

# ***PRAYER MOVEMENTS***

***Leading to Spiritual Movements Everywhere***

## ***Seminar 3***

# **Winning Spiritual Battles**

*- By Prayer, Utilize Christ's Authority against the Enemy -*



## **Instructor's Guide**

**Prayer Leadership Seminars**

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# Greetings!

Welcome to a global network of people who seek the kingdom of God through ***Prayer Movements Everywhere*** for our desperately needy world.

The Prayer Leadership Seminars are a set of biblical studies designed to motivate and multiply intercessors and prayer leaders.

The set includes:

- Seminar 1 "Understanding God's Heart for Prayer"
- Seminar 2 "Growing Strong in Prayer"
- Seminar 3 "Winning Spiritual Battles"
- Seminar 4 "Igniting a Prayer Movement"

This seminar has been prepared for Christian believers who want to grow in communing with God, and for those who want to help others to do so.

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May God empower you by His mighty Spirit to develop ***spiritual movements everywhere*** and to help fulfill Christ's plan for the world!

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# Introduction

## Suggested Schedule for a One-Day Seminar

(9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

9:00	Welcome, Prayer, Opening Remarks, and Song	15 minutes
9:15	Session 1: Heaven: Where Spiritual War Began	45
10:00	<i>Break</i>	15
10:15	Session 2: The Garden of Eden: How Evil Came to Earth	45
11:00	Session 3: Calvary: How Jesus Won the Spiritual War	45
11:45	<i>Break</i>	15
12:00	<i>Concert of Fasting and Prayer (or Lunch Time)</i>	60
1:00	<i>Transition Time</i>	15
1:15	Session 4: Our World: How To Grow in Effective Prayer	45
2:00	<i>Break</i>	15
2:15	Session 5: Christ's Kingdom: How To Prepare for Our Future Role	45
3:00	Dedication Prayer Time	50
3:50	Closing Song and Prayer of Blessing	10
4:00	Dismissal	
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Total Seminar Time:		7 hours

This seminar may also be arranged in other schedules such as an evening and the following day, every evening for a week, or one evening per week for five weeks.

## Notes to the Instructor

1. The quality of these sessions will depend greatly on *your* spiritual preparation. Ask the Lord for His cleansing and special anointing upon you.
2. Enlist people to pray, as much as a month before, during, and following this seminar. Ask the Lord:
  - a. To remove all spiritual hindrances from the personnel and facilities
  - b. To protect, guide, and empower the instructor and other leaders
  - c. To fill the participants' hearts and minds with the Holy Spirit and wisdom
  - d. To enable the participants to understand, apply the truths presented, and be transformed by these truths.
3. The following general time frame for each session can be adjusted as the instructor considers it necessary:

Opening (Session Title, Prayer, Theme, Biblical Foundation, & Purpose)	5 minutes
Introduction	5
Teaching	25
Response and Prayer Time	10
Total Session Time	45 minutes

#### 4. Teaching Guidelines:

- a. Write **the purpose** of each session on a board or transparency at the start of the session. It is related to the closing **Response Time**. As you teach, keep a question in mind: "What outcomes should result in the lives of these participants?"
- b. Your task in each session is to prepare mini-talks centered around the points of the outline. Familiarize yourself with the lesson so you will not be bound to the printed text. Gain freedom in delivery by writing out main points of the sessions beforehand in your own handwriting. Limit casual comments so you can cover all critical concepts and concluding exercises.
- c. Avoid unnecessary repetition in trying to emphasize important points. Make that emphasis, rather, by speaking deliberately (not too rapidly), reading the listed Scriptures, and allowing participants time to write out their notes.

- d. Hearing is just one activity by which participants learn. The more creative activities you can use for their involvement -- such as viewing, writing, praying, moving about -- the better they can respond and remember.
- e. Some words have been deleted in **the Participant's Guide** in order to provide opportunity for participants to write the words themselves. These words are underlined and enclosed in brackets in **the Instructor's Guide**. Ask participants to write these words into the blank spaces in their manuals.
- f. In most cases, the participant's manual page numbers are different from those of the instructor's manuals. Make sure to direct participants to the correct page numbers in their manuals.

