

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

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

The Ephesians Prayer of Revelation” Pt. 4

Thursday, October 13, 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: “The Ephesians Prayer of Revelation,” Pt.4

POINT I

Ephesians 1:17 is what we call the Ephesian Prayer and it reads, *“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.”* Wisdom and Revelation are the language of breakthrough. Human speech is a characteristic of man being made in the image of God. In **Genesis 1**, verse **3, 6, and 9** we find the following statement, *“And God said.”* In every verse we read “God said,” it also said God saw. Everything we can see was made from sound. Sound changes sight. Look at **2 Corinthians 5:7**, *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”* Faith has a certain sound. As we speak the word of faith, things change in our lives. Many people would like to see different scenery in their lives – God says make a different sound first. In **Mark 11:23**, Jesus said, *“Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”*

In the beginning, a language existed that perfectly expressed the essence of all possible things. The language spoken in the Garden of Eden must have been such a language.

QUESTIONS

1. How does sound correlate with everything we see today?
2. Have you ever had to make a different sound to change your scenery? Explain. What were the results?

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POINT II

In **Genesis 11:1-9**, we find the story of the Tower of Babel. In this story we can see the power of language demonstrated. At this point in the history of the world, all the people on the earth remained undivided, with one language and culture. Verse 1 states, *“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.”* Verses 3-6 go on to say, *“3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. The people recognized the power of unity and speaking the same thing. The power of oneness! Verses 5-6 state, “And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.” Verse 6 in the Amplified version reads, “And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one [unified] people, and they all have the same language. This is only the beginning of what they will do [in rebellion against Me], and now no evil thing they imagine they can do will be impossible for them.”* They attempted to revolt against God by using the power of language that God had given them. They were using it for evil instead of good.

Genesis 11:7 AMP

“7 Come, let Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) go down and there confuse and mix up their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech. 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the surface of the entire earth; and they stopped building the city.” They experienced exactly what they had attempted to protect themselves from in verse 4. We can see from this story the power of language. Nothing was impossible for them while their language was unified, but because man’s fallen condition and his ability to misuse this power, God confused their language.

QUESTIONS

1. What really unified these people?
2. What power is derived when everyone speaks the same thing?

POINT III

Today, in the language of the Gospel, there is even greater power available. God has redeemed us by the Blood of Jesus and has given us the language of redemption in Christ Jesus. God has restored all power to us “in Christ!” We are still learning to understand and to speak this new language. It is a language of authority that will move mountains as Jesus said in **Mark 11:23**.

It’s a language of healing that Paul spoke in **Acts 14:7**, *“7 And there they preached the gospel. 8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never*

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had walked: 9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, 10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.”

It is a language of love that Paul described in **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** it is the perfect language. **Verse 4-8** state, “*4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth.*” Then Paul concludes with **verse 13**, “*And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*” It is the perfect language. God wants us to learn the language of faith. Language includes understanding and speaking. It also involves communication through sound.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the language of today in the Body of Christ?
2. What do we speak in the language of Gospel? Everyone take one and expound.

POINT IV

The spirit of wisdom and revelation and the spirit of faith work together for the will of God to be accomplished in us and through us. **God communicates to us through His Word.** He wants us to see the same thing He sees and say the same thing He says. In other words, it doesn't matter what the devil has done in your life.

Through the cross of Jesus Christ, there is another language God wants to teach you – the language of redemption, the language of restoration and the language of freedom. If you can dare to speak this new language for example, “*By Jesus stripes I was healed,*” He restores your dominion. Dare to speak, “*Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law. I know I have eternal life. I am a child of God because of what Jesus has done!*”

Paul prayed that we would have a revolutionary revelation – that we would see so differently that it would totally change the course of our lives. The Gospel of Christ is a language of power. It is the Power of God working in this world. As believers, we must understand the language of redemption and effectively speak it. We must see what God says belongs to us “in Christ” and speak. We must boldly say:

- I am who God says I am.
- I have what God says I have.
- I can do what God says I can do!

The Gospel of Christ is a language of power, love, faith, victory and blessing.

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The language of faith or the language of redemption give us access to the supernatural – we can think like God, see like God, talk like God, and walk like God. Many times people are trying to walk with God. They may actually be saying the same words God says, but they do not see the same picture.

To effectively communicate what God has done for us “in Christ” we must watch what we say. We must see the same thing God sees.

QUESTIONS

1. What must we boldly say?
2. What does the language of faith give us access to? Why is it necessary to speak this language?

POINT V

As our eyes are opened to the limitless possibilities of God’s plan for our lives, the inheritance that belongs to us “in Christ,” and the authority we have “in Christ” we can see and say the same thing God sees and says about us.

