

THE POWER OF PRAYER

A Bible Study with Ellen G. White quotes

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MH 107 "**Christ walks unseen** through our streets. With messages of mercy **He comes** to our homes. With all who are seeking to **minister in His name, He waits to co-operate. He is in the midst of us, to heal and to bless, if we will receive Him.**"

2. Does God do all things by Christ?

John 5:19-20 "**Then answered Jesus** and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do:** for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. **For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth:** and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel."

DA 208 "Jesus repelled the charge of blasphemy. My authority, He said, for doing the work of which you accuse Me, is that **I am the Son of God, one with Him in nature, in will, and in purpose. In all His works of creation and providence, I co-operate with God.** "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do."

3. When we pray, does God give us peace through Christ?

John 14:27 "**Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.** Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Philippians 4:6-7 "Be careful for nothing; but **in every thing by prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made **known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all**

understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds **through Christ Jesus.**"

EW 54-55 "Those who were bowed before the throne would **offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him.** A light would come from the Father to the Son and from the Son to the praying company. **Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. ...** Those who rose up with Jesus would send up their faith to Him in the holiest, and **pray, "My Father, give us Thy Spirit." Then Jesus would breathe upon them the Holy Ghost. In that breath was light, power, and much love, joy, and peace.**"

4. Does God work in us through Christ?

Hebrews 13:20-21 "**Now the God of peace,** that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you** that which is wellpleasing in his sight, **through Jesus Christ;** to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

DA, 161-162 "**Only Christ can cleanse the soul temple.** But He will not force an entrance. **He comes not into the heart** as to the temple of old; but **He says,** "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, **I will come in to him."** **Rev. 3:20. He will come,** not for one day merely; for He says, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; ... and they shall be My people." "He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." 2 Corinthians 6:16; Micah 7:19. **His presence will cleanse and sanctify the soul,** so that it may be a holy temple unto the Lord, and "an habitation of God through the Spirit." Ephesians 2:21, 22."

5. Does Christ tell us to pray for the Holy Spirit?

Luke 11:13 “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**”

RH, November 5, 1908, par. 4 “**The Father gave his Spirit without measure to his Son, and we also may partake of its fulness.**”

6. Does God shed forth the Holy Spirit through Christ?

Acts 2:32-33 “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and **it filled all the house** where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and **it sat upon each of them**. And they were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ... This **Jesus** hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and **having received of the Father** the promise of **the Holy Ghost**, he **hath shed forth this**, which ye now see and hear.”

Ms 44, 1898, par. 15-16, 21 “**Christ gave His representative, the third person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. This gift could not be excelled. ... He claimed the gift of the Spirit, that He might pour it out upon His people. He ascended on high, leading captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Having reached His throne, the Spirit was given as He had promised, and like a rushing, mighty wind, it fell upon those assembled, filling the whole house. It came with a fullness and power, as if for ages it had been restrained, but was now poured forth up on the church, to be communicated to the world. ... In Christ is gathered all the glory of the Father. In Him is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.**”

7. Whose Spirit do we receive?

Galatians 4:6-7 “And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art** no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then **an heir of God through Christ.**”

Romans 8:15-17 “For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but **ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then**

heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

DA 341 “**The only safeguard against his power is found in the presence of Jesus. Before men and angels Satan has been revealed as man's enemy and destroyer; Christ, as man's friend and deliverer. His Spirit will develop in man all that will ennoble the character and dignify the nature. It will build man up for the glory of God in body and soul and spirit.**”

8. Does God comfort us by Christ?

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 “Blessed be **God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation**, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. **For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.**”

DA 669 “**He comforts them with His own presence. When for the truth's sake the believer stands at the bar of unrighteous tribunals, Christ stands by his side. All the reproaches that fall upon him, fall upon Christ. Christ is condemned over again in the person of His disciple. When one is incarcerated in prison walls, Christ ravishes the heart with His love.**”

9. Is Christ the Comforter?

John 14:6, 16-23 “Jesus saith unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ... **And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, **Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?** Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me,****

he will keep my words: and **my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**”

SW, Sept. 13, 1898, par. 1-2 “**In all** their emergencies and perplexities, they will have **a helper in Jesus Christ**. That **Christ should manifest Himself to them, and yet be invisible to the world, was a mystery** to the disciples. They could not understand the words of Christ in their **spiritual** sense. They were thinking of the **outward, visible manifestation**. They could not take in the fact that they could have the **presence of Christ with them, and yet He be unseen** by the world. They did not understand the meaning of a **spiritual manifestation.**”

9. Does Christ make intercession for us?

Romans 8:26-27, 34 “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit **itself maketh intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered. **And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints** according to the will of God. ... Who is he that condemneth? **It is Christ** that died, yea rather, that is risen again, **who is** even at the right hand of God, **who also maketh intercession for us.**”

RH Feb. 9, 1897, par. 10 “**We have only one channel of approach to God. Our prayers** can come **to him through one name only,—that of the Lord Jesus our advocate**. His Spirit must inspire our petitions. No strange fire was to be used in the censers that were waved before God in the sanctuary. **So the Lord himself must kindle in our hearts** the burning desire, if our prayers are acceptable to him.”

10. Do we need Christ to abide in us?

John 15:5 “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that **abideth in me, and I in him**, the same **bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**”

Philippians 1:9-11, 19 “**And this I pray, that your love may abound** yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; **that ye may be sincere and without offence** till the day of Christ. **Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ**, unto the glory and praise of God. ... For I know that

this shall **turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,**”

RH June 2, 1903, Art. A, par. 3,5 “**There is only one power that can turn the sinner from sin to holiness,—the power of Christ**. Our Redeemer is the only one who can take away sin. He alone can forgive sin. **He alone can make men steadfast, and keep them so.** ... It is **the Holy Spirit** that makes powerful the presentation of the truth, and changes the temper and habits of man. He who submits to **its working** is changed from a sinner into a child of God.”

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