#### 5. Preparation Guidelines:

- a. Arrange a **registration time** before the seminar in order to provide name tags and materials and to obtain participants' names and addresses for follow-up.
- b. If you are led to arrange a time of **fasting and prayer** for special needs during the noon hour, include this information in the publicity prior to the seminar.
- c. To increase participation, invite participants to read Scripture portions aloud together. These Scriptures are provided in the power-point presentation (available at [www.globalprayermovement.org](http://www.globalprayermovement.org)). Where a power-point projector is not available, use one of the following procedures.
  - 1) If the class is small enough for participants to hear each other easily, write the references on slips of paper. Distribute the slips to individual participants at the beginning of each session. Ask the participants to have those Scriptures ready to read from their Bibles when their reference is called.
  - 2) If the class is large, write out the Scriptures, with references, using the equipment that may be available to you: a blackboard or whiteboard, an overhead transparency, or duplicated sheets of paper. When you come to a Scripture portion in the lesson outline, invite the class to join in reading it aloud together.
- d. Prepare a verse or two of a familiar hymn or song for the class to sing at appropriate times during the sessions. Provide printed words or hymnals.
- e. Prepare copies of **Dedication Response** form (page 22) for distribution in the final session (**Dedication Prayer Time**, page 21).

**6. Opening the Seminar**

- a. First, welcome all the participants. Then include this thought: “The purpose of this seminar is to overcome evil in the world through the power of Jesus’ name. It is hoped that this seminar will encourage many of you to teach it to others in the future.”
- b. Thank the hosts and organizers for helping to sponsor the seminar, and introduce any other helpers who might be involved.
- c. Open the seminar with a brief prayer. This will be a good opportunity to invite a pastor or a local Christian leader to offer the prayer.
- d. 1) Introduce yourself. Write out your name so all can read it.  
2) If the class is not too large, invite participants to introduce themselves.

**7. Review the Day’s Schedule** (see page 3):

- a. Mention that each session will allow time for prayer.
- b. Explain noon-hour arrangements for lunch or *Concert of Fasting and Prayer*.

**8. Stand to Sing a Familiar Hymn or Song of Adoration.**

**9. Opening Remarks by Instructor:**

- a. The purpose of this seminar is to apply the victory of Jesus by prayer to the fulfillment of His Great Commission. (*Note: Read Revelation 12:10,11.*)
- b. Jesus recognized Satan as the ruler of this world (John 12:31), and came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).
- c. God has given prayer to Christians as a primary way to apply the conquest of Christ to global evil forces. In this sense, prayer is called spiritual warfare.
- d. This course is designed to help us wage this spiritual war effectively.
- e. **“Now, let us turn to Session 1.”**

## Session 1

### HEAVEN: Where Spiritual War Began

#### Opening Prayer

**Theme:** Overcome opposition to the gospel.

**Biblical Foundation:** 1 Peter 5:8,9

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.* NKJV™

**The Purpose of This Session** is to identify Satan as the source of evil, and to confront him and his forces with the power of God.

**Introduction:** Spiritual battles for God are not fought with natural weapons against people. These battles against unseen evil forces involve praying people, using the power of Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 6:12). These battles are illustrated in the graphic sketch, drawn by Tim Stuck, a missionary in South America.

The bulldozer represents praying Christians. Their prayers bring the power of God against evil strongholds.



God produces four superhuman results through their praying:

1. Demons flee away from the scene (Luke 10:19).
2. Barren landscapes become fertile fields for the seed of God's word (1 Thessalonians 1:8).
3. Workers follow to plant, cultivate, and multiply the gospel harvest (cf., Matthew 9:37,38).
4. The sunshine of God's life-giving grace rises to multiply churches in the land. The gospel first entered Europe through a women's prayer group (Acts 16: 11-13).

