

Why Prayer Always Precedes God's Promises and Purposes

Prayers that *Strike the Mark* are guided by and endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the will and the Word of God.

As faithful prayer warriors align with God's heart, they focus on "prayer targets," under the direction of the Holy Spirit, in order to partner with Jesus in prayer that results in victory and breakthrough.

Such prayer warriors, relentlessly reminding God of His Word, call forth heavenly intervention so that the earth will one day be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

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Prayer always precedes the release of God's promises and purposes.

According to Luke 2, before the first coming of Jesus the Messiah, there was a devout man named Simeon and a prophetess named Anna who were looking and praying for His coming.

Their ministry of prayer and fasting was used by the Lord to confirm the fulfillment of the promise of a Redeemer.

Likewise, before the Second Coming of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is raising up a global company of men and women who meditate upon the Scriptures, minister to the Lord and intercede in unity with His heart and plan.

Collectively, their spiritual sacrifices rise before the throne of God as a great concert of prayer.

Worshipping Warriors and Praying Worshipers

For years, I have taught on the “harp and bowl” model of worship and prayer as depicted in Revelation 5:8.

Worshipping intercessors and praying worshippers are being united in this generation to “win for the Lamb the rewards of His suffering,” as the centuries-old cry goes.

Like many of you, I long to see the day when the Spirit and the bride of Christ are in agreement so that all believers will declare, “*Even so, come, Lord Jesus!*” (Revelation 22:20).

I have known James Goll for over 40 years. He served on the staff of the church that I pastored in the 1980s and 1990s. I have witnessed his zeal and faithfulness to engage in prayer and to teach about prayer in a consistent way over many years.

My friend James and I have walked through many peaks and valleys, and, by the grace of God, we have “kept our hand to the plow” (see Luke 9:62) in seeking to motivate, recruit, train and mobilize intercessors for the great end-time revival.

We both long to be “worshippers of God and deliverers of men.”

James has not only been a person of prayer for years, but he is also one who has been given the grace of God to articulate and instruct people in the will, the Word, and the ways of God.

In *Strike the Mark*, he includes chapters such as “The Orchestra of Prayer,” “Coming into Agreement” and “Reminding God of His Word.”

This book will provide many practical insights into more effective prayer—prayer that is energized by a relationship with our most beautiful Lord Jesus and that is anchored in a victorious perspective.

It is for me a joy to commend to you this new equipping tool, *Strike the Mark*, for the Lord’s prayer army.

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