

Power of Prayer

Week 5 – Prophetic Prayer

Study Notes

Biblical Foundation - Jesus Heals the Blind

Key Passages: Mark 10:46-52, Matthew 9:27-31, Mark 8:22-26, John 9:1-12

Principles: Jesus did what He saw the Father do (John 5:19), Jesus as our example to follow (1 Peter 2:21)

What is Prayer?

Core Scriptures: Matthew 6:6, Psalm 62:8, 1 Timothy 2:1, Matthew 7:7

Definition: Communicating with God

Hearing God's Voice - Practical Steps

Preparation: Stillness and surrender of heart, listening with expectation

Key Promises: "My sheep hear my voice" (John 10:27); "Call to me and I will answer and reveal wondrous secrets" (Jeremiah 33:3)

What is the Prophetic?

1 Corinthians 14:1-4: Eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially prophecy

Purpose: Strengthening, encouraging, and comfort

Joel 2:28/Acts 2:17: Spirit poured out on all people

Sons/daughters prophesy, old men dream, young men see visions

Guidelines:

- Don't quench the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21)
- Test all prophecies, hold onto what's good
- Prophecy according to your faith (Romans 12:6)

Mission: Bringing Heaven to Earth

Prophetic Prayer Boundaries - What It's NOT:

- Giving specific dates or time-based promises
- Announcing births or marriages
- Publicly exposing sin
- Foretelling

Prophetic Prayer Involves:

- Receiving divine insight beyond natural knowledge
- Speaking God's heart, will, and purposes
- Bringing clarity, direction, encouragement, or correction
- Acting as divine communication channel (not just making requests)

Key Questions:

- Who do you want me to pray for?
- What do you want me to say?
- Is there anything you want me to do?

Biblical Context & Types

Foundation: 1 Corinthians 12-14 (spiritual gifts)

Old Testament: Samuel and the prophets

New Testament: Spiritual gifts teaching

Two Types:

Foretelling: Predicting future events

Forthtelling: Declaring God's truth/perspective in the present moment

Benefits of Prophetic Prayer

Relationship Building:

- Fosters intimate relationship with God
- Enables hearing His voice and receiving revelation
- Creates hunger for deeper spiritual experiences

Spiritual Growth:

- Helps grow in faith and spiritual authority
- Sharpens prophetic gifts
- Builds confidence in sharing divine insights

Practical Advantages:

- Pray in agreement with God's will
- Receive Holy Spirit-inspired insights when lacking full knowledge
- Facilitates miracles through bold proclamations and prophetic decrees

Study Questions

- 1. Biblical Foundation:** According to John 5:19, what was Jesus' approach to ministry, and how does this relate to our prayer life? How does 1 Peter 2:21 encourage us to follow His example?
- 2. Hearing God's Voice:** What are the practical steps for preparing your heart to hear God's voice? Reflect on John 10:27 - what does it mean that Jesus' sheep hear His voice?
- 3. God's Invitation:** Jeremiah 33:3 contains a powerful promise. What does God invite us to do, and what does He promise to reveal in return? How might this apply to your prayer life?
- 4. Purpose of Prophetic Prayer:** Based on 1 Corinthians 14:1-4, what are the three main purposes of prophetic prayer? Give an example of how each might be expressed in prayer.
- 5. The Promise of the Spirit:** Joel 2:28 (Acts 2:17) speaks of God pouring out His Spirit. Who does this promise apply to, and what supernatural activities does it mention? How does this relate to "bringing Heaven to Earth"?
- 6. Boundaries and Guidelines:** What are three things that prophetic prayer should NOT involve? Why do you think these boundaries are important for healthy spiritual practice?
- 7. Divine Communication:** How is prophetic prayer different from regular intercessory prayer? What does it mean to be a "divine communication channel" rather than just presenting requests to God?
- 8. Key Questions:** What are the three questions to guide prophetic prayer?

Reflection Questions for Deeper Study

- How does prophetic prayer foster intimacy with God?
- What role does faith play in developing prophetic gifts?
- How can you "test all prophecies" while remaining open to the Spirit's leading?