

Praying the Word

Introduction:

The Word of God is powerful. It is a weapon to be used in warfare. It is an anchor for our souls and a foundation upon which we build our lives. We are to use it as a light to direct our steps in everyday life. It is also alive and active. It is creative in nature, and always accomplishes the purpose for which God sends it. The Word encapsulates God's will. The degree to which our thoughts, heart's cries and prayers are shaped by the Word is the degree to which our prayers will be answered.

Joh 15:7 (NKJV) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

1Jn 5:14-15 (NKJV) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. [15] And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Jesus used the Word in prayer when He was facing warfare from the enemy (see Luke 4. We see the early church praying scripture (e.g. Acts 4:24-30 where they quote Ps 2). We are also instructed by Paul to pick up our spiritual armour of which he describes the Word of God as being the sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17).

Praying the Word means using the Word to inspire our prayers. Here are some ways in which we can utilise the Word of God in prayer:

1. The Word in praise and thanksgiving

a.) Foundation

Psa 100:4 (NKJV) Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Php 4:6-7 (NKJV) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; [7] and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Col 4:2 (NKJV) Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

We love to begin our prayer times with thanksgiving and praise. Many times in the Bible we are instructed to give thanks. It is a good discipline to have. Using the Word in thanksgiving, literally requires choosing a portion of scripture and giving thanks using it as the backbone of your prayers. For example, let's use Psalm 23 Amp as a portion of scripture to give thanks from. We will apply it to ourselves personally. It could just as easily have been applied to the church, your family, your business, and so forth.

b.) Examples:

i) Psalm 23

Ps 23:1-6 (AMP) THE LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack. [2] He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters. [Rev 7:17] [3] He refreshes and restores my life (myself); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake. [4] Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me. [5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over. [6] Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

Father thank you that you are my Shepherd. Thank you that you continue to feed and guide and shield me. Thank you that I lack no good thing. And thank you for how you bring me into green pastures so to speak. Thank you for how you lead me into stillness and rest and refreshing. Thank you for restoring my heart and my life. Thank you for the healing that you are bringing to my heart. Thank you for how you continue to lead me on your paths of righteousness on a daily basis. Thank you for how you lead me decision by decision and help me to make decisions in accordance with your will. Even when I walk through the deep dark valley of the shadow of death, Father I thank you that I need not fear any evil for you have promised to never leave me nor for sake me. Thank you for your continued protection and your continued

guidance. Thank you for your continued comfort. Thank you for how you teach me to feast even in the presence of my enemies. Thank you for how you teach me to rejoice and be joyful even in the midst of warfare. Thank you for anointing me and causing my cup to run over Lord. Thank you for your goodness toward me, Father. Thank you for your mercies which are new every morning and which do not fail. Thank you for your unfailing love. Thank you that these follow me every single day of my life. And thank you that your presence will be my dwelling place for all my days. You are indeed a good Shepherd. Thank you in Jesus name, amen.

ii). Psalm 18

Psa 18:2-3, 32-33 (NKJV) The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. [3] I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies....It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. [33] He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

Father thank you that you are my rock and my fortress and my deliverer. Thank you that you deliver me out of difficult situations Lord. Thank you that you, my God, are my strength. I find my strength in you. You are the God in whom I trust and you are so faithful. Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you that you are my shield and the horn of my salvation and my stronghold. I will call upon you Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I shall be saved from my enemies. Thank you that you are victorious. Thank you for the strength that you arm me with. Thank you that you make my way perfect. Thank you for how you make my feet like the feet of deer and cause me to walk and make progress upon my heights of trouble, suffering, and responsibility. Thank you for how you set me upon my high places. Thank you for how you preserve me and keep me there. In Jesus name, amen.