People often ask these questions, "How could God, who is good, create the devil, who is evil? How could God allow so much evil in the world?" Answers to these questions:

1. Unfold a cosmic story that introduces us to God's plan of the ages.
2. Describe the nature of our enemy.
3. Further explain the need for our prayers in spiritual conquest.

**A. God created Satan originally as an exalted angel.** cf., Luke 10:18

1. One of Satan's names, Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12), means "Light Bearer" or "Day Star" -- majestic, powerful. He was the chief angel who may have once led heavenly choirs in praise to God (cf., Job 38:7; Ezekiel 28:14).
2. Other names for Satan include "the devil" (Matthew 4:1), meaning "slanderer" or "false accuser"; "tempter" (1 Thessalonians 3:5); "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31); "the god of this age" (2 Corinthians 4:4); "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2); "dragon" (Revelation 12:4); and "the accuser of our brethren" (Revelation 12:10). NKJV™

**B. Satan fell through [pride].** Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19

Note: These two Scripture passages extend far beyond the earthly kings of Babylon and Tyre, who are addressed. In Ezekiel 28, for example, the king of Tyre is described as having been "in Eden, the garden of God" (NKJV™ verse 13). In verses 14 and 16, he is addressed as the anointed angel (cherub) who covers. In verse 15, he is described as being perfect in his ways from the day he was created, till iniquity was found in him.

These passages describe the rebellion and destiny of Satan who energized these kings.

1. Satan led a revolt in heaven against God. He and one-third of the angels were cast out of heaven. Revelation 12:3,4,7-9
2. Satan uses these fallen angels/demons to exercise evil power. Revelation 12:7; Matthew 12:28-29
3. Human pride is an imitation of Satan to seize God's position in our lives.

Genesis 3:4,5  
Matthew 25:41

**C. [Hell] was created for Satan.**

1. A place was needed to which evil could be consigned.
2. Hell was created for the devil and his angels, not for people.
3. People who choose Satan's plan also choose his destiny for themselves.

**D. Jesus [reversed] Satan's damage to mankind.**

1. A rebellious "I will" attitude caused Lucifer to become the devil, and ravaged the world. He continues to use the same temptation on people today. God had created human free will, and ability to choose, as an essential part of human nature. God provided an alternative for human choice by allowing Satan access to the earth. Satan continues to tempt people with his own kind of rebellion today.

2. Jesus' praying ("not My will, but Yours, be done") and His costly **[submission]** to God the Father brought rescue to the world. NKJV™ Luke 22:42-44

**Illustration:** Napoleon Bonaparte, after his defeat in the Battle of Waterloo, was exiled to the Island of St. Helena in the Atlantic Ocean. A story is told that one day he was walking on the island with military aides who were imprisoned with him. Looking out across the ocean, he mused aloud with these words: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I founded our kingdoms on force; and today we are forgotten men. Jesus Christ founded His kingdom on love, and today millions would die for Him." (source unknown)

3. Our prayers are powerful when they, too, align with **[God's will]**. 1 John 5:14,15

**Conclusion:** Evil is much bigger than we are. Our battles against evil, therefore, require supernatural resources.

Explanatory Note:

Bad conditions do not all come directly from the devil or his demons. Terrible situations can also result from our personal sins or errors, or from the curse that is upon our world (Isaiah 24:5,6). Knowing this difference can help us to pray more accurately with "the mind of the Spirit" (Romans 8:27).

Several distinguishing characteristics can indicate the involvement of Satan or demons in bad circumstances. Among these characteristics are the following:

1. A hostile attitude toward the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 12:3-5)
2. A deceptive opposition to the gospel of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4)
3. A destructive spirit that exceeds normal human behavior (1 Peter 5:8,9)

**Response Time:**

1. Ask participants to call out evil conditions in the world that indicate activity by Satan and/or his angels. Write their suggestions on a board or overhead.
2. Invite the class to read Ephesians 6:10-12,18 together, as God's great strategy for overcoming satanic forces in our world.

