



VISITORS

I welcome you all to feel free before your Lord as you as you join us to fellowship together in prayers. I request you to remain humble in order to follows how prayers are being conducted. There are the chosen servants of God who will assist you in prayers, remember where you have come from, what you have passed through, they didn't cause is to happen to you, instead understand that that they are telling you is a revelation from God. For this reason, you should be cooperative, avoid complaining, murmuring, Gosping and enmity {Galatians 5:16-26.}

According to our procedures, when you enter into the church, please switch off your phone or put it on silent made of on voice mail. For any recording, you must ask for permission before you start recording. You must also take part in prayers not sitting idle and know that blessing do not come fully unless you submit yourself into prayers - Matthew 7:7. Anything you see or notice during service or in prayers, you are requested to ask before you have the church, because you are not aware so that that you can understand your Prayers. In case of the occurrence of anything you will be liable because you did not ask.

Department of church Ministries Church Members and Our Visitors

I would like to share with you this opportunity for the message of peace love and unity. To all our visitors, church members, attending our prayers each and every and every day; please be patient as you wait for your time to come to be served by our Pastor or Prophet. While you are waiting for your turn, please stop murmuring underground asking people who are not concerned. You must be attentive to the Pastors or prophet leading the church service and make sure you finish with him or her. Do not extend matters to the next person because all prophecy will be conducted in the church not through phones only prayers will be offered on phone.

Remember sisters or brothers, you may have passed through difficulty, people taking about you, don't allow yourself to listen to their conversations, instead release you heart to you Lord as you are being led by the pastor or prophet because what you are being told is personal. Remember you may be served by a private in the church and not outside the church during church service and not after church service in order to avoid being misled by foolish prophet giving false prophecy. Ezekiel 13:1-23.

As you have come, brother and sister, remember you have set your heart to God, you to know that there are three things you need to understand. First things has already passed, second things are happening now and last things are coming in the future. Many be you have seen them come, or heard them from someone else therefore all your problems are going to be solved by God himself, because he says, "as you come with all the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and come to the to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him that come according to multitude of his idols." Ezekiel 14:4-5. Many people died because of hiding their sins instead of repenting. In Hosea 4:6, God Says "My people are destroyed for lack of Knowledge because though hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of God. I will also forget thy children. James Version).

There is nothing that can be hidden from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before his eyes. And it is to Him that we must all give an account of

ourselves. Hebrews 4:11-13. "Every word of God is pure, he is shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his word lest he reprove these, and thou be found a liar." Proverbs 30:5-6. "But we must test ourselves to the Law and to the testimony; If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20. Because all scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, ridding error, correcting faults and giving instructions for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed. 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Romans 10:8-13. "But whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Remember that you can book appointments with the General Secretary of the church and make sure you confirm the day and date when you will meet the Apostle before you come.

Thank you for your coming as you have fellowshiped with us, be strong and have good courage as you move forward facing the unfolding future to be blessed.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE: ENTER THE GATEWAY OF GOD

The Bible

"The Bible is a book of doctrine, and a book of morals, and a book of religion, of especial revelation from God." The BIBLE is a unique book (Psalm 119:129): Because of its Authorship (2nd Peter 1:21).

It has 40 writers some of whom were scholars (Paul), leaders (Moses), prime Ministers (Daniel), priests (Ezekiel), fishermen (Peter), all whom claim their message came from God.

Because of its divinity (2nd Timothy 3:16, 17).

The Scriptures are not the result of dictation, with the lips of God on one end and the ear of the writer on the other. The written authoritative revelation was "expressed in the language of men." Because of its UNITY and ARRNGEMENT (Luke 24:44).

The Old and New Testament are divided:

LAW: Genesis to Deuteronomy.

GOSPELS: Matthew to John.

HISTORY: Joshua to Job.

HISTORY: Acts of the Apostles.

WISDOM: Psalms to Ecclesiastes.

THEOLOGY AND ETHICS: Romans to Jude.

PROPHETS: Isaiah to Malachi.

PROPHECY: Revelation.

"The New Testament is the Old Testament concealed;

The Old Testament is the New Testament revealed."

Because of its POWER (Hebrews 4:12; Luke 8:11).

It contains dynamic creative activity. As in the "old" creation (Psalm 33:9; 2nd Peter 3:5). As in the "new" creation 1st Corinthians 5:19; 1st Peter 1:23). It saves those who believe (1st Corinthians 1:21; 2nd Thessalonian 2:13). By it miracles are wrought (Matthew 8:3, 8, 16, 26, 32; 9:6).

Because of its Benefits (Psalm 119:105).

It offers protection (Psalm 119:11).

It makes one wise (Psalm 119:99, 130).

It sustains (Luke 4:4; 1st John 1:14). It makes one strong in the battle with sin (Ephesian 6:12-17). Because of its THEME (John 5:39).

"The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ"

Old Testament his life and work:

Birth (Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2);

Atonement (Isaiah 53:5-12); Death (Psalm, 22:16-18);

Resurrection (Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:10);

Chronology (Dan 9:27).

New Testament The GOSPELS records of his life and teachings.

The Acts testify to the power of his preaching.

The Epistles apply and interpret his teaching.

The Book of Revelation envisages his triumph.

Because of its indestructibility (Isaiah 40:8; 1st Peter 1:23; Luke 16:17).

"Seize its principles and abide in them;

Study its prophecies and wait for them.

Learn its promises and lean on them;

Power its principles and obey them." –Anonymous.

SALVATION

"The hands of Christ seem very frail, for they were broken by a nail. But only they reach Heaven at last. Whom these frail, broken hands hold fast."

Three realities of life that Necessitate Salvation:

The reality of sin (Romans 6:23; John 1:8). The reality that man cannot save himself (Job 14:4; Matthew 16:25, 26).

The inescapability of eternal death without intervention (Ezekiel 18:4, 20).

Five Principles of Salvation:

The Cross is central: if no penalty is paid there is no salvation. (Isaiah 53:5, 6; 1st Peter 2:24; 1st John 2:2; 2nd Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:6, 8).

