

Subject: Chapel Service

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Theme: Understanding the Power of Prayer (Part 2)

Message: Prayer A Platform for Accessing Supernatural Empowerment

The altar of prayer is a platform for restoring glory, colour and beauty of any believer (James 5 vs. 13 - 18). It is the mountain of securing grace to help at the very critical point of the believer's needs (Hebrews 4 vs. 16).

Every destiny carry's the capacity to affect his or her generation; it is on the prayer altar that man is endue with the wherewithal to express that innate capacity. Scriptural principles are the corner stone principles, that when adhered and consciously applied, puts one on top of every situation.

Prayer is a platform for enforcing our desired change. It brings the presence of God to bear in favour of the believer.

Christianity without power will amount to a frustrated religious exercise, because it takes power to secure one's liberty from the captivity of the wicked (1 Corinthians 2 vs. 4). Where there is no power, triumph will not be in view. The only language the pit of hell understands is the language of power (Psalm 66 vs. 3).

WHAT IS EMPOWERMENT? Empowerment is about giving power or authority to somebody (Matthew 10 vs. 1; Acts 1 vs. 8). It is empowerment that makes the fulfillment of destiny easy.

WHY MUST I BE EMPOWERED?

- ❖ It empowers for service (Acts 1 vs. 8). It enables the believer to witness and advance God's kingdom without hurting (Luke 10 vs. 19).
- ❖ It is for the believer's manifestation as bonafide sons and daughters (Romans 8 vs. 19 - 21).
- ❖ It is designed to provide strength to individuals that are vulnerable with a view to developing resources inherent inside them.
- ❖ It is to overcome our limitations so as to live a life of exploits.
- ❖ It is to express our dominion mandate here on earth (Genesis 1 vs. 26).

If a believer is not empowered by the Spirit of God, such individual has simply registered as a victim here on earth. Empowerment is largely obtained on the prayer altar.

BOOSTERS OF EMPOWERMENT

1. God's grace: This is divine help from God. It is the unmerited favour the believer must tap into from God, and it is multiplied through the knowledge of God (2 Peter 1 vs. 2).
2. The Holy Spirit (Romans 8 vs. 26; John 14 vs. 26).
3. Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 4 vs. 31 - 33).

Empowerment leads to enthronement (1 Corinthians 15 vs. 10). It is God's grace that gives value to man's labour (Genesis 41 vs. 38 - 44). Knowledge is imperative in the believer's quest for empowerment. According to the scriptures in Matthew 7 vs. 7 - 8 (AMP), it is man's consistency in asking on the prayer altar that qualifies him for the empowerment he craves.

The believer's prayers are never into storage, but for speedy answers (Revelation 5 vs. 8). It is important that believers never look up to man for help, because vain is the help of man. So get empowered (Psalm 60 vs. 11 - 12; Psalm 63 vs. 1 - 2).