**Prayer Time:** Lead participants to select one of the world evils, discussed during the **Response Time**, and unite in strategic prayer against that evil.

Instructor, lead in prayer, asking the Heavenly Father to encourage participants to pray against any evil condition they will face in the future.

*Teaching Evaluation: Do you sense that your class is becoming better prepared to overcome Satanic forces in prayer? Are they indicating a new awareness of Satan's reality? Are they manifesting new confidence for spiritual battle?*

## Session 2

### THE GARDEN OF EDEN: How Evil Came to Earth

#### Opening Prayer

**Theme:** To achieve spiritual victories, we need to understand sources and tactics of the evil one.

**Biblical Foundation:** Genesis 2:8,9,16,17

*The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. . . . The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. . . . And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* NKJV™

**The Purpose of This Session** is to learn that prayerlessness yields tragic consequences.

**Introduction:** God created Adam and Eve to rule over the earth. Satan, cast out of heaven, launched his first battle to defeat God's plan.

#### A. Adam, the First Emperor

1. God gave Adam **[dominion]** over the earth. Genesis 1:26
2. Under God's authority, man did a perfect job. Genesis 2:19
3. Communion with God was a normal part of life. Genesis 3:8,9

#### B. The Fatal Choice: The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

1. God provided a forbidden tree as an important choice for man. Genesis 2:16,17  
The choice was necessary because God wanted people to love Him.  
Love must be voluntary. It cannot be imposed on a loved one.
2. Adam's choice to disobey God's word brought **[separation]** from God.  
It was an act of self-will -- a revolt against God. It shattered his supply line  
of prayer. Genesis 3:4-6,8,9
3. Adam's sin involved submission to Satan's will. As a head of the human race,  
Adam thus **[transferred]** his line of authority from God to Satan, and  
gave Satan dominion as the god of this world. 2 Corinthians 4:3,4
4. Every generation has repeated the choice that Adam made. We human beings  
gave away our freedom to pray (Romans 3:10,11).

**C. Four Consequences Now Cover the Earth as a Result of Adam's Choice:**

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| 1. Sin     | Romans 3:23     |
| 2. A Curse | Genesis 3:17    |
| 3. Death   | Ezekiel 18:4    |
| 4. Terror  | Hebrews 2:14,15 |

**Conclusions:**

1. God is not the author of evil. Man brought evil into the world by following Satan's temptation to be prayerless – independent from God.
2. Every prayerless day is a statement: "I do not need God today." It is a repeat of the rebellion that started in the Garden of Eden.
3. God is totally committed to **[rescuing]** humanity from Satan's captivity.
4. God's procedure for this rescue is the story of spiritual war.

**Illustration:**

Jesus Christ, in His mighty resurrection, has been given all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). He will exercise that supreme power worldwide when He returns to earth. Meanwhile, He exercises His power to effect His purposes where His people call on His name.

1987 was the 70th anniversary year of the former Soviet Union. Christians suffered horribly during those years of militant atheism. They decided, therefore, to observe the opening month of 1987 as a month of prayer for the struggling, divided churches of their country. A call went out to Christians of other nations to join in that month of prayer.

On the first working day of February that year, former Premier Mikhail Gorbachev signed release papers for all religious prisoners throughout the USSR; and the Iron Curtain began to fall.

**Response Time:** Have participants write answers to these questions:

1. Am I convinced that a prayerless day is a rebellion against God? Why, or why not?
2. What changes must I make to strengthen my practice of daily prayer?

**Prayer Time:**

1. Have the class pray through Psalm 139:23,24 in small groups. This is called "praying Scripture" -- each person in succession reads a phrase, then turns it into a prayer, asking God to search his or her heart and remove seeds of evil.