The cross makes forgiveness possible. (John 3:17, 18; Romans 4:5; Colossian 1:13; 14; Romans 8:1, 2; Psalm 32:1, 2).

Note: 3 terms:

Justification;

- 1. Imputation of righteousness;**
- 2. Forgiveness (means a "cancellation of an obligation").**

The cross makes it possible for Christ's righteousness to count for us. (Romans 4:3, 22-25; Galatians 3:1-14; 1st Corinthians 1:30).

The cross makes Christ's righteousness available through the available through the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:1-5; 8:9, 10; 1st Corinthians 1:4, 5; 2nd Corinthians 8:1, 2; Galatians 2:9; 2nd Timothy 2:1).

The Cross of Christ gives powers power to obey the law.(Romans 8:8, 4; 5:17).

So, what must be done to secure salvation? (Acts 16:30).

Four steps to Salvation:

- 1. Belief (Acts 16:31; Mark 16:16).**
- 2. "He does not believe that does not live according to his belief."**
- 3. Confession (1 John 4:7).**
- 4. "The recognition of sin is the beginning of salvation."**

Repentance (Psalm 38:18; Acts 20 21; 2nd Corinthian 7:10; Luke 13:3).

"To do it no more is true repentance."

Obedience (Hebrews 5:9; John 14:13).

The two blessings of Salvation:

The assurance of peace (Psalm 119:165; Romans 5:1; 1st Corinthians 7:15; 2nd Timothy 2:22).

"I could not live in peace if I put the shadow of one sin between myself and God."

The Promise of a life that measures with the life of God (John 3:16; 6:47).

"O saving Victim, opening wide. The gate of heaven to man below. Our foes press hard on every side. Thin and aid supply, thy strength bestow."

EVANGELISM A WORLD OF CONSTANT CHANGE

The Holy Seed Church Advenemphasis in cities. At this time, we were few in number; only one The Holy Seed Church member for every 8.6 million inhabitants of the world, however we faced a great challenge to fulfill the mission that God had placed in our hands. To facilitate the understanding of our task, the General Conference began to publish an annual report regarding the mission in the cities that lasted from 2007 to 2018. In 2014, the report indicated 28 churches missionary join together already in progress, involving 187 Layman from different denominational employees and 320 volunteers.

The Holy Seed Church member for every 8.6 million inhabitants emphasis on the work in the cities and insisted, in a clear manner, that The Holy Seed Church was committing ourselves for this mission. More than 2017 years have already gone by since Jesus commission her strong convocations, appeals for his people.

A WORD OF ENGARGMENT PROPHECY TOWARDS THE CHURCH

Prayer for alder

To give all tithe and special offerings

To have special prayer for three day prayer

There are people having secretes in the Church they to reviled them.

There people who stand against the blessings to spoil to church

God is opening the way for the church to grow

All church members and visitors must unite together as the one vision

All church leaders must walk in footsteps of Jesus Christ as commanded by God
(Matthew 28:11-20)

The church must have restorations from the begging and obey God
Meaning they need to stay Holy as they father in heaven is God (Matthew 4:47)
Message represent by Servant of God Bishop Musa Lamu 11/2018

The church God has open the way for prosperity to as development through funding of each the government standing against six hundred millions {600,000,000} so the church members they need to prayer to remove all spirits of controversy by pastor Samuel Buluma 24/11/2018

CHURCH PLANTING IN THE CONTEXT OF BIG CITIES

The deliberate planting of new church is based on the Bible and in Spirit of Prophecy. In texts like John 1:2 and 3:10, god tells the Prophet: "Arise, go to Nineveh." In Genesis 4:17 it is imaginable to see the first city that was established by Cain as an act of his rebelliousness against God. God's original plan was that people were not to concentrate in just one place, due to the evil that was there, but to go out to evangelize the big cities.

Another example comes from the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. This region had been literally affected by evil practices, even in the family of devout man named Lot. Nowadays, the mission is to enter big cities for the proclamation of biblical truths.

This is the moment in time where The Holy Seed Church should play their part without hesitation. This is the time to present gospel of without hesitation. This is the time to present the gospel of salvation to those places. And the best way to do it is establishing centers of influence to plant new Churches.

In order to reach big cities within the context of planting of new churches, the strategy includes the following:

Training: To train churches already existing in big cities, to get to know and to work wisely with postmodern and secularized minds.

Small Groups: To have small groups, deliberately established for church planting, as the foundation for planting new churches.

Urban evangelism: To organize series of public urban evangelism, having small groups as the foundation considering the secularized and postmodern thinking.

Mother Churches: To strengthen the already existing churches so that they can become generators of new churches, transplanting members who live in those neighborhoods to new places where they can start a new church.

The church planting theory, according to specialists such as Pastor Eugene Makokha, is successful as long as the new congregation can be financially self-sufficient, has a consolidated leadership, and a clear missionary focus. For this reason investing resources in those centers of influence is a great priority for the global The Holy Seed Church. Apart from the financial resources invested to build new churches, there is also investment for training; organization of small Groups, biblical classes, and missionary couple which will give support to the preparation of new leaders.

THE HOLY WORSHIPING

It is quite easy to get a holier than thou attitude. It is even easier to say “woe is you” when we see some of the horrible things happening in our world. However, like Isaiah, we must say “woe is me” when we compare our own spiritual condition to the holiness of God. God calls us to be holy as he is holy “1st Peter 1:16; Isaiah 6:3”

How has God blessed you? How have you praised or thanked God for his blessings?

With who have you shared God’s blessings? God blesses us not only because he loves us but also because he wants to bless others through us “1st Timothy 6:18-19; Isaiah 12:4”

Even in Bible times, some of the religious leaders were reduced to secrecy and underhanded human politics. When the Samaritan woman voiced the resinous views of her day “John 4:1-26, Jesus got right to the point, saying, “True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.” Having a heart and a life that exemplifies worship is true worship. We must not settle for less. “Isaiah 29:13”

God will keep his every promise. We many think we can casually sin and it will not affect us, but repeated sin produces an obstinate people. Sin ties us to this world that will pass away and be remembered no more. When trusting Jesus, we are looking forward no more. When trusting Jesus, we are looking forward to our bring promised future while enjoying his glory in the present. “Isaiah 65:17-18.”