2. The Word in repentance

a.) Foundation:

Jas 4:6-7 (NKJV) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." [7] Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Identificational repentance -

Neh 1:4-7 (NKJV) So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. [5] And I said: "I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments, [6] please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned. [7] We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.

b.) Examples:

i.) Psalm 37

Psa 37:1-9, 23, 34 (NKJV) A Psalm of David. Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. [2] For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. [3] Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. [4] Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. [5] Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. [6] He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. [7] Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. [8] Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm. [9] For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth. ... [23] The steps of a good man are ordered

by the LORD, And He delights in his way....[34] Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

Father as I come before you today, I repent where I have been envious of others' apparent success; where I have compared my progress with theirs Lord. I repent where I have fretted because of other people's apparent success when they have used means that are unbiblical Lord. Today I choose to trust in you and do good. To dwell in the land and feed on your faithfulness. Today I choose to delight myself in you Lord, knowing that you shall give me the desires of my heart. And as I pray this Lord, I ask that you would place in my heart the desires that you have for my life. I commit my way to you, Lord and choose to trust in you that you will bring forth my righteousness as the light and justice as the noon day. In Proverbs 16, we learn that a man's heart can plan his way, but it is you who directs his steps. Thank you that as I commit my way to you, you will cause me to walk in your paths Lord. Today I choose to rest in you and wait patiently for you regardless of what other people are doing and experiencing Lord. God I thank you that those who wait on you will inherit the earth. You say that the meek shall inherit the Earth and delight themselves in the abundance of peace. I choose to submit myself and my strengths and weaknesses to your will. I choose to trust in you. I ask that you would guard my heart and mind with your peace. Thank you that the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and that you delight in his way. May you order my steps Lord God. May you cause me to walk and make progress upon my heights of responsibility. May you broaden the path beneath my feet so that my ankles do not turn over. May you cause me to walk in the paths of your will for my life. And I thank you that though I fall I shall not be cast down for you uphold me with your hand. I choose to wait on you and keep your way. I know that you shall exalt me to inherit what you have for me.

ii.) Isaiah 40

Isa 40:27-31 (NIV) Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? [28] Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. [29] He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

[30] Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; [31] but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Father I have felt that my way is hidden from you and disregarded by you. In my heart I have complained and murmured against you. Lord I know that you are in the secret place and that there is no darkness too dark for you to see. In fact, we are told in Psalm 139 that the darkness and the light of the same to you and so I thank you that my course has not been disregarded by you. Forgive me Lord for where I have sinned against you in my heart. Today I acknowledge that you are the everlasting God. You are the creator of the ends of the Earth. Today I remember that you do not grow tired nor weary. Today I thank you that your understanding is unsearchable and no one can fathom it. Thank you that you tend your flock like a shepherd: you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them close to your heart; and that you gently lead those that have young. Thank you that you give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord and wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. Thank you for this promise. Your word says that these will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. And so today I choose to bring my heart to a place of peace to fix my heart upon your promises Lord. I choose to wait upon you in faith and hope. I choose to remember your promises and to remind you of your promises to me in this season. I thank you Lord for a strengthening in my inner man even right now. Thank you that as I wait upon you Lord God, you will strengthen me and cause me to run and not grow weary in this race of life you have placed me in. And so I lift my eyes to you Lord God acknowledging that my help comes from you, the maker of heaven and earth.. Thank you that you are watching over my life. Thank you that you are watching over your word to perform it and fulfil it in and through my life. Help me to persevere, to endure in faith, to continue to hope in you. Lord I hope in your goodness. Lord I hope in your faithfulness. Lord my hope is built upon your word which is unfailing. Your word that always accomplishes that which it's sent to accomplish. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

3. The Word in petition and supplication

Petition and supplication are about asking.

a.) Foundation:

Mat 7:7-8 (NKJV) "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. [8] For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Mat 21:22 (NKJV) And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Joh 15:7 (NKJV) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

1Jn 5:14-15 (NKJV) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. [15] And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

b.) Examples:

i.) Proverbs 2

Pro 2:1-14 (NKJV) My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, [2] So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; [3] Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, [4] If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; [5] Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. [6] For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; [7] He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; [8] He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. [9] Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path. [10] When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, [11] Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, [12] To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, [13] From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the

ways of darkness; [14] Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight in the perversity of the wicked;

