They Prayed

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Revival through Prayer

C. H. Spurgeon

All the mighty works of God have been attended with great prayer, as well as with great faith. The Great American Revival had such a beginning.

A man, unknown and obscure, laid it up in his heart to pray that God would bless his country. After praying, he made the soul-stirring inquiry, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" He then got to work!

He hired a room, and put up an announcement that there would be a prayer-meeting held there at a certain time of the day. He went there at the proper hour, and there was not a single person there. He began to pray, and prayed for half an hour alone. One came in at the end of the half hour, and then two more. I think he closed with six.

The next week came round, and there might have been fifty dropped in at different times. At last the prayer-meeting grew to a hundred; then others began to start prayermeetings. At last there was scarcely a street in New York that was without a prayer-meeting. Merchants found time to run in, in the middle of the day, to pray. The prayer-meetings became daily ones, lasting for about an hour. Petitions and requests were sent up. These were simply asked and offered before God, and the answers came; and many were the happy hearts that stood up and testified that the prayer offered last week had been already fulfilled.

Then it was when they were all earnest in prayer, suddenly the Spirit of God fell upon the people. It was rumored that in a certain village a preacher had been preaching in thorough earnest, and there had been hundreds converted in a week. The matter spread into and through the Northern States. These revivals of religion became universal, and it has been sometimes said, that a quarter of a million of people were converted to God through the short space of two or three months.



In Jesus' Name

Barbara Brinkworth

The table was set, the food steaming hot, and the guests seated. It was time to eat; but first, the blessing. "Dear Lord, thank you for this food, for friends and family to share it with. ... Please bless it to our bodies and use us to serve you today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

How often we have heard the phrase used — "in Jesus' name". Have we ever given much thought as to what it really means? Actually, it can be used in several ways.

When we pray, we come to the Father in Jesus' name. Why is that necessary? As fallen men, we have no right to request anything of God Almighty. Were it not for Jesus, there would be no fellowship with God at all. Once we are born-again (John 3:3), and have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, we also are accepted by God. He will honor our requests because of His love for Jesus and for all those who belong to Him. We ask all in Jesus' name.

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A Child's Answered Prayer

D. L. Moody

I remember a child that lived with her parents in a small village. One day the news came that her father had joined the army (it was at the beginning of our war), and a few days after the landlord came to demand the rent. The mother told him she didn't have it, and that her husband had gone into the army. He was a hard-hearted man, and he stormed off shouting that they must leave the house. He "wasn't going to have people who couldn't pay the rent". After he

was gone, the mother threw herself into the arm-chair, and began to weep bitterly.

Her little girl, whom she had taught to pray in faith (it is more

difficult to practice than to preach), came up to her, and said, "What makes you cry, mamma? I will pray to God to give us a little house, and won't He?"

What could the mother say? So *Continued on Page 2*

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In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commanded his disciples to be witnesses in His name. He would soon go back to heaven (Acts 1:8), because His work on earth was finished. The awesome task of evangelizing the world was left to His church. They would go in the power of the Holy Spirit, but the name they proclaimed was that of Jesus Christ. To this very day, all successful witnessing missionary work is done in the name of Jesus.

As a believer goes through his daily tasks, he is acting as an ambassador for Jesus Christ. As such, all that he does is done in the name of Jesus. Does he have a good testimony in the community? The credit goes to Jesus. Does he have a reputation for not paying his debts? The blame goes to Jesus. Is he living a life that others would desire to have? If so, many will inquire about his Jesus. If not, he is turning people away from the kingdom of God.

The Bible says in Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven, and things in

earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." We must take seriously all that we do in Jesus' name; that we may bring much glory to our worthy God.

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the little child went into the next room and began to pray. The door was open, and the mother could hear every word. "O God, you have come and taken away father, and mamma has got no money, and the landlord will turn us out because we can't pay, and we will have to sit on the doorstep, and mamma will catch cold. Give us a little home." Then she waited, as if for an answer, and then added, "Won't you, please, God?"

She came out of that room quite happy, expecting a house to be given them. The mother felt reproved. I can tell you, however, she has never paid any rent since, for God heard the prayer of that little one, and touched the heart of the cruel landlord. God give us the faith of that little child, that we may likewise expect an answer, "nothing wavering."

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." — Colossians 3:17

Answered Prayer

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- Abraham's servant prayed; Rebekah appeared.
- Moses cried to God; the sea divided.
- Moses prayed; Amalek was discomfited.
- Joshua prayed; Achan was discovered.
- Hannah prayed; Samuel was born.
- David prayed; Ahithophel hung himself.
- Asa prayed; a victory was gained.
- Jehoshaphat cried to God; God turned away his enemies.
- Isaiah and Hezekiah prayed; 185,000 Assyrians were dead within 12 hours.
- Daniel prayed; the meaning of a dream was revealed to him.
- Daniel prayed; the lions did not harm him.
- Ezra prayed; God answered (Ezra 8:21-23).
- Nehemiah darted a quick prayer; the king's heart was softened in a minute.
- Elijah prayed; rain descended.
- Elisha prayed; the Jordan River was divided.
- Elisha prayed; a child came back to life.
- The Apostles prayed; the Holy Ghost came down.
- A church prayed for Peter's release from prison; Peter soon knocked at their door.
- You prayed and

He Asked A Lot

C. H. Spurgeon

Someone has given you a promise, that if you are in need and go to him, he will give whatever you want. You go up to his door, and when he comes to meet you, you rush into the street and hide yourself, for you are ashamed that he should see you.

Driven by necessity, however, you knock again. At last he comes, and you stand trembling before him. "Well," says he, "what do you want?"

"You have given me a promise, sir, that when I am in need you will do so-and-so for me, and I really do not believe it. I have no confidence in you, and I do not like to ask." There would be nothing honorable in that to any man. It would be doubtful the needy man would be helped.

How far different was the example of Alexander's courtier. The king said to him, "I will give to thee whatever thou requesteth," and the man asked such a gift as almost emptied Alexander's coffers.

"Aye," said the monarch, "it was a great thing for him to ask, but it is only a little thing for Alexander to give. I like the man's confidence in me, using my word to its fullest extent." Alexander gave all the man requested.

"If there were less public welfare and handouts, and more praying to God for one's needs, this country would be much different!"