The tribes of Judah and Benjamin returned to Jerusalem to a temple in ruins. The beauty was gone, but their love for God motivated them. In the midst of rubble they built an altar in order to worship and offer burnt offerings. When things seem to be falling apart in your life, offer God your worship. Let him help you, for he cares for you "1st Peter 5:7; Ezra 3:4"

As believers in Jesus Christ, we are God's temple 1st Corinthians 6:19. Do you rejoice over the foundation of your faith? "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal; The Lord knoweth them that are his" 2nd Timothy 2:19. That is a foundation we can surely rejoice in and shout about. "Ezra 6:16."

God had fulfilled his prophecies and answered his People's prayers. When God's people see evidence that he is working in the world, they experience a spontaneous joy. Where have you seen God working in your world? Have you praised him for his mighty works? "Ezra 6:16."

This Scripture reminds me of 2nd Chronicles 7:14. If we honestly believe we have a mighty God who will work on behalf of his humble people, what is stopping us from humbling ourselves as Judah did in this Scripture? What battle is going on in your life? Are you willing to humble yourself so that God will intervene? "Ezra 8:23"

The priests were holy to the Lord, set aside for his service. It has been determined that the silver offered weighed around 25 tons and the gold 3.75 tons. That is a lot of silver and gold! God desires that our hearts be set aside as holy 1st Peter 1:16. He cared enough to die so that we can be holy a sacrifice far more precious than any amount of silver or gold. "Ezra 8:28"

The Festival of Booths was celebrated every year to remember how God had protected the Israelites in the desert after they had come out of captivity in Egypt. How has God protected you since he brought you out of the captivity of sin? "Nehemiah 8:17."

As you read this text, confess a time when you forgot who God is and praised other things above him. Or a time you did not seek God's word and forgot his promises to you. Allow God time to bring to mind things you need to confess; then confess them. Praise God you are forgiven! "Nehemiah 9:33"

Almost every person can remember a time or day he was happy, but "joy" is a gift of the Holy Spirit and is associated with God's people. Joy is usually accompanied by an inner peace also a fruit of the Spirit Galatian 5:22-23. The people of Judah were rejoicing because they had a place to freely worship and reconnect with God. There should be great rejoicing and inner peace for all believers in Jesus Christ, for we too can freely worship and connect with God. "Nehemiah 12:43."

It seems that since the day Moses read the Ten Commandments to the Israelites, God's people have struggled to keep the Sabbath Day holy. That is just one day a week to rest and focus on God, a day to refresh and renew. Could it be we would not need spas and "me time" and other means of de-stressing if we purified ourselves through confessions and truly kept one day holy? We will not know until we try! Nehemiah 13:22.

THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN GOD

In Titus 1, Paul gives specific instructions regarding the appointment of elders and their role in the church. Titus 2 addresses the issues of proper conduct in the church. Like Titus, elders in the local churches have a solemn responsibility to uphold sound doctrine. The elder's role is one that is all-inclusive and deeply rooted in a clear understanding of God's unmerited grace and salvation.

How those who believe in God should conduct themselves and the doctrine of grace and salvation. Titus 2 underscores practical Christianity and how the grace of God does not give us license to sin but is designed to help Christians live sober, righteous, and godly lives. Elders have a solemn responsibility to uphold the high standards of God's moral laws in the church.

HOW THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN GOD SHOULD CONDUCT THEMSELVES {TITUS 2:1-10}

1. Counseling older men. "You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance" (verses 1,20).
2. Counseling older women (Titus 2:3). "Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good" (verse 3)
3. Counseling younger women: "Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God" (verse 4,5)
4. Counseling younger men: Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness, and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us" (verses 6-8)
5. Counseling employees: "Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive" (verses 9:10)

THE DOCTRINE OF GRACE AND SALVATION (TITUS 2:11-15)

1. Grace offers salvation to all people: "For the grace of God has appeared that brings salvation to all people" (verse 11). 2. Grace teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good" (verses 12-14). 3. Grace urges us to encourage and rebuke: "These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you" (verse 15).

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

There is a harmonious relationship between the Christian message and Christian ethics. In Titus 2, elders have a duty of care to instruct the members of the church to live responsibly as Christians within Society while not compromising the value of those who believe in God. Sound Bible doctrines are the immovable foundation of Christian life; the two are inseparable. So, while the church must continue to live in the world and face the challenges of life on a sinful earth, it must do so critically, measuring everything against the word of God. Like Titus, elders of the church have

a solemn privilege to “teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine” (verse 1). Their lifestyle and ministry in the church must be exemplary. Their teaching, all-inclusive and with dedicated must be authentic and must bear the marks of genuine Christian faith. By so doing, elders remove the basis for unbelievers to slander the church and make the teachings of the gospel attractive to them. The gospel that offers salvation to all people teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and urges us to encourage the faithful and rebuke sin with all authority.

PRACTICAL PREACHING IN A FUNERAL SERVICE

For many elders, preaching a funeral is one of ministry’s most challenging experiences. Although it is an immense privilege to preach a funeral and minister at such a critical time, there are some lessons we can learn in regards to preaching a funeral sermon.

SPEND TIME WITH THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED

There is no substitute for this. It’s not enough to simply preach a sermon for this occasion; there is pastoral work to be done. Be there as a spiritual church leader at least by the day after the family members’ death after funeral arrangements have been made other personal issues are in order. Go where family members are and just sit and listen. You may think, “I don’t want to intrude on family time.” To that I say, I given the choice of erring on the side of a personal presence or not, I would err by risking intrusion. You will be able to tell in about 15 seconds if it a bad time but the family will appreciate the gesture and may suggest a better time to come by. And when you do, be prepared to listen, inquire, go through pictures, read letters, and hear wonderful stories. But most of all, be prepared to be the Lord’s presence to the during this difficult time. Because you are a spiritual leader, you are an ambassador for Christ.

