Hosanna, I See the King of Glory

4. God cleanses – gives a new identity

Who am I?

I am the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13).

I am the light of the world. (Matthew 5:14).

I am a child of God (John 1:12).

I am part of the true Vine, a channel of Christ's life. (John 15:1, 5).

I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit. (John 15:16).

I am a slave of God and His righteousness (Romans 6:18 & 22).
I am a temple of God's Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19).
I am united to the Lord and am one spirit with Him. (1 Corinthians, 6:17).
I am a member of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians, 5:30).
I'm a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).
I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18-19).
I am an heir of God since I am a child of God (Galatians 4:6-7).
I am a saint (1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:2).
I am God's workmanship, - His handiwork - to do His work (Ephesians 2:10).
I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heavenlies now (Eph 2:6; Philippians 3:20).
I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved (Col 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4).
I'm a child of light and not of darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:5).
I'm an alien & stranger to this world in which I temporarily live (1 Peter 2:11).
I am an enemy of the devil but he cannot touch me (1 Peter 5: 8, 1 John 5:18).
I'm a child of God and I will resemble Christ when He returns (1 John 3:2).
I am born of God, and the evil one—The devil—cannot touch me (1 John 5:18).

5. Assignment to serve as a soldier

1 Chronicles 29:10–14 (ESV) ¹⁰Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

SONG: You are God Alone