2. Pray. *Instructor, conclude the prayer time by reading 1 Samuel 12:23, then ask God's strength for the class to:*
  - a. Repent of a poor lifestyle regarding fellowship with the living God.
  - b. Pray daily as a priority of life, loving and listening to Christ.

*Teaching Evaluation:*

1. *Was the class able to follow the sequence of the material?*
2. *Do class members appear to agree with the **Conclusions** (above) for this session?*
3. *Did you give them clear instructions for praying in small groups?*

## Session 3

### CALVARY: How Jesus Won the Spiritual War

#### Opening Prayer

**Theme:** Appropriate Christ's victory over evil forces.

**Biblical Foundation:** Ephesians 1:19-23

*And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power . . .* NKJV™

**The Purpose of this Session** is to learn to bring the victory of Christ into evil conditions.

**Introduction:** God planned a marvelous solution to humanity's fall in Eden. He could have destroyed evil immediately, but to do so would require the destruction of mankind in whom evil was now residing. Instead, He began an amazing, massive six-phase rescue operation.

**A. Invasion: God personally came to earth in [Jesus].**

1. God became a human being. Romans 9:5  
Matthew 1:23
2. In His prayerful, sinless life, this God-man became a perfect Savior. Hebrews 4:14-16

**B. Crucifixion: Jesus accepted into His own body all the weapons by which Satan controlled the total human race.**

1. Sin -- all that is evil 1 John 3:8b  
2 Corinthians 5:21
2. The Curse -- all that is wrong Galatians 3:13
3. Death -- all that is terminal 2 Corinthians 5:15
4. Terror -- all that is enslaving Hebrews 2:14,15

**C. Resurrection: By rising from the dead, Jesus:**

1. **[Broke]** the power of everything that killed Him Ephesians 1:19-23
2. Won this victory for all who receive Him 1 Corinthians 15:57; Colossians 1:27

**D. Ascension: Jesus returned to heaven and is seated at the right hand of our Almighty Father.**

1. He has total power in the universe. Matthew 28:18
2. He is using this limitless power in non-stop **[prayer]** for praying people. Hebrews 7:25
3. We can receive His provisions by praying receptively. Mark 11:24

**E. Commission: Jesus [empowered] His People:**

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| 1. He gave us His Holy Spirit.                 | Galatians 4:6 |
| 2. He gave us His global authority.            | John 14:13    |
| 3. He gave us His universal resources.         | John 15:16    |
| 4. He promised us His presence in our prayers. | James 4:8     |

**Illustration:**

The country of Nepal was historically a country that was closed to the gospel. By 1960 there were only a few Nepali Christians. Then a young Nepalese couple learned of Christ Jesus and opened their hearts to Him. A burden for their own people gripped them, and they went for Christian training at a Campus Crusade Great Commission Training Center.

When the couple returned home, they did not know how to proceed in ministry. Conversion was illegal and evangelizing carried heavy penalties. They turned to prayer. The young husband went away to be alone with God for several days. The wife proceeded to organize 70 prayer groups of women.

God began to open creative doors of outreach to them, and prayer gained speed. Within 15 years, the number of Christians grew to 500,000. Before long, the king cancelled anti-conversion laws. The church in Nepal became a missionary-sending body of praying believers!

**F. Intercession: Christ is [imparting] His victory to you from heaven:**

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| 1. Through His own intercession                            | Romans 8:34       |
| 2. Through the Holy Spirit who inspires Christians to pray | Ephesians 6:18,19 |
- When we intercede, we should hold the supremacy of Christ over strongholds of Satan until they surrender to Him.

**Conclusion:** Intercessors are God's *unique* channels for fulfillment of Christ's global rescue operation. "Unique" means that there is no substitute for prayer.

**Response Time:** Ask participants to divide into pairs and share how they might relate Christ's victory to a major challenge that each is facing.

**Closing Prayer:** Have the same pairs pray for one another, proclaiming the supremacy of Jesus over a stronghold which the other person is facing.