WHEN YOU PREACH, KEEP IT SHORT

Yes, the family asked you as a church leader to do the funeral, but this time is not about you or your sermonic skills, you are there to represent Christ and share His Word but take care. The family is emotionally, spiritually, and, in all likelihood, physically drained. Listening takes energy. An economy of words would suit everyone well here.

SHARE THE GOSPEL WITHOUT FAIL

Yes, address the reason why you all are gathered together. Yes, eulogize and recall some fond memories. Yes, address the family and send condolences on behalf of yourself and the church you serve. But shame on any minister who does not share the gospel with people who are most open to hearing it. Some readers will object and say, “This is manipulation! You shouldn’t take advantage of people when they are grieving.” But death is what the majority of people are most afraid of, and this is the time when finality and mortality are clearly front and center. So share them the gospel of Jesus Christ and give them the encouragement that the apostle Paul gave in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

BE THE LAST ONE TO LEAVE

If you end with a graveside service, stay until everyone else is gone. Don’t say, “Amen!” and rush to your car. Stay with the family until they leave. If possible, walk out with the last family member. Be the Lord’s ambassador right until the end. If there is a meal afterward for the family and they invite you to stay and partake, stay and partake. Some very pastoral and teachable moments happen on such occasions that would not happen at any other time. So take advantage of the opportunities God brings your way.

SPEAK WINSOMELY OF THE SAVIOR

As followers of Christ we should make our words such as to be a help and an encouragement to one another in the Christian life. For more than we do we should speak of the mercy and loving-kindness of God, of the words of praise and thanksgiving. If the mind and heart are full of the love of God, this will be revealed in the conversation.

It will not be a difficult matter to import that which enters into our spiritual life. Great thoughts, noble aspirations, clear perceptions of truth, unselfish purposes, yearnings for piety and holiness, will bear fruit in words that reveal the character of the heart treasure. When Christ is thus revealed in our speech, it will have power in winning souls to Him. We should speak of Christ to those who know Him not. We should do as Christ did. Wherever He was, in the synagogue, by the wayside, in the boat thrust out a little from the land, at the Pharisee's feast or the table of the publican, He spoke to men and women of the things pertaining to the higher life. The things of nature, the events of daily life, were bound up by Him with the words of truth. The hearts of His hearers were drawn to him; for He had healed their sick, had comforted their sorrowing ones, and had taken their children in His arms and blessed them. When He opened His lips to speak, their attention was riveted upon Him, and every word was to some soul a savor of life unto life.

So it should be with us. Wherever we are, we should watch for opportunities of speaking to others of the savior. If we follow Christ's example in doing good, hearts will open to us as they did to Him. Not abruptly, but with tact born of divine love, we can tell them of Him who is the "chief's among ten thousand" and the One "altogether lovely" (song of Solomon 5:10,16). This is the very highest work in which we can employ the talent of speech. It was given to us that we might present Christ as the sin pardoning Savior.

"LET NO CORRUPT COMMUNICATION PROCEED OUT OF YOUNG MOUTH, BUT WHAT IS GOOD FOR NECESSARY EDIFICATION, THAT IT MAY IMPART GRACE TO THE HEARERS" EPHESIANS 4:29.

PRAYER IS ABOUT ACCEPTING

The Lord's prayer, recorded in Matthew 6:9-13, introduces four facts, the "Four Rs," that we need to remember each time we say to the Almighty God, "Our Father which art in heaven..." (See verse 9). The "Four Rs" are relationship, reality, realization, and responsibility. Please reflect carefully on them and intentionally consider accepting those facts in your connection with God.

RELATIONSHIP

1. God is called "our Father." What a precious truth! This is the ground upon which we may approach Him with our prayers. When God made man in His image (Gen. 1:26). God became the father of the human race in creation. But, when man fell into sin, man received a new "father" (John 8:44). Now, the only way any person can experience the Fatherhood of God is through the new birth (John 3:3-7). When the new birth takes place, we are immediately adopted into God's family (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:5-7; Eph. 1:5). When we are saved, we instantly become children of God (1 John 3:1-2). This new relationship opens up our access to His presence as our Father.
2. God not only births us into His family; He has the will, the resources, and the ability to father us. He has promised to sustain us, supply us, and care for us until we arrive home in glory (Matt. 6:25-34; 10:29-31; Phil. 4:19). We earthly fathers

have the same desire within our hearts for our families, but sufficient to meet their needs. We should never fear that with our heavenly Father (Ps.24:1; 50:10). He is well able to meet our needs (Eph. 3:20).

REALITY

3. The next two words, “which art,” are filled with glory and wonder. They remind us that we serve a God who exists and who is more than a figment of our imagination. In fact, faith in the existence of God is the very ground upon which we may approach Him (Heb. 11:6). This verse teaches us that we must believe God exists and that He hears and answers prayer; otherwise, we are merely praying to Him in vain. God is real, and when you call on His Name, you are reaching up to one who hears you and who will move in response to your need!
4. We serve a God who is, not God who and not a God will be someday. But, as God told Moses in Exodus 3:14, His name is “I AM that I AM!” This reminds us that God is the self-existent, eternal One. He has existed unchanged from all eternity past, He continues to exist in the present, and He will continue unchanged into the vast reaches of eternity future
5. Since God is real and changed not. You and I can approach Him with confidence, resting in His reality. Prayer is not an exercise in futility! Because God is real, there is power in prayer. Rest in that hope and exercise your right to enter His presence!

REALIZATION

6. When the Bible tells us that our Father dwells “in heaven,” it is telling us that He occupies a place of honor, glory, and power. Since He is in heaven, He is above the evils and problems of this world. Since He is in heaven, He is in a position to move in power in response to our petitions. Since He is in heaven, He is in a position to be exalted and honored by those who dwell below.
7. When we pray: we should enter His presence humbly. Our Father is God! He made this world. He is holy. He is wonderful. We, on the other hand, are vile and wicked (Isa. 64:6). In fact, when we do enter, we can only do so through Jesus, our Savior and Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5). But, when we come in His name, the name of Jesus, we can be assured of an audience and an answer (John 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23-24).

