# **Stepping Up Into the New**

### **Lesson 8 Teachers Guide**

The prayers of holy men appease God's wrath, drive away temptations, resist and overcome the Devil, procure the ministry and service of angels, effects the decrees of God.

Prayer cures sickness and obtains pardon; it arrest the sun in its course and stays the wheels of the chariot of the moon; it rules over all gods and opens and shuts the storehouses of rain; it unlocks the cabinet of the womb and quenches the violence of fire; it stops the mouth of lions and reconciles our suffering and weak faculties with the violence of torment and violence of persecutions; it please God and supplies all of our need. <u>Jeremy Taylor</u>

## **Prayer Success Stories**

**Gen 20:17-18** Abraham prayed unto God for Abimelech and he was healed along with his wife, ad maidservants and they bore children.

**1 Samuel 1:9** <sup>9 9</sup> Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. [d] <sup>10</sup> Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> And she made this vow: "O LORD of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the LORD, his hair will never be cut. [e]"

**Jonah 1:17 Jonah –** While in the fish Jonah prayed and when the disobedient prophet lifted his voice up in prayer, the Lord heard him and delivered him.

**Exodus 8:8,28; 9; 28 Pharaoh** was a firm believer of prayer and asked Moses to intercede on behalf of he and the Egyptian people.

# Hezekiah's Sickness and Recovery

**38** About that time Hezekiah became deathly ill, and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to visit him. He gave the king this message: "This is what the LORD says: 'Set your affairs in order, for you are going to die. You will not recover from this illness."

<sup>2</sup> When Hezekiah heard this, he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, <sup>3</sup> "Remember, O LORD, how I have always been faithful to you and have served you single-mindedly, always doing what pleases you." Then he broke down and wept bitterly.

<sup>4</sup>Then this message came to Isaiah from the LORD: <sup>5</sup> "Go back to Hezekiah and tell him, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your ancestor David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will add fifteen years to your life, <sup>6</sup> and I will rescue you and this city from the king of Assyria. Yes, I will defend this city.

<sup>7</sup> "And this is the sign from the LORD to prove that he will do as he promised: <sup>8</sup> I will cause the sun's shadow to move ten steps backward on the sundial<sup>[a]</sup> of Ahaz!" So the shadow on the sundial moved backward ten steps.

#### Acts !2:

<sup>5</sup> But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.

# Peter's Miraculous Escape from Prison

<sup>6</sup> The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, "Quick! Get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists. Then the angel told him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." And he did. "Now put on your coat and follow me," the angel ordered.

### Acts 16

<sup>25</sup> Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"

I wanted just to encourage each of you with a few stories from the word.

The number 8 is significant as it means New Birth or New Beginning –

- God is starting us over afresh and new -
- God is allowing for us to have a new experience with Him as we pray.
- New levels of expectation are upon us
- Newness of His Word Is upon us

Word given for us morning 7/25

I heard the spirit say that this has been my plan for you all along. I am bringing you into a new place season and time of intimacy with me.

And as you come into this place it will feel narrow as if in a long tight cave, but I want you to know that I am waiting at the end of the tunnel.

It is narrow because not many will find unless they seek and the way may seem hard but you are to press in. Keep moving forward and keep seeking me and you will find me. Keep asking and you will receive the answer. Keep coming and I promise that I will meet you there.

This has been my purpose for you all along because I am taking you, you specifically into a new ere and new time where the body of Christ learns again to pray and fast and read my word and learn to depend upon me like never before.

Come to this place in this place there is joy and peace, in this place there is long suffering, and there is all that you would need to continue going forth on your journey. There is all that you will need to experience victory in your lives personally, the lives of your family and those whom you love and commit to me.

This is the time and season and I will redirect your heart, I will do it. As I have the power to turn the kings heart I will shift your heart because you have sought after me, your heart will become more pliable and receptive to my will.

Your heart will become tender and obedient and you shall receive my wisdom, my joy, my peace and my strength.

This has been my purpose for you all along that you may grow in me. That you would sense my presence, my glory, that you would pray my word. You will go into a new season of intercession and your love for me would be strengthened and refortified like never before.

You are going to hear me more clearly and more decisively and understand what true prayer is. This has been my purpose all along for you.

You will pray as I direct you to pray.

I love you; I have you in my view and deeply in my heart. So arise now, arise now, pray with my Spirit more, seek after more, and come towards me. Step up into this new season and when you do, you will most assuredly be heard, as you are becoming even now a weapon of power in the realm of the Spirit thus sayeth the Lord.

# **Prayer School Prayer**

- **1.** Help us Lord to really know from a place of wisdom **What is Prayer.**
- **2.** Help us to **Pray the Word**, when we pray, knowing that it is the Word that will effect change.

- 3. Help us to Live a life of **Hearing God** and always following His lead and direction.
- 4. Help us in times of **Intercession** to trust and obey and go out into the deep.
- 5. Help Us while **Praying In the Spirit** to cross over into the heavenly realm and gain a better understanding of all you have in store for us.
- 6. Help us to exercise and experience <u>The Power Of Prayer</u> in our daily lives.
- 7. Help us to walk in total victory as we become a greater **Prayer Threat** to the kingdom of darkness
- 8. We will **Step Into The New Season** of prayer, and demonstrate Gods glory in the earth!

Thank you for being a part of our 2018 first round Prayer School. May you have learned, been inspired, and grown in your passion for prayer through the process and time spent.

I pray that your lives will intentionally and on purpose never be the same!