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Lord, give me the courage to speak up and take authority over demons. Your Word declares that You have given me power over all unclean spirits. I am ready to use that power to bring freedom into people's lives who are bound. Help me know how to best minister to people who fall into this category so that their freedom can be full and complete. Holy Spirit give me utterance in prayer when I do not know how to pray as I ought. Fill me each day whom to pray for and how, I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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1 OBSERVE THE month of Abib and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night. **2** You shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the Lord your God from the flock or the herd in the place where the Lord will choose to make His Name [and His Presence] dwell. **3** You shall eat no leavened bread with it; for seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, the bread of affliction—for you fled from the land of Egypt in haste—that all the days of your life you may [earnestly] remember the day when you came out of Egypt. **4** No leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory for seven days; nor shall any of the flesh which you sacrificed the first day at evening be left all night until the morning. **5** You may not offer the Passover sacrifice within any of your towns which the Lord your God gives you, **6** But at the place which the Lord your God will choose in which to make His Name [and His Presence] dwell, there you shall offer the Passover sacrifice in the evening at sunset, at the season that you came out of Egypt. **7** And you shall roast or boil and eat it in the place which the Lord your God will choose. And in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents. **8** For six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly to the Lord your God; you shall do no work on it. **9** You shall count seven weeks; begin to number the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain. **10** Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with a tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give to the Lord your God, as the Lord your God blesses you. **11** And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and daughter, your manservant and maidservant, and the Levite who is within your towns, the stranger or temporary resident, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place in which the Lord your God chooses to make His Name [and His Presence] dwell. **12** And you shall [earnestly] remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be watchful and obey these statutes. **13** You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths for seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and wine vat. **14** You shall rejoice in your Feast, you, your son and daughter, your manservant and maidservant, the Levite, the transient and the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. **15** For seven days you shall keep a solemn Feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses; because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the works of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful. **16** Three times a year shall all your males appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths. They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed: **17** Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you. **18** You shall appoint judges and officers in all your towns which the Lord your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. **19** You shall not misinterpret or misapply judgment; you shall not be partial, or take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous. **20** Follow what is altogether just (uncompromisingly righteous), that you may live and inherit the land which your God gives you. **21** You shall not plant for yourselves any kind of tree dedicated to [the goddess] Asherah beside the altar of the Lord your God which you shall make. **22** Neither shall you set up an idolatrous stone or image, which the Lord your God hates.

Chapter 16

In chapter sixteen we now deal with the various feasts that they were to observe when they came into the land. We have rehearsed these as we went through earlier in the book of Exodus and all. You're to keep the feast of the Passover in the first month, the month of April, and no leaven bread and those things of the Passover. Then you may not keep the Passover in any of the cities of the land but the city that God appointed for his place of worship. In other words they had to come to Jerusalem. They couldn't just keep it in any of the cities they wanted to. Then they were to keep the feast of Pentecost, the seven weeks after Passover and then the next day, the fiftieth day, they were to keep the feast of Pentecost, the ingathering and then the feast of Tabernacles in the tenth month.

And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast (Deu 16:11),

Again the commandment to rejoice and in verse fifteen, the very end

Therefore thou shalt surely rejoice (Deu 16:15).

God doesn't want any long-faced griping service. God wants you to serve him with a rejoicing. God wants you give with a rejoicing. Paul said, "God loves a hilarious giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Now, that is why your giving should never be by pressure, it should never be by constraint. Your giving to God should always be a freewill giving with a rejoicing heart. Whatever you give to God of time, service, whatever; you should always give it with a rejoicing heart. If you can't give it with a rejoicing heart then don't give it. It's better that you not give at all than to give and gripe about it. God can't stand griping. It really upsets Him and I can understand that. I've been around people who have offered things to me and I thought they were genuinely offering them to me so when I took them then I heard them griping. Well man I took it back just as quick as I could and said, "Hey, I don't need this. You keep it." I don't want anything given to me that people gripe about.

We were back in Toledo, Ohio my brother and I holding a meeting back there. And the pastor of the church had us over for dinner and you know, I'm a milk drinker I just really love to drink milk. And so he'd fill my glass and I'd drink it because I enjoy drinking milk. And after I had drunk the second glass, he said, "Looks like we're not gonna have any milk for our baby". Oh man, did I feel terrible. I didn't want to take milk out of his baby's mouth. And I really felt bad that I had drunk the milk and so I went out and bought a couple half gallons of milk and took it over to his house and said, "Here, give the milk to your baby". But I can't stand people griping over what they give.