We should enter His presence confidently. This may sound like a contradiction, but it isn't. Even as we humble ourselves before God, let us pray in faith, believing that He will hear us and answer us for His glory. To approach Him in doubt is to slam the door of prayer (James 1:6-8), but to approach Him in simple faith is to guarantee the success of our prayers (Matt. 21:22; Mark 11:22-24; 1 Tim. 2:8).

We should enter His presence worshipfully. When we approach the Lord in prayer, we need to remember to whom we are speaking. He is God He is Lord. He is awesome! Let us come into His presence to worship, honor, and glorify Him. To do so places us in a position of close communion with Him and opens the storehouses of His glory in our lives.

We should enter His presence hopefully. Our Father is already in our heavenly home, and He awaits our appearances there. Therefore, when we pray, we are merely turning our attention toward home. We look away, by faith, to that eternal homeland that awaits us. We are not seeking answers to prayer that are rooted in the troubles and problems of this life. We are seeking heavenly benefits. We are seeking those things which originate in our new home.

RESPONSIBILITY

8. You will notice that God is called “our Father.” He is not just my Father or your Father; He is our Father. This reminds us that when we pray, we have a responsibility to pray as part of a family.
9. We have the duty before the Lord to pray one for another. We are to carry one another’s burdens to the throne of grace (Gal. 6:2; Phil. 2:4).
Remember, we have no right to pray for things that are selfish in nature. We must remember to structure our prayers so that they reflect that which is best for the whole family of God, not just what we think is best for us. For instance, when there is a situation at church that needs prayer, we should not ask God to work things out the way we want them worked out. We should pray that God will do that which is best for His family and for His glory, even if it isn’t what we want! He isn’t only “my Father,” He is “our Father!”

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Today we have learned four ways to accept God our Father. We have studied the “Four Rs” introduced in the Lord’s Prayer. Before we pray to close our message, I would like to ask the following: how many of you would like accept these four facts relationship, reality, realization, and responsibility as we pursue a deeper communication with the living God? May God bless you! May our prayers be also acceptable in His sight! Let’s pray.

PRAYER IS ABOUT REVERENCING

In the first paragraph of the Lord’s Prayer, we read: “Hallowed be thy name” What do these words mean and how might the enlighten our walk God?

THESE WORLDS SPEAK ABOUT A DECSRIPTION

The phrase “hallowed be thy name” tells us something about the character of God. In fact, the names of God revealed in the Word of God reveal his character to us. The only way we can know God is through the many names by which he has revealed himself to us. His names tell us who he is!

In the Old Testament, God was commonly known by the name Jehovah. This is the name by which he revealed himself to Moses on Mount Sinai {Exodus 3:14}. There, we are told that this name means “I AM that I AM.” This phrase literally means, “I will become what I please.” The word translated “I AM” in Hebrew is Yavah. This word has the literal meaning of “the Becoming One.” It speaks of God as one whose will supreme, whose purposes are certain, and whose word is unalterable.

This great name took many forms over the years, as different facets of God’s character were revealed to his people. Let me give you a few derivatives of the name Jehovah that the Jews used:

Jehovah-Jireh “Genesis 22:14”: “The Lord will see to it” or “the Lord will provide.”

Jehovah-Nissi “Exodus 17:15”: “The Lord is our banner” or “Our Victory.”

Jehovah-Shalom “Judges 6:24”: “The Lord is our peace.”

Many other names of God are given in the Bible. He is Called Elohim, which means “God.” He is called Jehovah-Elyon, which means “the Lord Most high.” He is called Jehovah-M’Kaddesh, which means “the Lord our Sanctifier.” He is called El-Shaddai, which means “the all sufficient One” or “the Almighty God.” He is called Adonai, which means “Lord.” He is also called “Father” that is a name which blesses my heart!

God is called by many names, but the greatest of all his names is Jesus Christ. This is the God who took upon himself human flesh, was born into this world, and died on the cross for our sins. His names reveal who he is and what he does for his people.

When we enter God's presence in prayer, we are to take time to worship, honor, and praise him for whom he is. We are to lift heart, soul, and voice to the One who is God, the One who loved us, saved us, keeps us, and cares for us. We are to take the time to reverence him and honor his hallowed Name.

THESE WORDS SPEAK ABOUT A DECISION

When we come before the Lord in prayer, we face a decision. We can either focus our prayers around ourselves or we can center our thoughts on him. The phrase "hallowed be thy name" expresses a desire on the part of the petitioner to bow before the Lord in humble submission and reverence. It expresses a desire to praise and worship before the Lord.

We can learn about reverencing God by looking at Jewish practices in the past. The ancient Jews had such reverence of the name of God that they would not say his name out loud. They created the name Yahweh from two of the Lord's names so they could talk about him without saying his name. They feared they might use his name in vain and thus be guilty of blasphemy "Exodus 20:7". Jewish scribes, who were engaged in the practice of copying the Word of God, were so respectful of his hallowed name that they would wash their bodies and change their pens before they wrote his name. After they had written his name, they destroyed that quill so that it could not be profaned by writing a lesser word. Many times, when referring to God, the Jews simply referred to "the name."

Today, we need to learn the same degree of reverence for the hallowed name of God. Far too many people are guilty of taking his precious name in vain. Words like "Gosh," "Golly," "Gee whiz," and "Cripes" are all derived from the names of and Jesus. Be careful, little tongue, what you say! How much time has we heard or said "Oh God!" or "Oh my God? Or "Jesus!" or any of a thousand others just like those? Even Christians are guilty of saying things like, "Oh, Lord!" or "My God!" we've all done it, but it is degrading to the Lord's name to throw it around so casually. His name is a hallowed name, and it is to be treated with respect and reverence.

We must come before him with a burning desire to lift his glorious name in praise. If you do nothing else when you pray, you should at least learn to enter his presence to worship his name. After all, when you worship and hallow his name, you are worshiping and hallowing God himself! We must pray within the parameter of his will, never asking for anything that would dishonor his name.

