

Prayer Meeting – August 16, 2011

Matthew 18:18 Truly I say to you, Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

The Bible contains a most lofty and spiritual prayer. But few people pray this prayer, and few pay attention to it. What is this prayer? It is the “prayer of authority.” We know that there are prayers of praise, prayers of thanksgiving, supplicating prayers, and begging prayers. But few of us know that there is a prayer of authority. A prayer of authority is a commanding prayer. This is the most crucial and most spiritual prayer in the Bible. This kind of prayer is a sign of authority and a declaration of authority.

Brothers and sisters, if you want to be a man of prayer, you have to learn to pray with authority. This kind of prayer is described by the Lord in Matthew 18:18. “Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven.” In this verse, there is a prayer that is called a binding prayer and a prayer that is called a loosing prayer. . . .Heaven listens to the earth and obeys the command of the earth. Whatever the earth binds will be bound in heaven, and whatever the earth looses will be loosed in heaven. The earth does not pray; it binds and looses. This is to pray with authority. (*The Prayer Ministry of the Church*, p. 61)

Prayer Items:

1. International:

Campus Work in France

- Pray that the students from the last two semesters will be perfected in the homes of the saints.
- Pray that we will have many new student contacts from the Paris and Nanterre campuses this coming semester.
- Pray that the students will form the nucleus on their campus to begin the gospel work for this academic year.

Greece

- Pray that the current situation of economic and political upheaval in Greece will soften the hearts of the Greek people toward the Lord, particularly among the young people.
- Pray that they will be released from all the old things of religion, tradition, and culture to seek something new, fresh, and living in God’s New Testament economy.
- Pray that the Lord will continue to spread the ministry publications throughout Greece through Rhema and prepare the way for the saints to visit those seekers who have received the free ministry publications.

2. National:

- Pray for the 2011 Fall Term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (beginning this week); pray for the trainees, the trainers, the serving ones, and all the churches.

3. Local: Irvine

- Pray that the enjoyment of Christ as the jubilee of grace would increase among all the saints that the spirit of the gospel would be intensified in the church here for the proclamation of Christ as the jubilee of grace to the people of Irvine.
- Pray for a good beginning in the gospel labor at IVC that many seeking ones would be saved and added into the homes this semester.
- Pray for the saints with health problems that they would be supplied richly through the Lord's grace and the fellow members of the Body.