

Prayer Meeting – September 13, 2011

Titus 3:4 *But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared, 5a Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us...*

We must consider the matter of preaching the gospel from the most basic level. A certain kind of task requires a certain kind of person. If we want to preach the gospel, we must be persons who are for the gospel. As soon as the apostle Paul was saved, he proclaimed Jesus Christ (Acts 9:20-22). This is the first thing that he did. Every serving one, including the New Testament apostles, such as Peter and John, and those throughout church history, such as Moody and Spurgeon, begins his service by preaching the gospel. Every person who is saved and loves the Lord has a spirit of the gospel, the desire to preach the gospel. In particular, those who love the Lord and consecrate themselves to the Lord have a strong desire to preach the gospel. We all must be persons who preach the gospel.

In order to preach the gospel, we first must be a person for the gospel, having the spirit of the gospel. Next, we must pray. If we lack prayer, all our labor will be in vain. Therefore, we must pray. [First] however, we should not pray for any specific persons; our prayer should be general. We should pray for the Lord to strengthen the spirit of the gospel within us so that the fire of the gospel would burn among us. Furthermore, we must pray for the Lord to give us a heart of love toward men, to give us a sense of urgency toward the thousands of people who are perishing every day, and especially to give us an interest in sinners and a desire to contact them. This kind of prayer fans the fire of the gospel into flame; the more we pray, the more the fire of the gospel will be burning in us. Eventually, when we see a sinner, we will be moved to tears, and we will love the unbelievers. The young saints should exercise in this way. If we feel nothing in our heart when we see people, the gospel tracts that we give them will be cold. However, if the fire of the gospel is burning within us, we will be burdened when we think of the unbelievers going to the lake of fire. Then every tract that we give out will touch people's hearts. (*The Vision, Living, and Work of the Lord's Serving Ones*, Chapter 2, pp. 17-19)

Prayer Items:

1. International:

Pretoria Perfecting Training

Beginning on September 5 and concluding on September 16, there will be a two-week perfecting training in Pretoria, South Africa. There are over thirty saints who have committed to this time of perfecting.

- Pray that the exercise of the spirit and standard of the training would be high.
- Pray that the Father of glory would give the trainees a spirit of wisdom and revelation.
- Pray that the Lord would grace and strengthen all the saints and the coordination of the saints in their service to support the training.
- Pray that the Lord would head up and bless the entire training.

The Lords' Move in Turkey

- Pray for the translation work and that more suitable translators would be found.
- Pray for the publication and distribution of the translated Rhema materials in the Turkish language.
- Pray that the Lord would spread the gospel of the kingdom through these publications.

2. National: BfA Tour in the Northeast

The tour this week will be in: New York—September 9-12, Philadelphia and State College, Pennsylvania—September 12—15, and Washington, D.C.—September 16—19.

- Pray that the Lord's word through this trip would "water the earth" that His word would not return to Him void but would prosper and bear fruit.

3. Local: UCI & IVC

- Pray for the students to be empowered by the Lord to speak the gospel with boldness on the campuses and that many unbelievers would be saved.
- Pray for the Lord to place and blend the students and new contacts into the homes of the saints where there would be mutual care and shepherding.
- Pray for the Junior High Gospel Perfecting Conference this weekend and that our young people would be equipped for the new school year, burdened for their friends, and faithful in the gospel.