THESE WORDS SPEAK ABOUT DEVOTION

That prayer, "hallowed be thy name," speaks of who God is. It also expresses a desire on the part of the one praying to worship him for who he is and what he has done. I think it is also a petition for help in living out his holiness in our daily lives. There is no greater disservice done to the great and hallowed name of God than what is done by those who claim to love and worship him when their lives are less than they should be!

Our greatest desire should be to live in such a way that the world sees Jesus revealed in us "Mathew 5:16". Our vey lives are to hallow his name.

We should be able to write over every area of our lives the inscription "Hallowed be thy name." when we cannot write that inscription over an area of our lives, that area must be changed and brought under the subjection of God's will.

"Hallowed be thy name" is a prayer for God to be glorified by all that we are and in all that we do "1st Corinthians 10:31". God's name is already holy, and we cannot make it any more so. The only way we can hallow his name is through the lives we live. Is that the kind of prayer that you can honestly pray today?

A WORD OF ENGAGEMENT

That little phrase, "Hallowed be thy name," is a call for us to reverence the Lord by honoring him for who he is; respecting him and worshiping him when we pray; and living out his perfect will in our daily lives. How are you doing in the area of hallowing his name? If there are areas that need work, then I invite you to bow before the Father and ask him to teach you how to hallow his name for his glory!

PRAYER IS ABOUT REIGNING

When you and I come to know God as our Father, we find out just how truly wonderful he is. This knowledge creates within us a desire to see him glorified; it also creates within us a hunger to see others come to know him; thus we pray "thy kingdom come."

"Hallowed be thy name" expresses a desire to see God glorified. But, we must also know that he will never receive all the glory due him until his kingdom becomes a reality both in us as individuals and in the world as a whole. Therefore, we are told to pray "Thy kingdom come."

These three words may be short in length, but they contain a message that is immense. Understanding what each of these words means can help shed some light on the power contained in this short phrase.

"Thy" This word is a pronoun, and it refers to the Father who is in heaven. The kingdom we are talking about is not human in origin. It is not a kingdom with castles and moats, knights in shining armor, and ladies-in-waiting. It is a spiritual kingdom that belongs exclusively and totally to God.

"Kingdom" This word comes from the Greek word *basileia*, and it means "royal power, kingship, dominion or to rule or to reign." So, to pray "Thy kingdom come" is to pray for God's reign to come upon the earth.

"Come" This little word is an imperative verb meaning "suddenly, insistently, and quickly." It suggests the sudden appearance of a new kingdom upon this earth that is under the total control of God Almighty.

Thus, to pray "thy kingdom come" is to pray for the sudden and absolute rule of God over the entire world. Real prayer is about seeking God's rule in the world. I want to give you three words of engagement that arise out of this understanding of the phrase "thy kingdom come." These three words of engagement teach us the truth that prayer is about reigning.

THIS PETITION IS PROPHETIC

It is clear when you read the Bible that God often promises that there will be a future kingdom of righteousness upon this earth. When we pray "thy kingdom come," we are asking our father to bring this kingdom to pass on the earth; therefore, we are asking God to fulfill all his promises and prophecies concerning his earthly kingdom.

Notice a few of the passages that speak to this thought: Isaiah 9:6, 7; Daniel 2:44; Luke 1:32, 33; Matthew 25:31. Just as surely as Jesus was born, lived, and died on

this earth, there will come a day when he will reign and rule here in power, glory, and righteousness!

This future kingdom will be vastly different from any kingdom that has ever existed upon this earth. Earthly kingdoms are tainted by the effects of sin (2nd Corinthians 4:4; Romans 8:22). The world lies under the grip of sin, but a day is coming when Jesus himself will rule this world (Revelation 11:15).

When we pray "thy kingdom come," we are echoing the groans of nature; voicing the great songs heard around God's throne in glory (Revelation 4:8-11; 5:11-14), and we are sharing the same desire that resides within God's heart. We are praying that his righteous, absolute rule might be realized upon this earth. That is a noble prayer! Let us therefore pray "thy kingdom come" and join voices with John as he says, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

THIS PETITION IS PERSONAL

Just as surely as we are praying for the appearance of a future kingdom, we are also praying for his kingdom to be realized in our lives. The word kingdom means "royal power, kingship, dominion or to rule or to reign." When we pray, "Thy kingdom come," we are praying for God to rule and reign in our personal lives. This petition expresses a desire for God to be our Lord, Sovereign, and king.

This is ultimately a prayer that God will be enthroned within our hearts. We should seek to that we are dethroned, that Satan is dethroned, and that God alone is enthroned in our hearts! A lot of people do not like this concept. They want a Jesus they can mold into their image.

But, if you want the Jesus of the Bible, you must capitulate all to him and his kingship. This desire is the mark of a genuinely saved believer (John 14:15)! While the literal reign of Jesus is a future event, those who are saved by his grace are citizens of that kingdom right now (Philippian 3:20). We are to pray that his kingdom will be lived out through our lives for his glory.

THIS PETITION IS PRACTICAL

When we pray "thy kingdom come," we are expressing a desire to see his work, his word, and his will advanced in the world today. Friends, we might as well face this fact: we will not make this world any better through our efforts. In other words, we will not be able to usher in his kingdom by ourselves. He will bring it when he comes, and it will be established by his power alone. We can, however, have a part in seeing that our Lord's kingdom is spread abroad in the world around us.

There are several ways we can do this: Through prayer. We are to pray for God's kingdom to come and for his will to be done in the world around us. Through submission. We are to yield our lives to him so that he can live through us. As we do, he demonstrates his love, grace, and saving power to a lost and dying world (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:10; 2nd Corinthians 4:7).

Through outreach. When we are properly burdened over a lost and dying world, we will go into that world and spread the gospel message. Our desire will be to see others saved, and we do everything in our power to make that happen. We have been commanded to do this (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19, 20), and we have all the resources we need (Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16). We need to ask ourselves these questions: what are we doing as individuals and as a church to spread God's kingdom in the world today? What can we do to be more effective for his glory?

A WORD OF ENGAGEMENT

Are you praying for his kingdom to come in this world? Are you doing all you can to see that the message of the king the gospel is shared with the lost? Are you yielded to his Lordship in your own life as you should be?