*Teaching Evaluation: Is the class learning to apply the victory of Christ's resurrection to evil conditions?*

## Session 4

### OUR WORLD: How to Grow in Strategic Prayer

#### Opening Prayer

**Theme:** Christ is applying His victory worldwide through praying Christians.

**Biblical Foundation:** Ephesians 6:10-18

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. . . . praying always . . .* (NKJV™ vv. 12,18a)

**The Purpose of This Session** is to learn how to overcome evil strongholds.

**Introduction:** Satan is **[defeated]**, but sinful humanity is retaining him as the god of this world.

1. God is allowing Satan to use demons in his evil work. Revelation 12:7
2. These evil spirits operate at four administrative levels. Ephesians 6:12
3. Strategic prayer identifies the levels of evil power and applies Christ's authority to these levels (Ephesians 6:18).
4. God revealed a battle plan to the Apostle Paul (Ephesians 6:10-18).

**A. Grow strong in the Lord:** Ephesians 6:10

1. Drink in the life of Christ by **[worshipping]** Him like the elders who were mentioned in Revelation 5:8-10.
2. Partake of the power of His might through **[prayer]**. Isaiah 40:31
3. Pray Scripture back to God. Psalm 119:170

**B. Scout your enemy:** Identify the spiritual level of your demonic opponent. Ephesians 6:12

1. Identify the evil spirits that are energizing the problem that confronts you. (Read Acts 16:16-18.)
2. Identify also any superior demonic authority that is giving aid to your immediate opponent. 2 Corinthians 10:4
3. Apply the supreme victory of Christ Jesus to each problem by prayer. Matthew 12:28,29

- C. [Put on] your spiritual armor:** Prepare for counter-attacks. Ephesians 6:13-17
1. Each piece of armor is part of Christ’s life in you, protecting a vital area of your life.
  2. Prayer (v.18) energizes and activates your armor.
  3. The following chart lists six pieces of spiritual armor, the enemy’s weapons, and ways in which to use them.

Spiritual Armor	Enemy’s Weapons	Spiritual Actions
1. Belt of truth	Lies	Pray Scripture
2. Bulletproof vest of righteousness	Tolerated sins, self-condemnation	Practice spiritual breathing*
3. Shoes of outreach	Fear in witnessing	Be filled with the Holy Spirit
4. Shield of faith	Self-sufficiency	Cast cares on Christ
5. Helmet of salvation	Human reasoning	Ask for God’s wisdom
6. Sword of the Spirit	Neglect or distortion of the Bible	Memorize, obey Scriptures

\*Spiritual breathing is a scriptural way to keep one’s heart fresh, clean, and victorious. It is like natural breathing. We breathe out “impure air” by confessing our sin (1 John 1:9). We breathe in God’s “pure air” by asking and receiving a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). See the booklet, *Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit-Filled Life?* by Dr. Bill Bright (Orlando, FL: *NewLife Publications*).

- D. Launch your weapon:** Ephesians 6:18
1. Identify the unseen evil force that opposes your service to God (see Section B). Then, bring that problem before the Lord in prayer.
  2. Ask God also to disable higher levels of evil power that may be feeding your problem. For example, a false religious movement may be energizing a local wave of violence.
  3. Use prayer to bring Christ’s victory into evil strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:5

4. Sustain this prayer connection **[until]** the strongholds yield to Christ Jesus, and He grants to you His peace in the matter. Philippians 4:6,7

Note: Sustained, persistent prayer is a challenging part of intercession.

Delayed answers can allow God time to effect His will while we pray.

Ask God for endurance in prayer, until you can cast all your care on Jesus, your mighty Lord.

