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Power of Apostolic Prayers

“Why” are we studying the Apostolic prayers? (For intercession purposes as well.)

- The apostolic prayers are a valuable gift to the church being the prayers that burned in God’s heart and give us the language of His heart.
- He never changes, so be assured they still burn in His heart.
- These prayers are guaranteed! They are like checks already signed in heaven and waiting only for a co-signer on the earth to be cashed.
- They are as relevant today as they were in the early church.

Apostolic Prayers are God-Centered

All the prayers in the New Testament are God-centered prayers; each one is addressed to God. Not one apostolic prayer is addressed to the devil.

God-centered prayer, including spiritual warfare prayer, is the model set forth in the New Testament. It is the model the early church used in resisting and dislodging demonic forces and cultural strongholds (Ephesians 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”

All the prayers of Jesus that are recorded in the Bible were directed to the Father (John 14:16; 17:5, 11, 15, 25).

Jesus taught His disciples to direct their prayers to the Father (Matthew 18:19; Luke 11:2, 13).

The apostles’ prayers also teach us to address the Father when we pray. In the “warfare epistle” Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he addressed all his prayers to the Father (Ephesians 1:16–17; 3:14, 16, 20)

(To be continued.)