

PRAYING ACCORDING TO GOD'S HEART FOR JERUSALEM

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Is. 62:6-7

“On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the Lord in remembrance [His promises], take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth [it happens when Jesus returns]”

I. INTRODUCCIÓN

- A. According to Scripture, one of the most prominent issues in the heart of God is Israel, the people with whom the Lord made a covenant and particularly the city of Jerusalem; And if this is what is in the heart of our Heavenly Father, it must also be in ours because we are His children.
- B. God promised to set those who will not shut up until Jesus returns; this speaks directly of those who would be born in the generation that He returns. **These intercessors will “remind the Lord” of his promises to Jerusalem.** In this hour God is raising up these watchmen in all the nations of the earth.
- C. For many non-Jews (gentiles) it is difficult to understand God's "great jealousy" for what appears to be an insignificant city in the Middle East, but we must understand that it is going to be the capital of the World Order under the leadership of Jesus during the Millennium.

Zech. 8:2a-3 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy... 3 ...I will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city...”

Psal. 87:2 “the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.”

Matt. 5:35 “[Jesus said]... Jerusalem... it is the city of the great King”

- E. Israel's national repentance (Acts 3:19) and confession that Jesus is the Messiah (Matt. 23:39) is deeply connected to Jesus' second coming and the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Paul even describes Israel's salvation as “life from the dead” for all the earth..

Rom. 11:15 “For if their rejection [Israel's] means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?”

II. THERE ARE BLESSINGS RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO PRAY FOR ISRAEL

- A. We are called to cry out for God's promises to Israel and it is something so precious to the Father that He rewards those who join with Him in prayer for His heart's desire to be fulfilled..

Psal. 122:6-9 “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!... 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.”

Is. 66:10-11 *"Rejoice with Jerusalem, ...all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her! ¹¹ that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance..."*

Lk. 6:38 *"give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."*

- A. Every prayer of blessing for Jerusalem will be returned to you on your family, business, children and other areas of your life because we are never going to give God more than He gives us.
- B. As a church and as leadership we are inviting our entire community to join more than 5 million believers who will pray for Israel for 21 days (**May 7-28**) to see an increase in the promises God gave Israel, for His plans for Jerusalem and for the Lord to raise up a hundred million intercessors for Israel.

III. PROMISES/PRAYERS THAT EXPRESS HEART AND AGREEMENT WITH GOD ABOUT ISRAEL

Is. 40:1-2 *"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem..."*

- A. Talking to God "about Israel" is an important aspect of "**comforting Jerusalem**" which leads us to speak to the nations "about Israel", and gives us authority to speak to Israel itself "about Israel".
- B. I want to encourage you to make some of these promises your own to join God's heart for Jerusalem. **The more you understand the better and the more you can pray.**
- C. *Explanatory note: It is not correct for Gentiles to represent Israel in repentance. We seek to avoid prayers for Israel that could be interpreted as coming from presumptuous Gentile voices.*

1. **We pray that the glory of God will be manifested openly in Jerusalem in the midst of an hour of darkness.**

Is. 60:2-5 *"For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ Entonces las naciones andarán en tu luz... ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant... the wealth of the nations shall come to you."*

- a) Non-believers will see the glory of the Lord and will be attracted. Prophecies about Israel and the nations often have two fulfillments. First, a partial fulfillment in history. Second, a complete fulfillment at the end of the age when Jesus returns.

Is. 62:1-11 *"[God says] For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness... ² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory... ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young*

man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you... 6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest... 11 Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

2. We pray that the face of God will shine on Jerusalem, which means that God will act and intervene in history, appealing to His covenant with Israel.

Dan. 9:4-19 "I prayed to the Lord...: »"O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him... 7 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness... 17 make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate... 18 incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name... because of your great mercy.. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

- a) There is a time in history when God will rise up over the city and the nation in an unusual way.

Psal. 102:13-22 "You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her... 15 Nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. 16 For the Lord builds up Zion;... 19 that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the Lord looked at the earth, 20 to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, 21 that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and in Jerusalem his praise."

3. Pray for the restoration of the remnant living both inside and outside of the present territory of Israel. When we pray for all the Jewish people we include those who live in the Promised Land and also in the nations.

Is. 11:11-12 "in that day that the LORD shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria [Jordan, Syria, Iraq] and Egypt, from Pathros [Upper Egypt] and Cush [Ethiopia], from Elam [Iran] and Shinar [Iraq], from Hamath [Syria] and the islands of the sea [Mediterranean]. 12 He will set up a banner...and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

- a) God has already partially restored them but he will do so in a dimension never seen before. The first time the remnant returned was in a hundred year period and this second time may include more years at different stages.

4. Pray that the Lord will release His grace upon the people and the nation of Israel. God is waiting for us to talk to him about this. God is saying I will be exalted by manifesting my mercy to the lives that are broken. Let's pray that God would raise up prophetic messengers with a Biblical narrative and the word of knowledge, correction, and direction for them.

Is. 30:18-30 *“Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him. ¹⁹ For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem...He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you...²⁰ your eyes shall see your teachers. ²¹ Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left...²³ Then He will give the rain for your seed which you sow the ground...your cattle will feed In large pastures... ²⁹ You shall have a song...and gladness of heart...to come...to the Mighty One of Israel. ³⁰ The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and show the descent of His arm...”*

5. Pray that God will impart wisdom and reveal the beauty of Christ. Which will cause God's people to remain stable by the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge which will be his treasure, not a burden. All this the Lord returns to us.

Is. 33:2-6 y 17 *“O LORD, be gracious to us; we have waited for You. Be their arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble...³ When You lift Yourself up, the nations shall be scattered...⁵ The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice... ⁶ Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation; the fear of the LORD is His treasure...¹⁰ “Now I will rise,” says the LORD...¹⁷ Your eyes will see the King in His beauty...”*

IV. CONCLUSION AND APPLICATION

- A. Take time as a family, together with your Friendship Group or in the House of Prayer to pray for Israel (and fast if you feel called to do so). All our sets will include a time to pray these and other promises.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. This Monday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. Afirmando Tus Pasos School is going to present the film “Jesus Revolution”. It will be free, in Spanish and with English subtitles for students to invite friends or relatives who need to hear the message of salvation. Don't miss out (Soda and popcorn included).
2. The Discipleship School in Spanish and English begins on Monday, May 15. Please sign up at the table outside or at www.housesoflight.org
3. Level 2 of the Effective Parenting Course begins on Wednesday May 17. It is in English and Spanish. Please register online or at: www.centrodeasesoriafamiliar.org
4. The next Marketplace Ministry meeting is Saturday, May 20 at 8:00 a.m. If you have not registered, please enter the QR code.
5. Our B-Courageous Men conference will be held Saturday June 10 from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The donation includes food. Please register online or at the table outside.