There may be someone listening to this sermon who is not yet part of God's kingdom. Today would be a great time for you to come before him and receive him into your heart and life.

PRAYER IS ABOUT RESIGNING

We are going to learn the truth that prayer is also about resigning. In our prayer lives, we are to grow until we come to the place where we lay all that we are on his altar and yield the totality of ourselves and our wills to the will of our heavenly Father.

This is not always an easy task, but it is absolutely necessary if we expect to become all God saved us to be (Romans 12:1, 2). Let's consider God's will and what our response to it should be.

GOD'S WILL: A DEFINITION

Some people look at God's will as the iron-fisted rule of an overbearing director. God is too strong to resist, so people give in to him with a resentful attitude. They would do something else if they thought they could!

Others see God's will as being inevitable, so they submit, not out of faith but out of surrender. They do not submit to God's will out of love or joy but out of resignation to what they see as certain. These folks pray, but they do not think their prayer will make a difference; they believe the die is already cast.

All three of these outlooks are flawed. Yes, God is sovereign. He is in absolute control of the universe, but he still invites his children to pay about things in their lives. Yet, when we pray, we are not doing so to get our will done in heaven.

We pray so that God's will might be accomplished on earth through us. Notice that prayer is all about him: Thy name; Thy kingdom; Thy will. God is a sovereign God, but he still commands us to pray. With that in mind, let's take a minute to set the record straight as just what the will of God is all about.

God's will of decree. There is one sense in which God has determined some things in advance. These things will be accomplished, and nothing can hinder, stop, or sidetrack the process. This kind of determination can be seen in creation, in the order that is maintained in the universe, in God's dealings with sin and Satan, and in

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Matter of salvation. The word of God is clear when it talks about God's definite will being a reality (Isaiah 14:24; Jeremiah 51:29; Romans 8:28; Ephesians 1:9-11; Psalm 115:3).

God's eternal plan will be accomplished! Satan, sin, and death will be judged and done away with forever. The redeemed saints of God will go to heaven. Things will play out just as God has determined they will, and nothing will derail his purposes! God's will of desire. Unlike God's decreed will, that which God desires may not come to pass. But, let me quickly add that even if those things which fall within this area of his will are not accomplished, his decreed will still stand, inviolate and unchanged. That may not make sense to us, but God's perfect, decreed will is always going to come to pass.

GOD'S WILL: A DEPICTION

This verse tells us that God's perfect will is being done in heaven; it also says that we are to pray that his will might be carried out to the same degree upon the earth.

How is God's will done in heaven? It is carried out completely, consistently, and constantly. It is done without complaint, without murmuring, and without discussion. It is done quickly and with joy and excitement. And, it is done out of a heart of love for Almighty God (Psalm 103:20).

God's will is not being done on the earth as it is in heaven. If it were, there would be no crime, no sin, no rebellion, no abortion, no homosexuality, no murder, no false doctrine the list could go on forever! God's will, as it is written in the Word of God, is not being done, but we are to pray that it will be! There is a desperate need for God's will to be done in this world. There is a need for God's people to earnestly pray that his will might be done here to the same degree that it is done there!

GOD'S WILL: A DUTY

If I am to pray sincerely that God's will be done on the earth as it is in heaven, then I am praying that this world and my own heart will be brought perfect conformity to his revealed will.

When I pray "thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven," I am asking the Lord to take my life and conform it to his word and to his will. I am yielding all I have and all I am to the hand of the potter. I am echoing the prayer and following the example of the Lord Jesus when he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). I am taking my life and giving it finally and fully to him to do with as he pleases (Romans 12:1, 2). I can't control what the world does in relationship to God and his word, but I can control what I do. My duty is to bow and bend to his will, regardless of what that will is.

When I pray "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven," I am asking the Father to use me to make the earth a little more like heaven. I am praying for spiritual wisdom to learn his will (Psalm 119:27, 33). I am praying for spiritual desire to do his will (Psalm 119:32, 36). I am praying for spiritual strength to carry out his will (Psalm 119:25, 28; Philippians 2:12, 13; Hebrews 13:20, 21).

A WORD OF ENGAGEMENT

If God is truly my heavenly Father, if I am really interested in hallowing his great name, and if I am truly committed to seeing his kingdom come into the world, then I am also going to want to yield to his will in my life. Are you committed to the will of God for your life? Have you placed your all on the altar? Have you yielded all to God and his will? Are you doing everything in your power to see his will done on earth as it is in heaven?

You see, when we learn to submit our all to him and pray for his will to be done in our lives, we are honoring God as our Father, hallowing his precious name, and seeing to it that the work of his kingdom is advanced within us and within our hearts.

HOW CAN THE LOCAL CHURCH PARTICIPATE?

"The Lord now calls upon The Holy Seed Church in every locality to consecrate themselves to him and to do their very best, according to their circumstances, to assist in his word"

Local campaigns to purchase land, build new churches, and plant new churches. "God's work is now to advance rapidly, and if his people will respond to his call, he will make the possessors of property willing to donate of their means, and thus make it possible for his work to be accomplished in the large cities that are waiting for the message of truth."

This is the vision behind the worldwide project to impact the large urban centers: Dedicated involvement and consecration of each member, according to their spiritual gifts and talents in each area of activity of the Church, all within a framework of the "Mission to the Cities" initiative. Each disciple, acting within the vision of communion, relationship, and mission, does his or her best to save others and see our greatest hope accomplished. As we act in a combined effort with the same focus, we build a healthy church and we open the doors for the powerful working of the Holy Spirit. We may have different and creative forms of working in this movement to impact the large cities. The following are some strategic ideas to implement:

Meetings of lay business leaders, entrepreneurs, and self-employed professionals. "Our workers should present before these men a plan statement of our plan of labor, telling them what we need. Some Spirit to invest the Lord's means in a way that will advance his cause"

Large urban churches dividing to plant new congregations in challenging regions. In more elite regions or those apparently difficult for public evangelism, the work is slow. For this reason, a nucleus of members needs to accept the challenge of leaving the main church and plant a new congregation. From the time a select group of members exists and an appropriate location is established for meeting, it becomes easier to attract individuals from the region.

