

WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

Praying Scripturally Against The Kingdom Of Darkness, Part 3

Thursday, June 2, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)

If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

1. **L... Learning together from God's Word**
2. **I... Interceding through prayer**
3. **F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ**
4. **E...Evangelizing the lost**

PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)

FACILITATION OF LESSON

Sermon Title: *“Praying Scripturally Against The Kingdom Of Darkness,” Part 3*

POINT 1

We talked about a vision Dad or Papa Hagin had concerning three frog like creatures coming out of the waters and about to land on the shores of the United States. They symbolized three strategies of Satan and we see those same strategies today in our time. He had two visions one in 1970 and the other in 1979. The first strategy of Satan would be riots and disturbances. The second, would be political upheaval. The third, problems in the economic sector of our nation.

Jesus told him; Christians can stop all three of these strategies of the Devil against this nation.

- They can stop the upheaval through the riots, tumults, and disturbances in the social structure.
- They can stop the upheaval and activity of the Devil in the political scene of their nation.
- And they can stop the Devil from disrupting the financial scene of their nation.

They can do this by taking their place in prayer based on the Word of God. Many Christians prayed back then, and the enemy's plan was greatly averted and thwarted. God intervened on their behalf because Christians stood in their place of authority in Jesus' name and began to pray and exercise their authority over the devil. He will do the same for us when we stand in our place of authority in the Name of Jesus and begin to pray and exercise our authority over the devil.

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QUESTION

1. What are three strategies God revealed to Papa Hagin in a vision and how do they relate to the times we're living in? Give examples!
2. What can we as Christian do to stop the strategies of Satan?

POINT 2

Let's look at Abraham's intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah. This is an example of how God's covenant people can intercede and affect the course of events in this world so that God's purposes can be fulfilled – regardless of Satan's strongholds over cities and nations.

READ: Genesis 18:16-17

16 the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. 17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

Notice the Lord will let you know what's going to happen before it happens. The news is something that has occurred, and it is being reported. God lets you know what is going to happen or could happen so that you can take action.

READ: Genesis 18:18

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

Another reason God lets you know before it happens is because he doesn't want it to affect the future plans He has for your life. And he doesn't want it to affect those plans He has for those in your circle of influence.

QUESTION:

1. What is the difference between the news and prophecy? Why does God want you to know things before they happen?

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POINT 3

READ: Genesis 18:19

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Look at what God should know about you. God says:

19 For I know him,

The word “**Know**” here is the Hebrew word “**Yada**” and it means to observe, to recognize, to be familiar with and to perceive. Some people believe since God is such a big God and He has so much responsibility that He doesn’t have time to think about little oh me. He’s not paying attention to little oh me! God says “*For I know him.*” God’s paying attention!

- I have observed how they order their household which is important to God.
- I have recognized some things about them,
- I recognize the priorities they set concerning Me.
- I’m familiar with the attitude and how they approach certain situations making sure I’m involved.
- And I perceive what they will do in the future because of their heart towards Me.

They’re not just lip-syncing; no! They are genuinely concerned about making sure their children know to put Me first. So, God says, “*For I know him.*”

QUESTION:

1. What are some things about you that God should know?

POINT 4

READ: Genesis 18:19

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

The phrase “*I Know Him*” also means *to be chosen, to be singled out, to be acknowledge as His own.* Chosen him for what? “....., *that he will command his children and his household after him, and they*

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shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

Let's read **Genesis 18:19 Message Bible:**

19 Yes, I've settled on him as the one to train his children and future family to observe GOD's way of life, live kindly and generously and fairly, so that GOD can complete in Abraham what he promised him."

This society: Christians and non-Christian's alike have gone so far from this.

Now there are certain religion's that do not allow their children to veer off from their spiritual upbringing. Those children carry their spiritual upbringing with them wherever they go including their college campuses. What's so sad is in our Christian circles so many students come back from college with all these other ideologies that are totally against the Word of God. You wonder if they are still saved!

Why is that? Because the Word of God was not in their priorities before they left, so it's not going to be a priority wherever they go. Like God told Abraham how they observe God's way of life, gives God room to complete what He promised to complete in Abraham. So, God knew Abraham would make sure that generations after him knew God's way of life. Because as we see today, we have generations that don't even know the definition of marriage according to the Word of God. And they don't even know if God made them a man or a woman. That started in the home; the media is just amplifying it!

QUESTION:

1. What are some other things God should know about you?
2. Why is that so many young people leave and go to college and come back different spiritually?
3. What has a lot of college campuses done to our young people?