Now if you don't want me to drink milk in your house, don't pour it in my glass because you pour it in my glass, I'm gonna drink it and if you offer me another glass I'm gonna take it and drink it. So if you can't do it with a free, liberal heart then please don't do it. It curdles in my stomach when they start griping about my drinking it.

But God is much the same way. He can't stand people griping over what they've given to Him. That's why he constantly emphasizes the free will, the free choice, as you determine in your own heart and give hilariously. God loves the hilarious, the cheerful giver. And that's the way God wants you to give to Him. And so rejoicing, rejoicing, rejoicing in the sacrifices, in the worship, in the giving to God. He wants you to be a happy people, a rejoicing people. Let's not disappoint Him.

Now, three times a year every male was to appear before the Lord in a place that God would appoint. So later on when Jerusalem became the city that God appointed, three times every year every adult Jewish male was required to come to Jerusalem for these three feast days: Passover, Pentecost and Feast of Tabernacles. They were required to be there in that assembly before God.

And don't appear before the LORD empty: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he has given thee (Deu 16:16-17).

Now, when you get into the land you're supposed to appoint judges in every city and in the gates of the city was to be the place of judgment. And you were to bring your matters before the judges who sat in the gates of the city and they would judge over the land.

And to those judges he commanded that they were not receive any bribes,

for it can blind the eyes of the wise and pervert the words of the righteous (Deu 16:19).

Now God in the sixteenth chapter here closed the exhortations declaring,

Neither shalt thou set up any image; which the LORD thy God hates (Deu 16:22).

God hates images. Now, I don't think God has changed. If he hated images then, he no doubt hates images now. And God declared, "You're not to set up any image; which I hate". An image is always a sign of a deteriorating spiritual life, for the image is intended to be a reminder. Whenever you need a reminder it indicates that you have lost something vital of that awareness and conscienceness of God, rather than having that awareness and conscienceness.

As Paul, "In Him we live, we move, we have our being and be aware of God's presence with me" (Acts 17:28). I've lost that awareness, that conscienceness so what do I do? I start carving out an image, so that every time I see the image I'll be reminded of God. So the image always speaks of a degraded or deteriorated spiritual state. It testifies to my loss of the conscienceness of the presence of God with me at all times and all places. God hates images. I think that it is tragic that in so many of the great churches and cathedrals they have images within them, inasmuch as God hates them. And I'll leave you with that.

Shall we stand.

May the Lord be with you and bless you and keep you. May He bring you into a fresh awareness of His presence and may you experience a fresh work of God within your lives. That you might walk before Him this week in the path of righteousness pleasing unto Him. May God help you in those areas of your life where you experienced failures in your past, and may you experience God's power and God's strength helping you to overcome. That you will not be overcome with evil but you will overcome evil with good through His spirit working you. May you come into a deeper relationship of love; love before God and love for each other. And especially, may God give you a heart of praise and rejoicing so that your life might be pleasing to Him as you rejoice in the Lord always. God bless and God keep you. (Through The Bible; C 2000 Series; Chuck Smith; 1979-1986)

"Effective Prayer" Chuck Smith

The Bible teaches that faith produces answered prayer. Jesus said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

I find it easier to have faith for answered prayers when I realize the magnificent power of the One to whom I'm talking. In the Book of Acts the disciples prayed, "Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is" (Acts 4:24).

When you pray you're actually talking to the divine Creator of this entire universe. Remember that! Too often we carry our own limitations over to God. Sometimes we know too much about the circumstances of a situation, and we have difficulty praying with faith.

For example, I have a mechanical mind. Therefore, it's very difficult for me to pray for a miracle when the engine in my car won't run. I just lack the faith that God can start the car when I know quite well that the coil is weak, the points are bad, and the battery has been run down. There's no way I can pray, "O God, help this car to start!"

However, my wife doesn't know a thing about mechanics. She's rarely looked under the hood of a car. She doesn't know a distributor from a carburetor or an oil dipstick from a radiator cap. So she can have great faith whenever we have trouble getting the car started.

I'll say, "What are we going to do?"

She'll say, "Let's pray."

I'll answer, "Aw, come on! We can't pray for something like this. It's mechanical."

But she'll bow her head and say, "Lord, help this car to start now. You know we've got to get going. I thank you, Father, and I ask it in Jesus' name." Then she'll say, "Okay. Try it again."

I'll say, "But it's no use!"

"Just go ahead and try it." And the engine will fire off!

Whom are you addressing when you pray? What limit can you place on God's ability? Look around the universe at what God has already done. Then figure out what His limitations might be. He's quite a big God.

