

of history. For days there had been no rain in Ohio. Everything cried out for rain. The people were in despair and knew not what to do. One Sunday before he began to preach, Mr. Finney prayed for rain in this manner. "We do not presume to dictate to Thee what is best for us, yet Thou dost invite us to come to Thee as children to a father, and tell Thee what we want. WE WANT RAIN! Our pastures are dry.

"The cattle are wandering about in search of water. Even the little squirrels in the woods are suffering for want of it. Unless Thou dost give us rain our cattle must die for we shall have no hay for them for winter and our harvest shall come to nought. O LORD SEND US RAIN, AND SEND IT NOW! Although there is no sight of rain, it is an easy thing for Thee to do. Send it now Lord for Christ's sake!" Before the service was half over the rain came down in such torrents that Mr. Finney's voice could not be heard, so, with tears of joy the congregation sang:

When all Thy mercies, O my God, My rising soul surveys, Transported with the view, I'm lost In Wonder, love and praise.

Push The War On Prayerlessness

God has always met any nation on its knees. If America will not repent and pray, we Christians must. We must now let the awful urgency of doom bring us together to seek the Lord till He comes and rains righteousness upon us.—Hosea 10:12. A prayed-down, Heaven-sent, God-glorifying, sin-convicting revival of religion will save the day. Such an awakening to righteousness was God's answer in Luther's day and Wesley's day.

It was a prayed-down revival that saved America in the crisis-hours of 1740, 1800 and again in 1857. And it is the only thing that will save America today!

God is still merciful. He will bare His mighty arm if we all unite, irrespective of creed, in prevailing, importunate, day and night, fasting prayer and seek Him with all our hearts.—Jer. 29:11-13; Matt. 7:7; John 14:14. John Wesley's preachers spent six hours a day in prayer. Jonathan Edwards, who with Wesley and Whitefield was used of the Lord in the revival of 1740, spent 12 hours a day with the Lord.

Spurgeon, when asked the secret of his spiritual power, opened the door to the Prayer Room of his church, filled with praying men and women, and said, "This is the Power House." Ramabai in India built her work around a Prayer Tower, where prayer was offered 24 hours of the day. Soon over nine hundred souls were swept into the Kingdom. Others who adopted her plan of 24 hour

praying a day saw God working in power and glory also in their midst.

The Spirit's loudest call is to united, sustained, protracted, day and night, fasting prayer by multitudes of God's people in every land. In the urgency of desperate need let ministers gather their members to the altars of our God to fast and pray, one, two or three days, each week, without food or water if possible, from early morning to night, and then let those who can not mobilize for prayer during the day come together for half-nights and all nights of prayer.

We must agonize in prayer. We must tarry before the Lord in endless, day and night supplication. Praying only to the extent that is convenient, or to the extent we are weak or tired, is no kind of praying in an hour like this. We must now stir ourselves up to take hold of God with all our might for the Spirit's miraculous outpour upon the Church of God and upon the world of men.

Arise, Cry Out . . . Pour Out Thine Heart Like Water Lam. 2:18, 19

Knowing the husbandmen must be first partakers of the fruit, and that we cannot tell others what to do and not ourselves excel them in doing it, we began weeks ago to go to the Prayer Room at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and without food or water, seek the Lord, in united protracted prayer until Sunday at 6 p.m. for the Spirit's immediate world-wide, miraculous outpour.

This has not been an easy thing to do, with mail piling in, with work stacked up, with incessant demands upon us, more than we can humanly meet, to say nothing of working early and late during the week, and then to come up to these two foodless, waterless week-end days in continuous, fasting prayer. This is anything but easy in the natural. It is a stark sacrifice. But God is looking for sacrifices! He gave His Son a sacrifice for us and nothing we give to God is so acceptable as these living sacrifices. When the sacrifice is complete the fire will fall!

So gracious and so manifest has been the favor and blessing of the Lord on these days of fasting without food or water, so powerful and potent are they in moving things for God, and bringing down the enemy to defeat, that we now embrace them eagerly as a precious part of Christian Victory, Church-wide, Nation-wide, World-wide!

This is the most powerful kind of praying we know of, and we are sounding out this urgent call to the Lord's people in every land to mobilize with us, if not on Saturday and Sunday, then any other two or three days a week, alone or with others, ministers and people and congregations

of the Lord,—this one thing doing—praying to shake the world with that kind of praying that will, by its holy impact, change the very history of our times.

JOEL 2:12-32 PICTURES FOR US SUCH A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MINISTERS AND PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD AND ITS TRIUMPHANT ACCOMPLISHMENT IN PRECIPITATING AN EPOCH OF GRACE!

Prayer is our deadly H-Bomb. There is no power in God's universe so mighty as the continued, united, day and night, fasting prayers of men and women whose hearts are right with God and with each other. O let our whole being go out in increasingly fervent prayer to God until the heavens are rent and the skies drop down righteousness. Isa. 64:7; Hosea 10:12.

Let us give ourselves up to a passion of white-heated prayer. Let every man and woman of God, let the children and the young people, covenant to pray and fast until the dominance of Satan is broken and an epoch of grace has actually been precipitated, and the glorious gospel rings out from the highways of all lands, and resounds through the towns and villages of all nations.

God does nothing except in answer to prayer. Let us call unto the Lord! Let us ask for miracles and marvels! Let us ask for big things in prayer that will bring big victories to the people of God in all lands. Let us Scripturally ASK FOR RAIN IN THE TIME OF THE LATTER RAIN, THAT "EVERY ONE MAY HAVE GRASS IN HIS FIELD."—Zech. 10:1. This means green pastures for the flocks of God! Let us boldly claim the Spirit's outpouring on all flesh. Joel 2:28; Rev. 5:6.

"Behold, the Husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until He receives the early and latter rain." James 5:7. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Thus shall our glorious Lord bare His mighty arm for us and drive back the dark clouds of today that hang threateningly over the whole world. Thus will He take out a people for His Name and present to Himself at His Coming a church all glorious and without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Eph. 5:25-27. Maranatha!

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