1 Peter 5:7

5. Use God's ammunition by prayer:
- a. Worship and praise: the mighty presence of God Psalm 149:5-9
  - b. The Name of Jesus: authority over the enemy Philippians 2:9,10
  - c. The Blood of Jesus: victory over Satan Revelation 12:11
  - d. The Word of God: praying and obeying Scripture Isaiah 55:10,11
  - e. Prayers of agreement: unity with other saints Matthew 18:19,20
- The stronger the conflict is, the more intercessors you may need to enlist.
- f. Fasting and praying\*: battle intensification Mark 9:29
  - g. Thanksgiving: our expression of faith Philippians 4:6,7

*\*For helpful information on prayer and fasting, see 7 Basic Steps to Successful Fasting and Prayer by Bill Bright, Bright Media Foundation, 1995. ([www.billbright.com/7steps/](http://www.billbright.com/7steps/))*

**Conclusion:** Strategic intercession is the fuel of God for the Great Commission.

“The history of missions is the history of answered prayer.” – Samuel Zwemer

**Illustration:**

The bitter Korean war in the 1950s made it possible for one million people to escape Communism in North Korea and flee southward. A large proportion of these refugees were Christian and brought spiritual revival into South Korea.

Since that time, churches in every city of South Korea have been opening their doors for large daily early-morning prayer meetings and Friday all-night prayer. Many prayer mountains provide assembly areas and individual grottos where people can come to pray for extended periods of time. God has been providing four great results through this amazing prayer movement:

1. Church growth: Church steeples can be seen everywhere throughout the country.
2. National army: In 2002, up to 55% of the soldiers were reported to be active Christians.
3. National economy: The nation has risen from poverty to global industrial power.
4. World missions: In 2004, Korea passed Great Britain as the second-highest sender of international missionaries.

Christ is indeed enabling praying Christians to win spiritual battles!

**Response Time:** Ask participants in groups of three to share:

1. A major problem (stronghold) which each person is facing
2. A piece of armor or ammunition (C or D above) that may be helpful to solve this problem
3. How each person plans to utilize that armor this month and to journal the results

**Prayer Time:** Have participants pray, in the same groups, for one another to wage successful spiritual war.

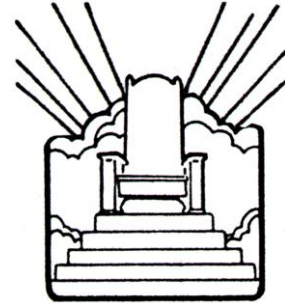
*Teaching Evaluation: Was there a point that was difficult to communicate? What was it?  
What improvement might help you in getting this difficult point across?*

## Session 5

### CHRIST'S KINGDOM: How to Prepare for Our Future Role

#### Opening Prayer

**Theme:** Praying is training for reigning with Christ in His future Kingdom.



**Biblical Foundation:** Revelation 20:1-6; 22:5

*Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. . . . And they shall reign forever and ever.*  
(NKJV™ 20:6; 22:5b)

**The Purpose of This Session** is to help believers to grow in three royal and priestly functions through prayer.

**Introduction:** The Bible foretells a final battle in which Christ will subdue all forces of evil. At that time He will set up His Kingdom on the earth. *(Note: Encourage participants to read chapters 16-19 of Revelation at a later time.)*

**A. Christ will [return] to conquer evil.** (Revelation 19)

1. Christ is coming back as universal King. Revelation 19:11-13; Daniel 7:13,14
2. Satan will be chained for a thousand years. Revelation 20:1-3  
He and his demons will be expelled to hell forever.

Revelation 20:10; Matthew 25:41

*“And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”* (NKJV™ Revelation 20:10)

3. God’s strategy today involves evangelism through prayer. 1 Timothy 2:1,4

**B. Christ is preparing believers to [rule] with Him in His Kingdom.**

1. His people will rule with Him as priests. Revelation 20:6
2. Old Testament priests did not rule. Kings were the rulers.  
Priests led in worship and prayer.

**C. How will priests rule in Christ’s coming kingdom?**

1. Earthly rulers under a king have three royal responsibilities. They:
  - a) Assess needs of the people in their domain
  - b) Requisition supplies for those needs
  - c) Distribute those supplies to areas in need

2. Intercessors (priests) have the same royal job description:
  - a) **Assessment.:** We discern specific human needs and/or spiritual opponents as prayer burdens from God.
  - b) **Requisition:** We request God's supplies for those problems in prayer.
  - c) **Distribution:** We act in obedient faith to get His supplies to the areas of need, and to bring glory to Him.
3. The three-fold work of intercessors **[affects]** the way God deals with the world today. Isaiah 59:16,18-20
4. God is urgently seeking for intercessors who will carry out these three royal functions. Joel 2:15-19

**Conclusion:** God is preparing us to reign with Christ in His kingdom by prayer. Our development in prayer, therefore, is as important as receiving answers from Him.

**Illustration:** Charles Steinmetz was a German-born electrical engineer, mathematician, and inventor. He declared, during his brilliant career, "Some day, Christians are going to give themselves to the study of prayer; and when they do, they will change the world!" (Quoted in a speech by the late Richard C. Halverson, Chaplain of the United States Senate)

**Response Time:** Have participants in pairs ask each other:

1. What needs come to your mind among people you know? (Assessment)
2. How can your requests for those needs become more effective? (Requisition)
3. How can you target your praying better toward specific results? (Distribution)

**Prayer Time:** Ask the same pairs (discussion partners) to pray for each other.

*Teaching Evaluation: Did you observe that the participants grew in their understanding of reigning with Christ?*

## Dedication Prayer Time

Note: The Dedication Prayer is printed on page 15 of the Participant's Guide.

### Remarks by the Instructor:

"God is giving us a major challenge today. The future of the human race is related to Christ's call for intercessors! Will you rely on Christ's enabling, and respond in submission to God as an intercessor? Will you join me in this prayer? Close your manual and cry out these words from your heart to the Lord as I lead you in prayer."

### Dedication Prayer in Unison:

"Dear Lord,

**Use me as an instrument in Your conquest over evil in the world.**

**I ask You for a holy heart and compassion to pray effectively for lost souls.**

**I ask You for a spirit of faithfulness. I want to seek You daily in prayer.**

**I ask for a spirit of worship to honor You. I want to fall deeper in love with You.**

**I ask for a spirit that listens to You. I want to keep attentive to Your voice.**

**I ask You for a diligent heart. I long to keep You in the first place in my life.**

**Help me, Lord, to keep armed with Your whole armor, resisting Satan persistently.**

**As an expression of my faith, I thank You for abundantly answering my prayer."**

- *Distribute to each participant a copy of the **Dedication Response** form (p. 22). Read over the form with participants. Have the class complete the form now.*
- *Invite the class to come forward, bringing their **Dedication Response** forms, and kneel for a fresh dedication of life to the Lord.*
- *Offer a prayer of blessing on the class, trusting God and thanking Him for the power that He is now giving us.*
- *Collect response forms.*

### Closing the Seminar:

- *Thank the people for coming.*
- *Join in singing a song of praise and victory to God.*

## Dedication Response

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (     )     --

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Trusting in my Lord, I purpose to: (Check the options you desire.)

\_\_\_ Spend time daily with the Lord in His Word and in prayer.

\_\_\_ Designate a part of or all of one day each week for prayer, possibly with fasting, as He leads me:  
- to humble myself before His holy majesty, and  
- to yield myself to the control and empowering of His Holy Spirit.

\_\_\_ Prayer-walk in my neighborhood.

\_\_\_ Assist my church to be a house of prayer.

\_\_\_ Promote and participate in interchurch, national, and global prayer events.

\_\_\_ Pray for the salvation of three people:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Adopt two world sectors for prayer that the Lord has laid on my heart:

1. A country (preference): \_\_\_\_\_

2. A part of my own country (territory, ministry, or sector of society):

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\_\_\_ Disciple one or more others in using these prayer seminar manuals.