

## **Prayer: A Platform For Accessing Divine Illumination**

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Prayer is the breath of the regenerated spirit. The altar of prayer is the altar of answers and peace (John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7; 2 Corinthians 3:18).

Prayer is a platform for enforcing change. The altar of prayer is the altar of deliverance. James 5:13, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms."

The altar of prayer ensures that you and I have an escape (Philippians 1:19; Genesis 8:20-21). On the prayer altar, curses are reversed, sicknesses and diseases are healed and bondages turned to deliverance, (Amos 9:1).

You and I require a special divine assistance, in our dealings in life. The human mind needs to be aided by divine grace (John 1:6). This comes in the way of light and this light finds expression in divine direction and in revelation.

Every step you take either takes you forward or backwards. Prayer is important in helping us locate our way through life (Psalm 16:11). Irrespective of the fact that divine direction is our heritage, we must seek for it before we can enjoy it (Jeremiah 42:3; John 10:24-27).

We are the sheep of His pasture, so we need to be open to His leadings and directions (Deuteronomy 32:12-13); it is key to unlimited breakthroughs. There is a mega revival going on in this place and everything done in darkness shall be revealed. Divine direction is communicated principally by means of the Holy Spirit (John 16:12; Romans 8:14).

#### **Requirements For Receiving Divine Direction**

- You must be born again (John 3:3). Consciously making Jesus Christ your Lord and subjecting yourself to the law of Christ.
- You must be filled with the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16)
- We must be meek (Psalm 25:12; Numbers 12:1)
- We must study to be quiet (1Thessalonians 4:11)

- We must walk in the Spirit (Revelations 1:10)
- We must be very watchful (Habakkuk 2:1)
- We must engage the prayer of enquiry (Jeremiah 33:3)

### **What Is Revelation?**

Revelation means the spiritual understanding of the truth (Mathew 13:23; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Timothy 4:13-14). When you are void of spiritual understanding, you are as good as dead (Proverbs 21:16). Revelation is the pathway to exploits (Daniel 11:32). When the light of God is upon you there's no height you can't scale (Isaiah 60:1-3, 22). The light of life on you will always affect your generation (John 1:3). We must engage the Holy Ghost in our quest for spiritual understanding (John 14:26). He is a gentle spirit, you have to ask Him. He can't step in unless we ask Him to (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

Each time you pray and fast genuinely, for instance, there's always an outbreak of revelation (Isaiah 26:9; Isaiah 58:8-10; Proverbs 20:27; Revelation 1:7). But if you are not born again, your spirit man is dead (Ephesians 2:1-2). So you cannot engage your spirit man in a search if you are not born again. If you are born again, the Spirit of God would have something to relate with and then can lead you aright.