POINT 5

READ: Genesis 18:20-22

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. 22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

What was Abraham doing? He was interceding on behalf of his family in those cities. He knew whatever happened in those cities would affect the lives of his family; talking about Lot his nephew.

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READ: Genesis 18:23-25

23 And Abraham drew near, (Near to who? God!) and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? 25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

This is an example of having a relationship with God to where you can just be real with Him. He wasn't saying, "Oh Most Heavenly Father, I come to thee as thy humble servant." No, he was just talking to God like he was talking to a regular person. He could talk to God like that because he knew he had a covenant with God.

QUESTIONS:

1. In his interaction with God what was Abraham doing? Why could he talk to God in this manner?
2. How do you talk to God?

POINT 6

READ: Genesis 18:26, 30

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

Now he kept going back and forth with God testing to see how far he could go with this. Next, he asked for 45; then 40, then he stretched it and ask how about 30 and the Lord said in verse 30:

30 And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

Abraham said wow he agreed with thirty let me push this envelope some more and ask for 20. But notice what God will do on behalf of the righteous in that city if someone will just stand in the gap for them.

QUESTIONS:

1. What will God do on behalf of the righteous in an city or community and why?

Then Abraham had that look on his face and in verse 32 he says: "*And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.*"

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Abraham could have went all the way down to one but he thought for sure that Lot and his family turned someone's heart towards God in those wicked cities. There had to be at least 10, so he stopped there!

And it says:

33 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing (WHICH MEANS CONVERSING) with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

Abraham conversed with God until he was satisfied with the answer God gave him. It wasn't a one-way conversation. It was him asking and then listening for God to answer. This is where a lot of people miss it. They do a lot of talking and requesting but they don't listen for the answer. They don't listen for God's will concerning the matter. What do we say? Faith begins where the will of God is known! But how did Abraham effect change in his nation? Did he deal with demon's and devils? No! Did he try to pull down demonic strongholds? No! Abraham pled his case with God according to:

READ: Isaiah 43:26

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

He talked to God about Sodom and Gomorrah.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Abraham stop at 10?
2. Where do a lot of people miss it in prayer and why?
3. How did Abraham effect change in his Nation?

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ALTAR CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

PRAISE REPORTS - *2-MINUTES PER PERSON

PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)

Prayer focus:

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
 - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian and the ministerial staff.
 - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

Have you reached out to your circle today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

1. **Join Generation 6:20 for Friday Night Live, Friday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm.** There is \$1.00 admission fee to Friday Night Live. For more information contact Minister Julie Francis.
2. Join us for **Holy Communion, Sunday, June 5th at 10:00am.** If you are joining us online or by phone, prepare your communion elements in advance so that we can break bread together.
3. Single with Purpose it's time to exercise! Come out and engage in a variety of exercises **Friday, June 10th at 7:00 pm** in the WOFICC Courtyard. Be reminded that our bodies are the temple of God and we got to take care of God's temple. There will be a \$10 charge per person. Please see Minister Bachelor to sign up.
4. The SWAT Team won 26 souls at Nisky Center on Saturday. Join them for the next SWAT Outings, **Saturday, June 11th & June 25th at 11am.** SWAT Outings are schedule every 2nd and 4th Saturdays. For more information see Minister Francis.
5. Join us for **Baby Dedication, Sunday, June 12th at 10:00 am.** To register for baby dedication call the church office at (340) 774-8617 or email wordoffaithvi@gmail.com.
6. Join us for our Father's Day Celebration – **Sunday, June 19th at 10:00 am.** Invite your husband, brothers, uncles, nephews. It's going to be a day filled with surprises for the men.

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- **Sunday, June 5th** - Father's Day Event Planning after service.
 - **Tuesday, June 7th & 14th** - Women's Father's Day Praise & Worship Rehearsal 7pm at the church.
 - **Saturday, June 11th** - Kitchen Clean-up Day 11am-2pm
7. Join Covenant Partner's, **Friday, June 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** for Karaoke Night!! Bring your song and let's "Duet" Together. Invite another couple and see you there! For more information contact Minister Lavern Oysterman by email at wofcovenantpartners@gmail.com
8. Mark your calendars! **Sunday, June 26th at 10:00 am** - Get ready to have an encounter with God with ministry of the Word by Bishop Keith A. Butler from Word of Faith Southfield, Michigan. Prayer begins promptly at 9:45 am. This is an event you don't want to miss.

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CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL
