

THE LESSON THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

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When I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me--until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end. Ps 73:16-17 NKJV

The Lord commanded Kenneth Hagin to quit counseling people, and to shut down his counseling center. Instead, he was to teach people to 'pray through' their problems. What is this business of 'praying through,' and how could it be more effective than counseling people?

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Ps 91:1 NKJV

There is a place in God that yields perfect safety, perfect provision, perfect health, and every other promise of God. It is the secret place of the most High (it is prophetically interesting that '911' is the phone number of emergency services in the United States. Ps. 91:1 declares God's place of shelter in any emergency). The entrance into the secret place is through the Door, and the Way, who is Jesus Christ. Our entrance into the secret place is not by our merits, but through Him (John 14:6).

The way into the secret place can only be found through the leading of the Holy Spirit.

For through Him (Jesus) we both (Jew and Gentile) have access by one (Holy) Spirit to the Father. Eph 2:18 NKJV

The Holy Spirit, through the Son, takes us into the presence of the Father. No evil can be found in the presence of the Father, for He is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. Every answer is found in the presence of the Father. Faith is released in the presence of the Father. There, in that place of holy communion and fellowship, our hearts cry out in worship, ABBA, Father! And every care, every burden, is lightened, lifted and practically solved, because He cares for us.

To 'pray through' is to pray until the Holy Spirit takes you into the manifest presence of the Father, and He releases to you the provision of the promise you have desired of Him. It is the high and holy knowing that your prayer has been heard and answered.

Christian history is full of accounts of believers who 'prayed through,' touched Heaven, and walked in glory. My favorite is the one of a soldier named Alvin York, because few human endeavors are a greater test of faith than the horrors of actual warfare. Before he was drafted into the American army in World War One, he spent three days in prayer, seeking God's will and His provision of protection. The Lord assured Him that it was His will for him to go and fight, and that he would return home without a scratch. He walked out those words by faith, and at one point in battle, he singlehandedly captured over one hundred enemy soldiers. In prayer, he dialed 'Ps 91:1'...and God answered His servant gloriously.

No man can counsel you into the secret place of the most High. At best, they can only teach you to yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and let Him take you there. But you can 'pray through,' dear one...stay on your knees with determination until Glory breaks through the clouds above. You will find you have entered the place where Heaven reigns, and the will of God is done. You will learn that the will of God can be done on earth, as it is in Heaven...and this lesson will change your life!

Remember, dear ones, we must be about our Father's business...