

Assure Our Hearts in Prayer

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

What a joy to share the Lord with you and you to encourage other lives. That is what it is all about to be in the family of God. God never meant for us to pray in order to move His heart; the Lord will have His people pray in order that He may assure our hearts. Oh, may you understand: He wants to assure your heart! He wants to meet you in the situation you are in right now. As we bring our need and our difficulties and the needs of others before Him, He is able and willing to help us. This is the Lord! This is the Lord God Almighty who is meeting us. Our Lord taught His disciples to pray and they knew that Jesus would spend whole nights in prayer. However, it is interesting that He never prayed with His disciples. The prayer our Lord taught His disciples which starts - *Our Father which is in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name* - is often referred to as "The Lord's Prayer," but it was a model prayer. He Himself did not use that prayer. It was not necessary for Him to say, *Forgive us our trespasses*. . . This is the spotless Son of God.

In the tabernacle, the golden altar of incense speaks of prayer. Prayers were made all the time, representing Jesus Christ, our

Advocate, our Lawyer. With the Father, He is bringing the situation all the time before Him. Our title to come to Him in His presence is because of the shed Blood. We can come and He is right now praying for us. Praying for that terrible situation. Oh, believe it and thank Him and praise Him and trust He is well able to handle it if we will but give it to Him.

In **Ephesians 2:13**, we read -

13 But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were [so] far away, through (by, in) the blood of Christ have been brought near. That is you and me. So far away, brought nigh, *brought near*; oh so close. Very close; He is right within us. How closer could that be than His very life come to live within us?. O, glory be! What a Lord we have! You know. our title to His presence is that Blood. Never forget this. Only as fulfilled in the Spirit, as we walk in the light, can we see that that Blood is doing a new work in and through our lives.

In **Ephesians 5:14-18**, we read -

14 . . . Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light. Some of you are in darkness; you are held; you are bound. You say you love the Lord, but you are so overwhelmed with the circumstances. Take this for yourself from the Lord.

15 Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and

worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

16 Making the very most of the time (buying up every opportunity], because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for this is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit.

Oh, incredible verses there in Ephesians 5!

It goes on to say that as God would take your vessel and my vessel for His dwelling place, we read in 1 Corinthians 6:19,20 -

19 . . . your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own.

20 For you have been bought with a price . . . - *what price was that that you were bought by? You were bought by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ. For it goes on to say - . . . therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.* Oh, I love it! We are lifted outside of ourselves; we are lifted into the place in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus.

You know, in the Holy of Holies, there were four coverings that actually made the roof. They were like a tent literally, of these

layers of coverings. This was so that people wouldn't gaze into the holy place and the Holy of Holies, because they foreshadowed in a remarkable way the Person and the work of our Lord Jesus. We cannot come in a vague way into the presence of God and think we have a right to come, because, after all, we belong to this church, we are members, perhaps we have done this ministry for God, and we are sure He is noticing who we are. We can only come one way and that is coming through Jesus. I love it in **John 17**, in which I link so much of this.

17 Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth: Your Word is Truth. There is only one entrance to the court of the tabernacle - one way of access to God - the Gate - Jesus, that we come to a holy God.

Oh, my dear, dear friend, wherever you are today, let Jesus do that full work within your life. All that was foreshadowed He would do, He accomplished. Receive Him now.

For His glory's sake. Amen.

