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# Could "Uniting the Saints in Prayer" Cause the Glory of God to Cover the Earth?

In John 17:21-22, The Lord prayed that we become one; saying that He has given us HIS GLORY in order to unite. Looking over the varied landscape of God's children, it is easy to ask; "How in the world can we all become one?" Could it be that out of the manifold wisdom of God, He has made a way for us to do that?

What we are about to present, is a method or model for prayer that has the potential to unite the Body of Christ in prayer and worship. There are many types, methods, and models of prayer and we love and utilize them all. <u>But what if a prayer that will</u> <u>unite Christians and cross denominational barriers is as</u> <u>simple as praying the "Lord's Prayer" model found in</u> <u>Matthew 6:9-13?</u> For years, it has been prophesied that this last move of God would be brought forth through a "corporate anointing", <u>THROUGH ORDINARY CHRISTIANS!</u> It has also been said that the Saints would be empowered to release the end-time glory and walk in it! We would like to share a method of prayer that can accomplish this.

First let's look at the big picture. Ephesians 4 tells us that the five-fold ministry was given to equip the Saints for the work of the ministry. In verse 13, it states: "*Till we all come into the unity of the faith*, unto the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ". Yes, the SAINTS are to do the work of the ministry until **ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN ARE UNITED, PERFECTED AND WALKING IN HIS FULL POWER AND GLORY!** 

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Another picture that God is showing us here is that His next move is so powerful and spectacular that it's going to take ALL of us to make it happen! The knowledge of the glory of the Lord, that will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (Hab. 2:14), will take more than one leader, a Church, or an organization. It's going to take the hidden power inherent within <u>unity</u>! To activate this power we must have <u>true unity</u>, which is not just the assembling of ourselves with one another. <u>True unity</u> is the unified Body of Christ in <u>unity</u> with the Captain of Heaven's Army – Jesus Christ! This type of <u>unity</u> will cause heaven to invade the earth and we will see the reality of "<u>in earth as it is in heaven</u>!" Now let's find out how we can be in <u>unity</u> with Jesus.

## The Lord's Prayer Model – "Pray After This Manner"

Luke 11:1 states; "And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." In this account of the Model Prayer, we find that Jesus had just ended his prayer, when one of His disciples asked; "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"!

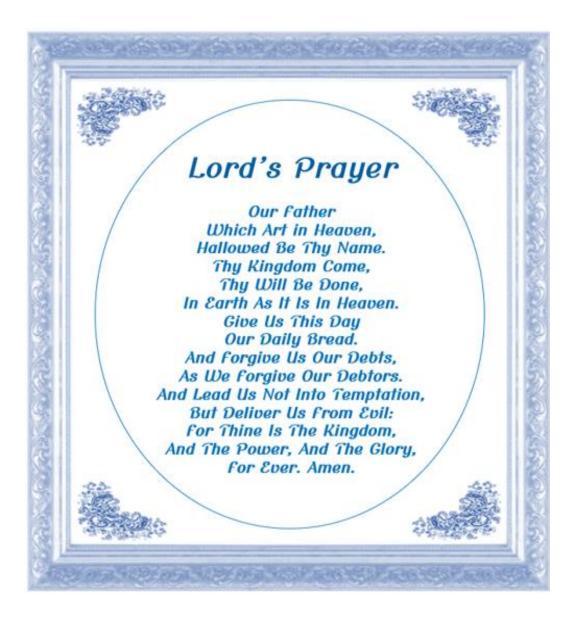
First of all they observed in the ministry of Jesus that He moved from <u>ONE PLACE OF PRAYER TO ANOTHER</u> --- with miracles in between! So <u>HOWEVER</u> He prayed -- <u>THEY WANTED TO</u> <u>KNOW!</u> Now in the account in Matthew 6, Jesus has just said do not pray to be seen, babble or use vain repetitions. Heathens do that; don't be like them. <u>THE FATHER ALREADY KNOWS</u> <u>WHAT YOU NEED BEFORE YOU ASK HIM;</u> so pray in this manner. Jesus is saying; this is the way you <u>SHOULD PRAY</u> and

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every need will be taken care of! He is not saying that we must say these EXACT WORDS – but incorporate these points when we pray. *The Lord's Prayer is in Matthew 6:9-13.* 



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As we pray "after this manner" we bring praises to our Heavenly Father and we cause the kingdom of heaven to invade the earth. THIS IS A WIN – WIN SITUATION! We have been entrusted to bring God's kingdom to the earth! Now it is interesting to note that in scripture we **DO NOT** see the disciples telling Jesus, "No we don't want to do that. That's a boring way to pray; we thought you would give us some deep teaching!" No, they embraced it! As a result they also walked in power with miracles, signs, and wonders!

## The Lord's Prayer and the Tabernacle of Moses

The Lord's Prayer Model happens to be modeled after the Tabernacle of Moses! The Tabernacle is made up of *SHADOW PICTURES* of the life, death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus was giving us a powerful clue in John 14:6, when He declared "*I am the way, the truth, and the life and no man comes to the Father but by me*". The three entrances to the Tabernacle were known as the *WAY, TRUTH, AND LIFE*. Jesus was saying, in effect; "*I am the Tabernacle and coming through these gates, IN PRAYER, will bring you into the Father's house --- into His presence.*" The Tabernacle can be viewed as the foundation of the Lord's Prayer Model! So praying a Tabernacle model prayer is also praying "*in the manner*" of the Lord's Prayer.

Now let's see how perfectly the model prayer that we find in Matthew 6:9-13 correlates and is in harmony with the pattern of the Tabernacle of Moses.

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## The Lord's Prayer And Tabernacle Aligned

- 1. <u>GATES</u> Repent and Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving [Our Father Which Art In Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name]
- 2. <u>ALTAR OF SACRIFICE</u> Thank God For The Blood Of Jesus Christ [Thy Kingdom Come]
- 3. <u>BRAZEN LAVER</u> Thank God For His Word [Thy Will Be Done]
- 4. <u>LAMPSTAND</u> Thank God For The Anointing Of The Holy Spirit [In Earth, As It Is In Heaven]
- 5 <u>TABLE OF SHEWBREAD</u> Stand In The Gap, Repent, And Intercede For The World [Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread. And Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Forgive Our Debtors]
- 6. <u>ALTAR OF INCENSE</u> Purge Your Heart And Worship God In Spirit And In Truth [And Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil]
- 7. <u>HOLY OF HOLIES</u> Worship The Father, Son And Holy Spirit [For Thine Is The Kingdom, And The Power, And The Glory, For Ever. Amen.

Now having seen this method of prayer based on the Lord's Prayer and The Tabernacle and how they complement each other, we can now look further into the Word regarding unity and how to accomplish it. The perfect place to begin is to look into the powerful revelations that are hidden within the <u>Tabernacles and</u> <u>Temples of God!</u>



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## The Tabernacle of Moses

The most dramatic example of being in unity with heaven is found in the scriptures regarding Moses and the building of the Tabernacle. Due to the sin of Adam and Eve, the Lord could no longer dwell upon this earth. But when He wanted to dwell with man again, He showed Moses the heavenly temple and told him to build one on earth according to the <u>same pattern</u>! God told Moses <u>seven times</u> to build Him a "dwelling place" according to pattern.

What if Moses had not followed His explicit instructions? Do you think God would have come to dwell with them? Exodus 25:8-9 states: "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it." Moses obeyed the Lord and He lived among the Israelites! While they were encamped in unity around the Tabernacle -- God's House, they had the manifest presence of God and no one could defeat them!

## **David's Revelation**

To gain a deeper understanding of God's wisdom regarding unity let's look at David's experience of bringing the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. The first time David attempted to bring the Ark home it was on a "new cart" and we all know that ended

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in disaster. Then David went back to the Word of God and discovered there was "<u>a pattern, and "due order</u>" from heaven that he needed to follow to bring in the Ark, the Glory of God (1 Chron 15:13). <u>That pattern required David to not only line</u> up with heaven, but to unite the two offices of KING AND **PRIEST to bring the Ark into Jerusalem!** That's how New Testament kings and priests will cause the Glory of God to invade the earth!

## The Temple of Solomon

We find the same principle of unity and building God's house according to pattern at work in the Temple of Solomon. <u>God had</u> <u>given David the plans for this Temple, but he was not</u> <u>permitted to build it. It was a combination of the</u> <u>Tabernacle of Moses and the Tabernacle of David.</u> His son was to build it, and at the dedication of the Solomon's Temple, as described in 2 Chron 5:11-14, there was a powerful unity between the priests and Levites. <u>They did not keep to their</u> <u>divisions, but became one in their worship.</u> <u>They made</u> <u>"ONE SOUND" in praising the Lord and the manifest</u> <u>presence or Glory of God filled the Temple.</u> Yes, again God came to dwell among His people! The results for Solomon, as long as he followed the Lord, were astounding. He was saturated with wisdom, glory, power, dominion, and wealth!

## Royal Priesthood is Confirmation of God's Heart For Unity!

The priesthood is by far the most perfect example of unity and following heaven's pattern. The entire priesthood worked

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together for one common goal -- to manifest and maintain the presence of God upon the earth. Hebrews 8:1-2 says that Jesus is the <u>KING AND HIGH PRIEST</u>, a minister of the Tabernacle, who serves as an example for us. First Peter 2:9 says that we are a <u>ROYAL PRIESTHOOD</u> and Rev 1:5-6 confirms this inheritance that Jesus left us.

Rev 1:5-6 "And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us KINGS AND PRIESTS to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Our holy calling can also be found in Rev 5:9-10 where it states that every tribe, tongue and nation will be worshipping the Lamb in heaven as KINGS AND PRIESTS! Please note; we are a "new order" of the priesthood, after the order of Melchizedek, both kings and priests. <u>Our king-priest</u> ministry is powerful because the precious Blood of the Lamb purchased it! As New Testament king-priests, we are kings who declare the Word of God, and priests who minister to God in His Presence, according to His will!