The Holy Seed Church witnessing and evangelizing friends from their same social and professional class.

People who have the same affinities are better able to understand each other and as a result create a climate of acceptance and openness, in addition to knowing the best approaches to present our hope. We cannot miss the opportunities that these social or professional affinities offer. "Personal, individual effort and interest for your friends and neighbors will accomplish more than can be estimated."

Groups of members opening churches in the neighborhoods where they live. Many of our members travel from their neighborhoods of residence, where there is no established church, to another location where they can congregate. This is a common reality in the large cities. We need to awaken within our church members the desire to faithfully plant a church near to their home. After all, they may make work for God in the neighborhood of their homes."

Keep the church open daily.

Many times when people are in greatest need or when they have free time, our churches are closed. We hold worship services adapted to our culture and our reality. However, why not keep the church open every day, making it accessible to people at the time they want a place at peace, refuge and support? Our churches and regularly expensive assets that are underused. We invest great effort to build them, and they are used for a few hours during the week. The doors of our churches can be opened for social projects, worship services, counseling, or simply as a place

for personal prayer, or meditation. Volunteers, self-employed professionals, housewives, retirees or local leaders can alternate daily assistance.

The Holy Seed Church services in our printed material and communication outlets. Each church bulletin, small newsletter, magazine with outside readership or other missionary material can include a space to report to the community regarding the various activities the church offers. The same information can be reported through our radio and TV programs, as well as on Internet sites and social networks, which are especially directed toward the public outside of the church.

EVANGELISM AND SERVICE GO TOGETHER!

Here is a quote we know very well: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed his sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then he bade them, 'Follow Me'"

Here is a quote we don't share as often (hint: it follows the previous quote): "The is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit."

This quote bundles evangelism and service. Here are some principles to remember: A service lifestyle is part of a divine expectation. It would be helpful to understand that when we are standing before our Maker, instead of asking us to recite the eschatological timeline, God will ask, "what did you do about my children who needed help? (Matthew 25:34-36).

A service lifestyle takes us out of our comfort zone. It's more than outreach; it's reaching out, even to those who don't look, believe, speak, or act like we do. That includes our enemies (Matthews 5:46-48)!

A service lifestyle breaks down barriers. It's all about love, and love can indeed conquer all. When we express love, we break down preconceived ideas about the church and about God. When they think about church, most people associate it more with asking for things for things than giving things. Service goes a long way to change that perception.

Remember, there are "thirty-Seven" recorded miracles of Jesus in the New Testament; however, there is one written sermon of Jesus (Matthew 5-7). Remember the initial quote? "If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen."

THE MOST EFFECTIVE EVANGELIST IN THE WORLD

Who is the effective evangelist in the world? I often start my training seminars in Church Growth and Evangelism by asking this question, and I always get the same predictable answers: Doug Bachelor, Walter Pearson, Mark Finley, Alejandro bull on, Dwight Nelson, and so on. Then, when I ask how people come to the Lord and the church, I usually get wildly different answers. Most people agree that 90 percent of the people in the church are there because of felt needs. Others insist that visitation

brings in another 60 percent. Still others say that the pastor brings in at least 40-60 percent. Many more believe that public evangelism brings in 50-90 percent. So, who is the most effective evangelist in the world? The following research may surprise you.

In late 2007, a survey was sent to a sample of The Holy Seed Church congregations in the Nairobi Kenya to be given to attending members on a certain Sabbath. Those surveyed were asked how they were brought into the church (they could choose more than one potation, so the percentages will not add up to 100 percent.)

How people join the Church

Brought up in The Holy Seed Church home 59 percent
A friend or relative 58 percent
Read books, journals, other literature 49 percent
Public evangelism meeting 36 percent
Bible studies in the home 34 percent
Visits by a pastors 20 percent
Television or radio programs 20 percent
Bible correspondence course 19 percent
Material on the Internet 7 percent
Others 22 percent

We learn from this survey that effective evangelism is relationship-based. This study is consistent with a similar studies done on this topic. Win arm and them Rainer both agree that friendship is God's preferred method of reaching people, and the implications are universal in scope. I travel all over the world, training people in evangelism and church growth. Remarkably, no matter where I am, the results are the same. Most people come to the Lord through relationships and friendships.

When people in my seminars see this research, they experience an "A-ha!" moment. They start saying, "Well, yes; my mom had the most influence on my religious experience" or "My neighbor took me to Sabbath School when I was a little girl". Another person might say, finally, I decided to take seriously." Someone else remembers that a co-worker invited him to church many years ago.

The figure I get for the influences of moms and dads, friend or relatives, neighbors or co-workers is usually between 70-95 percent. "Who is the most effective evangelist in the world?" It is obvious groups that the most effective evangelist in the world is the person who takes a personal interest in us and shares Jesus in a holistic and attractive way. "Who is the most effective evangelist in the world?" The answer is, "I am the most effective evangelist in the world?"

The most effective way of reaching people for the gospel is through personal influence. So what does God do? He take gospel is through personal influence. So what does God? He takes full-time ministers and disguises them as teachers, police officers, construction workers, and nurses. He gives them the necessary gift, passions, and credentials, and he assigns them to schools, police departments, construction sites, and clinics all over the world. He gives them gifts and passions, makes them strong, and puts them to work for him. God's full-time ministers are everywhere: in classrooms and clinics, holding hammers and stethoscopes, in front of shareholders and behind the auditor's desk. We are all ambassadors of the gospel. We are all full-time ministers.

In every city, every town, and every county, you will find full-time ministers, differently made and differently made and differently gifted, in every business and Location. Like salt from a saltshaker, God scatters us everywhere to suit his flavor. He salts earth with his ministers, giving them gifts with which to influence their friends, families, and co-workers. The reality is that relationship is the most effective form of evangelism and ministry. Our church should focus on developing disciples and teaching relationship based ministry. This doesn't cost much, but it requires an open heart. It's about the authentic relationship, not the program.

LORD'S PRAYER

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Fasting

16 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Treasures in Heaven

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Do Not Worry

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

