

YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:

“HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021”?

“LIVE AN ANOINTED PRAYER LIFE”

_____ *anointing stretches and strengthens our prayer life!*

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LIVE AN ANOINTED PRAYER LIFE

Text #1: 2 Chronicles 30:27 “for their prayer reached heaven, God’s holy dwelling place.”



“²⁶ There was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the days of Solomon son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem. ²⁷ The priests and the Levites stood to bless the people, and **God heard them, for their prayer reached heaven, His holy dwelling place.**”

(People had been praying BUT prayers were too weak and did not reach heaven until now.)

These little children drew the lines, kept their eyes on the goal & will not stop stretching until they reached the top-most. ...***we must stretch our prayers to reach God’s dwelling place***

AN ANOINTED PRAYER LIFE IS... *a prayer life that is persistent, sustained from the “inside-out” and stretches until it gets results.*

Text #2 Luke 18:1 “Always pray and not give up.”

“¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶ **And the Lord said**, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly.”

Brethren,

“We are anointed by the Holy Spirit” (1 John 2:20 &27)

Flesh fails; the anointing within us helps us stretch & sustain our prayer life.

Jesus Our Example

Matthew 3: “¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

¹⁴ But John tried to deter Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ **Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.”** Then John consented.

(without the baptism, Jesus will not be anointed)

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” **Holy Spirit anointed Him.**

From this moment of anointing, everything changed for Jesus including His prayer life. He stretched in prayers and got result at every moment.

Peter testified to this... (Acts 10:37-39)

“³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. ³⁸ And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ “And we apostles are witnesses of all He did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem.”

No wonder Jesus’ disciple asked Him to teach them how to stretch in prayers:

“It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.” (Luke 11:1).

Brethren, in the flesh vs in the Spirit?

“Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. We, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in us. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. (Romans 8:8-10).

If the Spirit of God is in us, then we should be able to **“LIVE AN ANOINTED PRAYER LIFE”**.

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Reason God is reminding us today to **“LIVE AN ANOINTED PRAYER LIFE.”**

Jesus, our example, demonstrated this...

Jesus laid aside His glory as God & took on the nature of man (Philippians 2:5-8)

John 5:19 (flesh fails but anointing sustains us)

“Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself, unless He sees the Father doing it. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does.”

John 5:30 ““By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but Him who sent me.”

Reasons Jesus always stretched in prayer until His Father heard Him.

Same principle we should apply today:

We are cautioned that:

- “We can do all this through him who gives me strength.” (**Philippians 4:13**)
- ‘Not by might nor by strength, but only by my Spirit,’ says the LORD (**Zechariah 4:6**)
- “My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:2)

As heirs of the Kingdom, our situation, today, is similar to that of Jesus.

Therefore, we need to stretch in prayer like Jesus stretched. For instance,...

Hebrews 5:7

“In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.”

Luke 3:21 “Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened.”

Matthew 14:23

After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

Mark 6:46 “After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.”

Luke 6:12

It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

Mark 1:35

In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

Luke 5:16

But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

Matthew 26:36

Then Jesus *came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and *said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

Matthew 26:39

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed..”

Matthew 14:19

Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and **looking up toward heaven**, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds..”

Conclusion

Brethren, lesson we learn from Jesus example is that **ANOINTED PRAYER LIFE:**

- *Is persistent, sustained from the “inside-out” and stretches until it gets results.*
- *Is one-on-one.*
- *Even when Jesus was in the crowd (Matthew 14:19), He looked up (stretched) toward heaven, just to ensure that He lifted Himself out of the crowd to pray.*
- Offered by someone who understand that s/he can do nothing in flesh BUT strength must come from God.

Let us go and draw strength from our anointing and **LIVE AN ANOINTED PRAYER LIFE.**

GOD BLESS YOU.