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Our Father, we hunger for your word. Help us to receive your word. Help us to treasure your commands within us. Help us to incline our ears to wisdom. Help us to apply our hearts to understanding. Oh Lord, we lift up our voices for understanding. Help us to seek these as for silver and search for them as for hidden treasures. For it is then that we will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. Lord, we know that it is you who gives wisdom; it is from your mouth that knowledge and understanding come. And so today we look to you for these. We ask for wisdom and knowledge and understanding. We know that you store up sound wisdom for the upright; and that you are a shield to those who walk uprightly. Lord help us to walk uprightly. We know that it is you who guards the parts of justice and preserves the way of your saints. May we walk in these paths Lord God. Oh that we would not turn aside from wisdom, knowledge and understanding that comes from you. We pray that discretion would preserve us. We pray that understanding would keep us to deliver us from the way of evil, from the man who is perverse who leaves the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness. It is your wisdom and your word that keep us from walking in the ways of darkness and doing evil. May you keep us from walking in crooked and devious paths Lord. May you deliver us from idolatry. May you keep us from walking down paths that lead to death. May we walk in the way of goodness and keep to the paths of righteousness. We know that it is your word that helps us to do this. May we delight in your word. In Jesus name, amen.

ii.) Ephesians 1

Eph 1:3-7, 15-21 (NKJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, [4] just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, [5] having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, [6] to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. [7] In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the

riches of His grace ... [15] Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, [16] do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, [18] the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power [20] which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Father thank you that you have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Thank you for choosing us in you before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before you in love. Thank you that you predestined us to be adopted as sons and daughters of the most high God. Thank you that this was in accordance with the good pleasure of your will. Thank you that you delighted in adopting us as your children. Thank you that you have made us accepted in the beloved. Thank you that we have redemption through your blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of your grace. I pray that you would grant to us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you, Lord. I pray that the eyes of our understanding would be enlightened; that we may know what is the hope of your calling, and what are the riches of the glory of your inheritance in the Saints. I pray that we might know the exceeding greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your mighty power which you worked in Christ when you raised him from the dead and seated him at your right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and Dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also that which is to come.

4. The Word in declarations and decrees

a.) Foundation:

Eze 37:1-14 (NKJV) The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of

bones. [2] Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. [3] And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." [4] Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! [5] Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. [6] I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." ' ' [7] So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. [8] Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. [9] Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' ' [10] So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. [11] Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' [12] Therefore prophecy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. [13] Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. [14] I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.' "

Mar 11:22-23 (NKJV) So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. [23] For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

b.) Examples:

i.) Isaiah 45

Isa 45:2-3 (NKJV) 'I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron. [3] I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.

Father, I thank you today that you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I lift up this situation in my life to you Father and today I declare and decree a shift. Today I declare and I decree crooked places be made straight in the name of Jesus. Today I declare a breaking in pieces of the gates that are hindering me from progressing. Today I declare a cutting of any bars of iron that have been holding me back. I declare a breaking through and a breaking out of this. I thank you Lord that you are giving me treasures of darkness, I call these forth. I call forth hidden riches of secret places. Thank you Lord that this is your will and that I will see your hand and know that you call me by my name and you are my God. Be glorified in this situation Lord, in Jesus name, amen.

ii.) Psalm 5

Psa 5:12 (NKJV) For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favour You will surround him as with a shield.

Father today I thank you for X (whomever you are praying for). And as believers we are the righteousness of Christ. I thank you that you bless the righteous. I speak and decree blessing over this person's life. I thank you Lord for your favour around them. I declare and decree your favour to surround them and go before them as a shield. In the name of Jesus, amen.

iii.) 1 Samuel

1Sa 17:36-37 (NKJV) Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." [37] Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the

paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

Father I thank you today for your promise to me where you have shown me that the same God who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear so to speak, the same God who delivered me from my Giants in my life, is the same God who will deliver my children from the Giants that they face in their lives. I declare victory for my children over the Giants that they face now and in the future, in Jesus name. I declare an overcoming spirit, perseverance, resilience and courage to be upon my children as they face their Giants. In Jesus name, amen.

