

PARTNERING IN PRAYER WITH THE LORD OF BREAKTHROUGH

2 Samuel 5:17-21, Micah 2:13

- The Lord, the Master of breakthrough.

¹⁷When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek out David; and when David heard of it, he went down to the stronghold. ¹⁸Now the Philistines came and spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim. ¹⁹Then David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You give them into my hand?” And the Lord said to David, “Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand.” ²⁰So David came to Baal-perazim and defeated them there; and he said, “The Lord has broken through my enemies before me like the breakthrough of waters.” Therefore he named that place¹ Baal-perazim. ²¹They abandoned their idols there, so David and his men carried them away. **2 Samuel 5:17-21 NASB**

And David came to Baal-perazim, and he smote them there, and said, The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like the bursting out of great waters. So he called the name of that place Baal-perazim [Lord of breaking through]. **2 Samuel 5:20 AMPC**

- The Lord of breaking through.
- The Lord of ‘bursts’. **Moffatt**
- Master of the breach. **Knox**

¹²“I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together like sheep in the fold; like a flock in the midst of its pasture they will be noisy with men. ¹³“The breaker goes up before them; they break out, pass through the gate and go out by it. So their king goes on before them, and the Lord at their head.” **Micah 2:12-13 NASB**

¹³The Breaker [the Messiah] will go up before them. They will break through, pass in through the gate and go out through it, and their King will pass on before them, the Lord at their head. **Micah 2:13 AMPC**

- The Breaker, the Messiah, will go up before them...they will break through. They will pass through the gate and go out through it...

“With a leader to break the path, they shall burst open the gates and go out through.” **NAB**

“The ‘opener’ of the way (the breach).” **The Bible in Basic English**

“He who opens the breach will go before them; they will break through”...**RSV**

Their King will pass before them. **RSV**

POWERFUL PICTURES OF PRAYER

Luke 18:1-43

THE POWER OF PERSERVERENT PERSISTENT PRAYER

Also, [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up). ²He said, in a certain city there was a judge who neither revered *and* feared God nor respected *or* considered man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, Protect *and* defend *and* give me justice against my adversary. ⁴And for a time he would not; but later he said to himself, Though I have neither reverence *or* fear for God nor respect *or* consideration for man, ⁵Yet because this widow continues to bother me, I will defend *and* protect *and* avenge her, lest she give me intolerable annoyance *and* wear me out by her continual coming *or* at the last she come and rail on me *or* assault me *or* strangle me. ⁶Then the Lord said, Listen to what the unjust judge says! ⁷And will not [our just] God defend *and* protect *and* avenge His elect (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He defer them *and* delay help on their behalf? ⁸I tell you, He will defend *and* protect *and* avenge them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find [persistence in] faith on the earth? **Luke 18:1-8**

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- Note that pressing in and pressing on in prayer is very important.
- If the enemy can cause you to give up, wear you out and lose heart so that you fail to pray or quit praying...he wins!
- The Word is so honest – you need to ‘find’ your heart and strength by persistent prayer, not ‘lose’ your heart in ‘delayed detonator’ praying.
- The enemy wants to have the effect on you that the widow was having on the judge. Our enemy does not honor God or care about us. (see **v4-5**)
- Listen to what God says...our just God will defend, protect, and avenge those who cry out to Him day and night, and He will do it speedily.
- He will not defer or delay your help.
- But when He comes (visitation or the second coming) will He find people persistent in faith on the earth?

He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves *and* were confident that they were righteous [that they were upright and in right standing with God] and scorned *and* made nothing of all the rest of men: **Luke 18:9 AMPC**

- A clear description of ‘bad religion.’

Two men went up into the temple [enclosure] to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **Luke 18:10 NASB**

- Filled with the emptiness all He did not do...full of the big 'I'...no room for the great 'I am'.

¹³But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹⁵And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they *began* rebuking them. ¹⁶But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*." ¹⁸A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **Luke 18:13-18 NASB**

- His prayer was powerful and effective and brought him to an impartation of God's forgiveness and righteousness.
- Motive of heart is vital to our prayer life...we are neither the judge nor the standard by which others are judged.
- The people were bringing their babies to Jesus just to get a touch from Him...the blessing of the Lord.
- The disciples were sending them away, but Jesus stopped them.
- We need an 'open heart,' a heart that longs for and looks for a touch from the Lord.
- Child-like not childish.

Truly I say to you, whoever does not accept *and* receive *and* welcome the kingdom of God like a little child [does] shall not in any way enter it [at all]. **Luke 18:17 AMPC**

- A child accepts, receives, and welcomes Jesus and the kingdom of God..." Let them come unto Me!"

³⁰Who will not receive in return many times more in this world and, in the coming age, eternal life. ³¹Then taking the Twelve [apostles] aside, He said to them, Listen! We are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written about the Son of Man through *and* by the prophets will be fulfilled. ³²For He will be handed over to the Gentiles and will be made sport of *and* scoffed *and* jeered at and insulted and spit upon. ³³They will flog Him and kill Him; and on the third day He will rise again. ³⁴But they understood nothing of these things; His words were a mystery *and* hidden from them, and they did not comprehend what He was telling them. **Luke 18:30-34 AMPC**

- He has taught His disciples about persistent prayer and humility and motive in prayer. He talked to them about praying with a child-like faith...all this and then He takes them on a deeper path.
- He explains that they are about to see a large number of prophetic words fulfilled in front of them.
- He describes His arrest, and the beatings He will take, the death on the cross and His resurrection.
 - But they understood none of these truths, they did not understand or comprehend any of these things...it was all still a mystery to them.

The Bartimaeus Story

⁴⁶Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar *named* Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him *here*.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.” ⁵⁰Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And answering him, Jesus said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, *I want* to regain my sight!” ⁵²And Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him on the road. **Mark 10:46-52 NASB**

- Bartimaeus was blind and when he heard Jesus was coming, he yelled and cried out to Him.
 - He continued to cry out, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”
 - Jesus says, “Call him here to Me...” Bartimaeus throws his cloak aside and comes to Jesus...
 - Jesus says...”What do you want Me to do for you?”
 - Bartimaeus says, “I want to regain my sight.” Jesus says, “Go, your faith has made you well.” **NOTHING is impossible to God!**