

## Chapter 1A<sup>1</sup>; 1A<sup>2</sup> & 1A<sup>3</sup>: Effective Corporate Kingdom Prayer as the Catalyst to Visitation

### I. Series Theme Verses:

(Matthew 6:10) “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.” (NASB; ESV; NKJV)

(James 5:16) Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. (NASB) (NKJV adds “fervent”)

(James 5:16) Therefore, openly acknowledge your sins to one another, and pray for each other, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (CJB: Complete Jewish Bible)

Quote 1: “When all is said and done regarding prayer; there is often more said than done.” (Author Unknown)

Quote 2: “Prayer is a dynamic interplay between God and us whereby His redemptive Kingdom purposes are birthed and established.” (gw)

### II. Series Goal(s): To See God Build a Church Community where there is a sustained prayer effort.

- A. To regularly remind ourselves that a lifestyle of personal and corporate prayer is a necessary prerequisite to witness God build a Church Community of Kingdom oriented people, who are able to maintain and bring increase to an atmosphere of the manifest presence of God.
- B. To see that Redeemed Kingdom Community reach an ever-widening group of lost people who become effective, mature, radically-committed disciples of Christ and fruitful soldiers in His Kingdom.

### III. Effective Corporate Prayer as the Catalyst to Visitation:

No Birth w/Out Travail; The Necessary Prerequisite to Effective \_\_\_\_\_; Painstaking Effort  
What is God’s Will? What is Visitation? Why do we need Visitation? How does His Kingdom come?

### IV. Definitions:

- A. Prayer: “Prayer is a dynamic interplay (communication; dialogue; transaction) between God and us whereby His redemptive Kingdom purposes are birthed and established.” (gw)

(Ecclesiastes 5:1-2) Guard your steps as you go to the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil. <sup>2</sup> Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few. (NASB)

- B. Catalyst: “A substance that causes an increase in the rate of a chemical reaction.”
- C. Visitation: “An Initial, Sustained and Increasing Corporate Encounter with the Manifest Presence of God from which He accomplishes His Redemptive, Miraculous, Kingdom Purposes.”

Note: Biblical Visitations & Revivals are beyond modern conceptions of Revival.

- D. Spiritual Climate or Atmosphere:

(Ephesians 6:10-12) <sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (ESV)

(Matthew 18:18-20) <sup>18</sup> Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

(Jeremiah 29: 10-11) <sup>10</sup> “For thus says the LORD, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

(Luke 1:67-80 – Zechariah’s Prophecy uses “Visit” 2 Times) (Acts 10:38 – Sums up the ministry of Christ)

E. Combining the Above Ideas: Effective Corporate Prayer is a Spiritual Catalyst to the Initial, Sustained and Increasing Corporate, Community-wide, Manifest Presence of God, out of which His Redemptive, Miraculous; Kingdom Purposes are birthed and established.”

**V. Seven Biblical Examples: Personal & Corporate Prayer (At Times w/ Fasting) (Note: Many More Examples)**

- A. (Read Luke 1:5-17) <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.
- B. Combine (Acts 1:4-5, 8, 14; 2:1, 42-43, 47; 3:1)(Discuss: Mark 16:17 & 1 Cor. 14:21 quotes Isaiah 28:11)
- C. (Acts 4:13, 23-31) Read & Explain
- D. (Matthew 4:1-25) Read Highlights & Explain
- E. (Nehemiah 1:4-11) (Nehemiah 4:1-6)
- F. (2 Chronicles 20:1-33ff) Jehoshaphat calls Judah to Corporate Fast in Face of Overwhelming Odds.
- G. Book of Joel – Devastation & Restoration through Corporate Repentance, Intercession & Fasting  
Some Selections from Joel: (Joel 1:1-14; 2:12-19; 2:23-29; 3:1-2; 3:12-17) Read all of Joel.

**VI. Eight Famous Bible Fast & Their Result:** (Our struggle: God help us to realize – “Why not us.” Reality) (James 5:17-18) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly (fervently) that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup> And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. (“God shows no partiality” Acts 10:34; Rom.2:11; Gal. 2:6)

- A. (Judges 20) 10 Tribes of Israel prevail by fasting before 3<sup>rd</sup> battle against Benjamin to Eradicate Evil.
- B. (1 Samuel 7) Israel fast to repent & be delivered from Idolatry – leads to deliverance from Philistines
- C. (1 Samuel 31) The inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead fasted 7 days to remember Saul. (Read 1 Samuel 11)
- D. (2 Chron. 20:1-30) Jehoshaphat calls Judah to corporate fast. Jahaziel prophecies in answer to their prayers. Jehoshaphat believes the word of God through Jahaziel & councils Judah to believe. Singers enter the battle first, giving thanks & praise the beauty of God’s holiness. Moabites, Ammonites & Meunites destroy themselves. (Note: Role of the Sons of Asaph, of the Levites. Our priesthood & need)
- E. (Ezra 8: 21-23) Ezra fast to bring God glory & rely on God’s Spirit (power) rather than King Artaxerxes.
- F. (Esther) Esther w/ Mordecai; Proclaim 3 Day Fast & Transforms Disaster into Deliverance from Satan’s Advocate, Haman. (Purim = lots. Haman’s occult spirits vs. God’s Kingdom, Covenant people/name) (4:16)
- G. (Jonah 3:4-10) Nineveh repents w/ National Fasting of Man & Beast at Jonah’s Preaching. God spares Nineveh for 150 more years until 612 BC. (See Nahum & Zephaniah for prophecies of Nineveh’s fall.) Consider Jesus on Nineveh. (Matthew 12:41) (Luke 11:32) (Something greater than Jonah is here now)
- H. (Acts 13:1-4) Saul & Barnabas confirmed in their calling; sent out with leaders fasting & thus by the Holy Spirit. Antioch becomes the Model / Pattern New Testament Church as Christ Conquers Caesar.

**VII. Upcoming: Chapter 1B: Prayer Catalyst to Visitation: Purposes of Prayer (Continued)**

- A. Four Purposes of Group Prayer
- B. Four Purposes of Private Prayer

**VIII. Upcoming Chapters in Series:** See Podcast of Intro & Overview w/ Titles & Topics for More Detail

- A. Chapter 2: Keys to Effective Prayer:
- B. Chapter 3: Five Types of Prayer:
- C. Chapter 4: Prayer & Proclamation: A Time to Pray & a Time to Say
- D. Chapter 5: Jesus On Prayer: His Example & Teaching
- E. Chapter 6: The Place of Prayer in Acts (Birthing, Frequency, Intensity, Themes, Empowerment)
- F. Chapter 7: Paul On Prayer (Paul’s Example, Teaching & Prevalent Themes)
- G. Chapter 8: Speaking In Tongues and Praying in the Spirit
- H. Chapter 9: Fasting Intensifies Prayer (Individual and Corporate, Defense and Offense)
- I. Appendix 1: Building Spiritual Strength (Cultivating & Maintaining Personal & Corporate Anointing)