

Prison Prayers vs. Promise Prayers

A few years ago the Lord started talking to me about Joseph, and from time to time as things happened in my life He would refer back to there and point things out to me. Today is one of those days.

One of the prayers and promises from the Lord is to help me establish a 24 hour "house of prayer" in my city, this has been in my heart and in and out of my prayers for many, many years. Like many people in progress to a destination I do a "secular" work etc etc and the Lord has told me before that this (among others) is my prison phase and just like Joseph I need to go through it. As we get more busy in life our prayers start becoming "prison prayers", we pray for things to go better now, for our current situations to get better, we pray for increases and better jobs and whatever else, but their prison prayers.

The Lord pointed out to me that Yes He did bless Joseph in the prison, He did give him favour and an excellent spirit and made him become "in charge" of the prison but Joseph's prayer was always, "Lord I want out of this prison, I know what You promised me and this prison isn't it, thank You for blessing me in here for I know You show Your love to me in it, but I want out, I want out of this prison."

Nothing he tried in the "natural" made it happen faster, but God brought favour, God heard his prayers, God saw his tears, God heard him begging "Out Lord I want out" even though he actually was quite "well off" in the prison as he would have had more than he needed in the position he had under the head of the prison.

And the Lord started speaking to me about prison prayers, how we focus on the "now" and lose sight of the promise, how we should know that He provides all we need, He promises we shall never stand ashamed, He gives us hope and rest, His will is more than enough to provide for us, He will bless us and give us an excellent spirit if we stick close to Him... but Our prayers need to change... We need to start praying "promise prayers" and not "prison prayers" ...

I for one stand today and say... "Thank you Lord for everything You have done and will do for me in this season but I want out Lord I want out, this prison is temporary, I know what You promised me and this isn't it, I know You will bless and provide for and protect me while I am in this prison, I know You make all things work together for good, but that will never be my focus again, my focus is on the promise, bring the fulfilment of Your promise Lord. In Jesus Name."

Join me in praying promise prayers...

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