When you speak like God speaks, you will overthrow and overturn anything the devil has done in your life. Speaking the language of redemption will cause a radical change in your thinking and in your seeing. **God’s Word spoken by your mouth will replace what Satan has told you.** Instead of seeing yourself as a failure, you begin to speak God’s Word. You speak that you are an overcomer and that you have been seated with Christ in heavenly places. You speak that You are a winner in Christ!

You replace what other people have said about you with what God says about you. As you speak the Word of God, the perfect language, there will be a total change in the way, you see yourself.

QUESTIONS

1. Are there some things people or the devil has said about you that you need to replace?
2. What can you expect to happen when you replace what Satan has told you?

The revelation of who you are in Christ will swallow up anything else that has happened to you. You used to say, “I’m depressed, I’m broke, I’m sick, I’m confused, and I’m beat up by life. But now you say what God says about you – you speak the perfect language of redemption:

- I have joy.
- I am blessed.
- I am healed.

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- I know the hope of his calling.
- I know I have an inheritance in Christ,
- Jesus has given me authority over the devil.

Instead of being controlled by the influences of the world, influences of the flesh and the influences of the Devil, speaking the perfect language will cause a revolution – a radical change – in your life. This revolutionary revelation of who you are in Christ will replace how you used to see yourself. A revolution is a turn around. The revelation is causing things to turn around for you right now!

QUESTION

1. How will the revelation of “who you are in Christ” change your life?

Now let’s read **Psalms 126:1**, where it says, “*1 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.*” Notice the language change, “*The LORD hath done great things for them.*” They spoke in front of the heathen the language of redemption.

QUESTION

1. What was the noticeable difference in their language in this passage? Explain!

Now let’s read **Psalms 30:11**, where it says, “*Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; 12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.*” This perfect language is causing a revolution in your life. We’re talking about a turnaround!

Remember, the revolution is a turn around. The revelation is causing things to turn around for you right now! This is our final scripture, **Job 42:10** and it reads, “*And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.*” Everybody take an opportunity right now to give God a shout of praise! God has turned your captivity. The revolution has begun. Rejoicing and celebrating is appropriate at this time if you truly believe. Look the enemy in the face and laugh!

QUESTIONS

1. What’s about to happen in your life as a result of this language change? Make it personal!
2. What should we be doing right now?

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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. Single with Purpose is have a Smoothie Extravaganza combined with a Movie on **Friday, October 14th @7:00 pm**. Invite a friend and “Let’s Blend.” For more information contact Minister Bachelor or send email to singewithpurpose2019@gmail.com.
2. WOFICC Membership Classes, **Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**. To register please see Minister Abbott or Sister Lilly Chalwell.
3. Join us on **Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm** for Thanksgiving Praise & Worship Day Service at Word of Faith (formerly the Old Mill). Join us as we give God praise for delivering us from hurricanes, earthquakes, natural and man made disasters. Invite someone to join us.

It will be night of praise, worship and the Word. You don’t want to miss it! Ministry of the Word by Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact the church office at (340) 774-8617 or email wordoffaithvi@gmail.com.

4. Join Covenant Partners Ministry for "A Lover's Stroll," **Friday, October 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm**. Invite a couple! For more information, contact Minister Oysterman by email at wofcovenantpartners@gmail.com.

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5. VIP Silver Saints have a Game Day on **Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 2:00 pm** at the church. Put your game face on; bring a dish and invite a friend. Fun, fellowship, food, prizes and more are in store. For more information contact Minister Williams.
6. Join us for Early Morning Prayer, Monday- Friday from 6:00 am - 7:00 am and Saturday's at 10:00 am. Join us on the Miracle Line where sickness disappear and wholeness appears through Jesus Christ on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 11:00 am by conference call, Facebook, YouTube and the Word of Faith Website. The call-in number for the Early Morning Prayer and the Miracle Line is (717) 908-1834, access code 755875#.

Then Join us for Noon Day Prayer, with Evangelist Sharon Walker. Join us for 1-hour to pray. This is an In-person Prayer Service at Word of Faith.

7. Pastor and Evangelist Walker have launched an initiative called **WOFICC CARES**. It is their desire to serve the needs of the families in our church, in our community and throughout the Caribbean. Your help is needed! Monetary donations are being accepted to be a blessing to those truly in need. When making your donation to please write "**Gift for WOFICC CARES.**" **WOFICC CARES** about our church family! **WOFICC CARES** about our community! **WOFICC CARES** about the Islands of the Caribbean!

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