## **The Power of the Priesthood**

The high priest of Israel, on a yearly basis, entered God's presence with the blood of animals and made atonement for millions of people with his actions and prayers. Jesus, our

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forerunner, is the great King-Priest Who once and for all sanctified the entire world through His sacrifice and prayers. By the finished work of the cross He was able to place His Blood upon heaven's Mercy Seat producing mercy for all mankind. Jesus is now at the right hand of the Father ever living to make intercession for us (Heb 7:25)! The manifold wisdom of God has given us a king-priest ministry to also affect the world!

The way God counts and multiplies is extremely different than our thinking. The high priest of Israel, a forerunner of Jesus, sanctified millions of Israelites through his prayers. Jesus, our great High Priest, sanctified the entire world through His sacrifice! As a royal priesthood, the stones in our "*spiritual*" breastplate represent the *living stones* -- every person upon the earth! Yes, every king-priest has been given the power and responsibility to pray for the entire planet -- 7 billion plus people!

In addition, priests are mediators between God and man. As priests you are not only praying for 7 billion plus people but you are also praying "AS" them! Pause and think about that! Yes in the privacy of your prayer closet, as a king-priest, you are releasing more prayer power than an entire stadium of people! <u>An EXPONENTIAL INCREASE IN PRAYER POWER will flood</u> <u>the earth when we have revelation knowledge of WHO WE</u> <u>ARE AS KINGS AND PRIESTS!</u>

## The Tabernacle - God's Kingdom and Government

The Tabernacles of God are in fact His GOVERNMENT AND

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KINGDOM! The Tabernacles represent the King's domain -- a place where the King is honored, worshipped, and totally obeyed. From the front gate to the Holy of Holies, it is all about Him! We must ask God to remove the veil from our hearts and minds so we can see the wisdom within His Holy Tabernacles. <u>All of creation is waiting for us to embrace OUR ETERNAL</u> <u>CALLING" as KINGS AND PRIESTS, the manifested Sons of God!</u>

## **Building God a Habitation**

As a royal priesthood one of our primary duties is to build God a house, a holy habitation. First Peter 2:5 states: "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." We are called to unite, build and become God's spiritual house or holy habitation in the spirit realm, by offering up spiritual sacrifices.

The old covenant priests offered animal sacrifices. However, because the Lamb of God fulfilled all things by becoming our *Eternal Sacrifice*, we are now graced to offer the sacrifice of praise, which is "*the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name!*" Heb 13:15-16 tells us that with these "*spiritual*" sacrifices God is well pleased. Just as in the days of Moses when God told him to build a Tabernacle so He could dwell with them. God is asking us today to build Him a Tabernacle in the *spirit realm* and when we do, He will come and dwell with us upon the earth!

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And as a result; "The knowledge of the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea" (Hab. 2:14)!

Through the Tabernacle, God has given mankind the ability to unite. Despite our differences, we can all enter our king-priest ministry and come into agreement upon and testify of what Jesus accomplished for us as the Lamb of God! As we "TESTIFY" of the Lamb of God, in agreement, His glorious Church will come forth by the washing of the water by the Word! In addition, as we testify of Jesus we will be prophesying God's will and Word into the earth. Rev 19:10 states; ".... for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy". We will also become the "ONE NEW **MAN**", the mighty army of king-priests, for which Jesus gave His life! As His army of king-priests offering spiritual sacrifices of praise, we build and together become a holy spiritual habitation for God to dwell in our midst. Why is that important? Because it's going to take "habitation - not visitation" to evangelize the planet! Remember He is waiting until "we all come into the unity of the faith, unto the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph 4:13). When we do, the "Same Glory" that Jesus walked in will be upon us!

The most stunning aspect of our king-priest ministry, uniting the Body of Christ in prayer and worship, is that **IT IS EASY!** We have written a book that provides a long and shortened version of the Tabernacle Prayer. The full version takes about 15 minutes and the shortened version can be prayed in about 5 minutes. We also show you how to design your own prayer for whatever time span you need, including an all-night vigil. Long, short, large, or

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small this prayer pattern will bless you and enhance whatever you are already doing for the Lord. Above all it will unite the Body of Christ in prayer. <u>God will receive the unity and</u> <u>release the multiplication of prayer power and unity upon</u> <u>the earth! Glory to God!</u>

## The Vision of Unity

In 1995, we received a *vision of unity* from the Lord. The Lord Jesus Christ was lifting up the "*Torch of the Abrahamic Covenant*" (Gen 15:17), and all the nations of the earth were in one accord with Him -- in worship. This unified worship was the catalyst for a worldwide move of God. As we began to seek the Lord about this vision, we were directed to His holy models or patterns set forth in His Word.

Could the powerful truths within the Lord's Prayer, Tabernacle and our Royal Priesthood enable the Church to be in <u>TRUE</u> <u>UNITY</u> with each other and with heaven? Could this true unity produce the <u>ONE SOUND</u> our Lord is waiting for in order to release the "<u>Awesome Power of God</u>" in the earth? We believe the answer to these questions is a resounding "<u>YES</u>"!

## **Body of Christ Let's Unite for His Glory!**

For more revelation and teaching about your royal priesthood and praying according to pattern order the book -- "The Awesome Power of God Study Guide".

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