PRAYER SCHOOL

Week #8 – A Time to Pray and a Time to Say

Mark 11:22 – 24 (NKJV) *So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever SAYS to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he SAYS will be done, he will have whatever he says.24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you PRAY, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

- Jesus clearly teaches his followers that there are certain things that we should PRAY about and other things we should SAY something about. The key is knowing when to do which.
- **QUOTE:** *Things in our life that legally shouldn't be there, we should SAY SOMETHING about. Things we need in our life that haven't shown up yet, we should PRAY to the Father about.*
- When studying the life of Jesus, **WE DON'T FIND JESUS EVER PRAYING FOR THE SICK THE WAY THE CHURCH DOES TODAY**. We also don't find Jesus praying for *peace, joy, or for demons to stop acting up*.
- We do see Jesus praying for *people, direction, cities, provision, the Father's plan to be accomplished, and oneness among His disciples.*
- **John 14:12 (NCV) –** *I tell you the truth, whoever believes in me WILL DO THE SAME THINGS THAT I DO. Those who believe will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*
- **QUOTE:** *God has given us AUTHORITY over certain matters and He expects us to do something about them.*
- **Psalm 115:16 (GNT) –** *Heaven belongs to the Lord alone, but he gave the earth to us humans.*

Mark 11:14 (NLT) – *Then Jesus said to the TREE, "May no one ever eat your fruit again!" And the disciples heard him say it.*

- **QUESTION:** Can a tree hear?
- *Rebuke (Webster's) – to turn back or keep down.*
- **QUESTION:** Can wind and waves hear?
- **Luke 4:33 – 36 (NLT)** *Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—cried out, shouting, 34 "Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" 35 But Jesus reprimanded him. "Be quiet! Come out of the man," he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further. 36 Amazed, the people exclaimed, "What AUTHORITY AND POWER this man's words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!"*
- **QUESTION:** Can demons hear?
- **Luke 4:38, 39 (NLT) –** *After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon's home, where he found Simon's mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. "Please heal her," everyone begged. 39 Standing at her bedside, he REBUKED THE FEVER, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them.*
- **QUOTE:** *If a FEVER can hear, then so can the flu, a tumor, high blood pressure, heart disease, sickle cell, cancerous cells, or anything else that was never intended to be in our bodies!*

Luke 9:1, 2 (NLT) – *One day Jesus called together HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. 2 Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

- **Luke 10:17 – 19 (NLT)** *When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us WHEN WE USE YOUR NAME!" 18 "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! 19 Look, I have given you AUTHORITY over all the POWER of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.*
- *Power (Gr. Dunamis) – miraculous ability*
- *Authority (Gr. Exousia) – delegated influence*