We sometimes pray as if we were talking to someone extremely limited in his power. "O, Lord! I don't know if You can do this or not. I even hate to ask You. And if You can't, well, that's all right. I understand."

Difficulty must always be measured by the capacity of the agent called upon to do the work. Who is the agent you're calling upon? He is God, the Creator of the universe. He is your heavenly Father who loves you and has a deep concern for you. Nothing is too hard for Him.

Jeremiah prayed, "Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee" (Jeremiah 32:17). That's a good way to start prayer!

Many times we're too overburdened with the situation when we start to pray. It's been sitting on our shoulders and it feels like a thousand tons. We plead, "O Lord, what can move this mountain? You know what the doctor said about this, Lord. Fatal in 99% of the cases. O Lord, this is horrible!"

We're so taken back with the problem that we've forgotten that we're talking with the One who created the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them. It's no more difficult for God to cure a person in the last stages of leukemia than it is for Him to take away a sore throat. It's no more difficult for God to put a new arm on a man than it is to remove his headache.

You may say, "Come on, now. There are limits."

What if a starfish lost one of his arms? Would you have a hard time praying, "God, put a new arm on that starfish?" No. We know that nature causes a new arm to grow on a starfish. Cut a little earthworm in half, and nature will make it grow another half. But who is nature? Who created the laws of nature? Could not God, who created us and all the functions within us, cause a new arm to grow? If He can put within the earthworm the capacity to grow another half, why would it be so difficult for Him to put a new arm or a new leg on a person?

When we think of such miracles, we're stymied from the human standpoint and carry that limit over to God. We say, "Don't bother about a new arm, God. Just help him adjust to living without it."

Sometimes God will perform miracles just to show us that He can do it in spite of our unbelief.

A lady called me one time in Tucson where I was pastoring. She said, "Oh, Chuck, pray for my little son, David. The car door slammed on his finger. We're at the doctor's office and he says he'll have to amputate! Please pray, Chuck, that God will heal it, and they won't have to amputate David's finger."

I prayed with the mother over the phone. The Spirit moved upon my heart and I really felt good about the situation. I said, "I believe God's going to heal David's finger! Praise the Lord and rejoice! God's going to do a miraculous work!"

The doctor told David's mother, "You can bring him back tomorrow. But we'll have to make the decision whether or not to amputate tomorrow." The next day she took little David back to the specialist. He looked at the finger and said, "I'm sorry, but blood poisoning has already set in. I'm going to have to amputate. The bone is crushed and there's nothing else I can do." She called me on the phone. She was crying so hard she couldn't talk. "What's the matter?" I asked. She was hysterical. Her sister took the phone and said, "Chuck, the doctor just amputated the tip of David's finger and it has her completely shaken." I said, "Tell her I'll meet her at the house." As I drove to her house I was so angry with God! I said, "Lord, why didn't You heal that finger? You could have healed it so easily! That's nothing for You. Besides, I told her to trust and have faith in You, and now look what You've done. You've let both of us down! I've got to go and talk to her now. She's hysterical and I don't know what to say!" When I got to her house I said, "June, we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. God has a purpose... It could have been his whole finger, or an arm. Be thankful it was just the tip of the finger. That isn't too bad. David will learn to adjust. Someday we'll discover God's purposes. It's not easy to counsel in these situations, but I did the best I could. On my way home I was still angry with God. "Lord, I just don't understand what You're doing! If I were You, I certainly would have healed that finger." I was upset. My faith was shattered. I couldn't have prayed for someone's cold that night. The faith of David's mother was shattered. Though I tried to comfort her, she couldn't be comforted. The next morning she called me. She was very excited, screaming on the phone, "Chuck! Chuck! Something happened!" I said, "What happened now?"

"It's fabulous!" she said. "David was wrestling with his brother and he knocked the bandage off his finger. I went to put the bandage back on. There's another whole pink fingertip growing out! It looks like brand new flesh!" She took David to the specialist. He looked at the finger and scratched his head. He said, "Nurse, bring me my chart." He looked at his chart and said, "Nurse, we did amputate, didn't we?"

She said, "Yes, doctor."

The doctor shook his head. "That's impossible!" he said. "Could you bring David back tomorrow, please?"

His mother brought David the next day and the doctor went through the same routine. He said, "Would you mind bringing him back tomorrow?" Every day for a week David's mother had to bring her little boy into the specialist who would look at the new fingertip and scratch his head. He X-rayed it and saw that the bone was intact. He said, "This is something fantastic! As far as I know, medical science has never seen anything like this. I have no explanation for it at all. But, of course, you know that it's impossible for a nail ever to form on that tip." A couple of weeks later a fingernail started growing. Within two months David could hold out both hands, and you couldn't tell from which finger the tip had been amputated!

