

The Focus of the August 7th Prayer Conference Call

Prevailing Prayer

“The Power of Desperation”

Luke 18:2-6; Luke 11:9-13; Isaiah 62:6-7; Luke 18:35-43; 1 Thess. 5:17; Matt. 15:22-27; Isaiah 52:8-10.

When we reach the end of our rope. When we feel like there is nowhere else to turn. When things have gotten so bad that it appears there is no way out. Rather than simply viewing that as a time when people use prayer as a crutch. . .we ought to view that as a time when great, mighty, prevailing prayers of desperation can be offered up to God.

God's word might even suggest, that is just the time when prayer can become a powerful conduit of God's mercy and grace.

So who do the characters of this parable represent? Who is this widow? Verse 7 (read). God's own. His children. They are the widow. Or should I say, we are the widows. We are the ones that are, or should be, constantly pursuing the judge. Constantly crying out to him day and night. Constantly pleading our case before him in hopes of receiving relief from our adversary. How do you think your Heavenly Father will respond to you when you faithfully, persistently, and desperately call out to Him? Jesus makes this connection to a day when the Son of Man will return, seeking out the faithful, and in looking for them wonders whether there will still be people who are crying out day and night. Persistent, desperate people, seeking, crying out to God, praying continually.

Make no mistake about it. The body of Christ is facing desperate times. Our enemy is engaging in a full on assault. It is almost ironic how desperate we see the battles in Iraq and against global terrorism, while acting almost oblivious to the desperate battle that is being waged within the body of Christ today. And when the body of Christ wakes up to the battle we are in, we will reach a points of desperation that results in some changes.

Our nation is suffering from a deep social and moral collapse. If we have ever needed God's anointing, it is now, but where is God's elect?"

Jesus asks, when the Son of Man returns, will He find faith on earth? Will He find a unified, desperate body, crying out to God?