5. The Word in war

a.) Foundation:

Luk 4:1-13 (NKJV) Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, [2] being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. [3] And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." [4] But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.' " [5] Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. [6] And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. [7] Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." [8] And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.' " [9] Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. [10] For it is written: 'HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU, TO KEEP YOU,' [11] and, 'IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.' " [12] And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.' " [13] Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Psa 149:5-9 (NKJV) Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. [6] Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, [7] To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; [8] To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; [9] To execute on them the written judgment— This honour have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Eph 6:17 (NKJV) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

1Ti 1:18 (NKJV) This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

b.) Examples:

i.) Psalm 91

Psa 91:1-16 (NKJV) He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. [2] I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." [3] Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. [4] He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. [5] You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, [6] Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays 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 with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. [9] Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, [10] No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; [11] For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. [12] In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. [13] You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. [14] "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. [15] He shall call upon Me, and I will answer

him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him. [16] With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

Father, in your word you have said that those who dwell in the secret place of the most high shall abide under your shadow Almighty God. Today I declare that you are our refuge and our fortress. Today I declare that you are our God, and it's in you that we place our trust. Today I declare your word over myself and my household, that you shall deliver us from the snare of the fowler and the perilous pestilence. Today I declare that we are covered by you Father, and we take refuge under your wings. Today I declare your truth to be my shield and buckler. We shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor any pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of any destruction laying waste at noonday. Your word says that because we have made the Lord our refuge our dwelling place, that no evil shall befall us, and no plague shall come near our dwelling. I declare that no evil shall befall us neither shall any plague come near our dwelling. We refuse any intruders spiritual or natural in our dwelling place. Thank you that you are the wall of fire around about this property and the glory in our midst. Thank you that you have given your angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways. And thank you that deliverance is our portion because we have set our love upon you Lord. Thank you that you are with us in trouble, that you will deliver us, that you will satisfy us with long life and show us your salvation. In Jesus name, amen.

ii.) Your personal prophecies

Isa 50:4 (NKJV) "The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

Today I come into agreement with this word which I believe the Lord has spoken to me for my life. And I declare it over myself. I declare that the Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning. He awakens my ear to hear as the learned. Please fill my mind and my mouth with your word for your people Lord, in Jesus name, amen.

6. The Word in worship

a.) Foundation:

Psa 145:5 (NKJV) I will meditate on the glorious splendour of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works.

Psa 119:15-16 (NKJV) I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. [16] I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

b.) Examples:

i.) Revelation 4 & 5

Rev 4:8, 11 (NKJV) The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" ... [11] "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honour and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Rev 5:13 (NKJV) And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honour and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Lord today I join with the living creatures and the angels in heaven in the worship of you. Today I declare holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. You are worthy, oh Lord, to receive glory and honour and power. For you created all things and by your will they exist and were created. Blessing and honour and glory and power be to him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever, amen.

ii.) Psalm 145

Psa 145:1-13 (NKJV) A Praise of David. I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. [2] Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. [3] Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. [4] One generation shall praise Your works to

another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. [5] I will meditate on the glorious splendour of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. [6] Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. [7] They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness. [8] The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. [9] The LORD is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works. [10] All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You. [11] They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, [12] To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom. [13] Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

I extol you my God and my king. I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you. I will praise your name forever and ever. For great are you Lord and greatly to be praised. Your greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. Lord, I will meditate on the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works. Men shall speak of the might of your awesome acts, and I will declare your greatness. They shall utter the memory of your great goodness and sing of your righteousness. You are gracious and full of compassion. You are slow to anger and great in the mercy. You are good to all and your tender mercies are over all your works. All your works shall praise you Lord and all your saints shall bless you. We shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and talk of your power. We shall make known to the sons of men your mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of your kingdom. For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Your Dominion endures throughout all generations. We worship you Lord. In Jesus name, amen.

Conclusion

The Word is powerful, alive, and extremely useful in prayer. We can use it in various types of prayer. The ones we discussed today include praise and thanksgiving, repentance, petition and supplication, declarations and decrees, warfare and worship. As we are before God right now, let's purpose in our hearts to utilise the Word of God in our prayers more and more.