David went back to the doctor once a week for a year. The doctor took pictures, documented the whole event and submitted it to the Journal of the American Medical Association. The doctor was a Jew, and David's mother testified to him about the power of Jesus Christ. He finally said, "I have to confess that this is a miracle of God."

Afterwards I admitted, "Wow! You sure are smart, God! That's really far out!" Had God healed the finger before the amputation, the specialist would never have believed any part of the mother's witness. He would have rationalized that the body healed itself. But after the amputation... "You did it to blow the doctor's mind!"

Why do we limit God? Because we are limited. We need to realize to whom we're talking when we pray. Get our eyes off our problems. Get our minds on the fact that we're talking to the Creator of all things: God, who is so great, so vast, and so powerful! God's Wisdom

As you pray, it is also important to realize the extent of God's wisdom. God knows everything about your life. He knows the troubles you're going through, the situations you're facing, and the problems you have.

In fact, thousands of years ago God knew the problems you'd be facing today. He also knew the answer He'd work out for you. God isn't taken by surprise. He isn't at a loss for an answer to your problems. God has your whole situation totally under His control.

Satan's actions do not diminish God's control, for Satan can do no more than what God allows him to do. God sets the boundaries for the enemy and says, "You can move in this box but you can't go outside of it." All things are moving within the prescribed limits set by God.

Look at Russia, it was one of the most powerful military forces in the world. Look at the armaments and megaton bombs she possessed, her delivery system of ICBM's and their tremendous power. The Russians were threatening not many years ago to bury us. But they can't even lift a bomb off the ground unless God allows them to do it. All things happen according to God's predetermined counsel. When you pray, remember that nothing is out of God's hand. God has everything under His control, and I might add, His timing is perfect though it is often not in sync with ours.

Once everything is in perspective and you realize to whom you're praying - how great God is, how wise He is, and how completely He controls all things - your requests won't seem so impossible.

"O Lord, God, You created the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. You've got everything under control. You've written about today's world condition thousands of years ago. It's all happening right on target just as You predicted and according to Your counsel. O Lord, You know my tooth aches. Please take the pain away!" If God created the universe, it is certainly not hard for Him to take care of this little annoyance? The greater our concept of God, the smaller our problem seems. However, most of the time we get right into the problem when we pray. "O, God! This is so big! This is so horrible!" We panic because the mountain seems so high. But God created Mt. Everest, and He could move it to another part of the universe if He so desired! Jesus said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" Matthew 17:20 How big is that mountain you're facing? "I don't know how I'm going to pay my bills next week! Where will I ever get the money?" Where did all the gold come from anyway? God created it. It's nothing for God to meet your needs. If you can realize His power, His wisdom, His sovereignty, then you can bring your request to God with confidence and ease. In the Old Testament King Asa said, "LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power" (II Chronicles 14:11). In other words, it really makes no difference to God whether you have a big army or a small platoon

Early one morning Jonathan arose and saw Israel's enemies, the Philistines, camped in the distance. Most of Saul's army had deserted and fled across the Jordan river. He looked around and saw that the men in his own army were fast asleep. He nudged his armor-bearer and said, "Wake up! Look at all those Philistines over there. I wonder if God wants to deliver the Philistines to Israel today? If He does He doesn't need the whole army. He can deliver the Philistines to the two of us just as easily as to the whole army. Let's venture over to the Philistine camp and see if God wants to work for Israel today."

They came into the camp of the Philistines and began attacking them. These two fellows began the rout of the whole Philistine army! (II Samuel 14:1-18) It makes no difference to God whether you're weak or strong, whether you have a whole army or you're alone. If God is doing the work, that's all that counts.

How do we engage in prayers that produce results? How can we pray effectively? Get the right concept of God - and the rest is easy!

EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE; "Effective Prayer" by Chuck Smith

Psalm 91:1-16 (AMP)

1 HE WHO dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand].

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust!

3 For [then] He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

4 [Then] He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings shall you trust and find refuge; His truth and His faithfulness are a shield and a buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor of the arrow (the evil plots and slanders of the wicked) that flies by day,

6 Nor of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor of the destruction and sudden death that surprise and lay waste at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you.

8 Only a spectator shall you be [yourself inaccessible in the secret place of the Most High] as you witness the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place,

10 There shall no evil befall you, nor any plague or calamity come near your tent.

11 For He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service].

12 They shall bear you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent shall you trample underfoot.

14 Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he knows and understands My name [has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness—trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never].

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.

**(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pg 298-299)
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