

Faith Christian Fellowship
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A Closet Revival 2
It's Not About YOU

TEXT: Matt 6:5-8

We pray for revival in the earth, but what des the Bible say we should be praying for? We have seen that:

- Revival starts in the closet
 - Motive matters
 - Empty repetitions are heathen prayers
 - God will not move in the earth unless we ask Him
 - God responds to the cry of His own covenant people.
 - **Closet first, then open reward. Revival begins in the closet long before we see it in the streets.**
- ❖ Christian prayer is to the Father in the name of the Son John 16:22-23
- The name of a person stands for that person's character, position, identity. EXAMPLE: Exodus 34:5 / John 17:6 / **Psalm 75:1**
- Name reflects all a person is and does. "In the Name" means to ask on the basis of the Lord Jesus Christ and His completed work.
 - VV 26-28. We now have access to the Father on the same sonship basis as Jesus did while on the earth. Gal 4:4-7 / Heb 12:5-11 / Lk 15:11-
- ❖ Christian prayer is based on a foundation of righteousness.
- James 5:16. **Righteousness is our platform for prayer.** No shame, no guilt, no fear.
- Forensic righteousness: You are not guilty!!! Romans 3:19-26 / 5:1 / 1 Jn 2:1-2
 - Ontological righteousness: Rom 5:117-19 / 2 Cor 5:21 / Eph 4:24
 - Moral righteousness: Micah 6:8 / 1 Jn 1:9
- Pro 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.
- Heb 4:14-16. We have a mega High Priest who gives us boldness to come.
 - Heb 10:19-23. He has opened the way. He wants you to come boldly.
- ❖ **My prayer closet is not for me.**
- **It is time to move beyond self-centered prayer:** It's not all about me. I have to move beyond
- Sin consciousness holds me captive to my own failings. 1 Jn 1:9 / Heb 10:2
 - Provision consciousness: My prayers for me are short: Mk 11:23-24 + Phil 4: 6-8 and are 90% thanksgiving.
- Eph 6:18-20 The church is not enjoined to pray for revival or for the lost. We are told to pray for the saints and the ministry. We are the Body of Christ: Eph 1:23 MSG ... The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.
- The New Testament prayers are for the saints to walk worthy and for the preachers to be bold, accurate and protected.
- Rom 8:27 the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
 - James 5:16 Pray for one another that you may be healed
 - Eph 1:15-23 and 3:14-21. For the church: Spirit of wisdom and revelation / strengthened with might and know the love of Christ, filled with all the fullness of God
 - Col 1:9-12 **filled** with the knowledge of His will that you may **walk** worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being **fruitful** and **increasing** in the knowledge of God; **strengthened** with all might, **giving thanks**.
 - Col 4:12 .. stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.
 - Php 1:9-11 your love will overflow, you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding so that you may live pure and blameless lives, be filled with the fruit... Php 1:19 as you pray for me this will lead to my deliverance.
 - Rom 15:30-33 Now I beg you, brethren, strive together with me in prayers to God for me that I may be delivered, that my service be acceptable to the saints, that I may come to you with joy, and we be refreshed together..
 - 2Th 3:1-2 that the word of the Lord run swiftly and that we may be delivered...
 - Col 4:2-4 **earnestly, vigilant, a door for the word, to speak, make it manifest**, as I ought to speak.

I beg you that you strive together with me in prayers: A week of praying these prayers for others in the Body of Christ. The revival starts this week!