

Why We Need Desperate Prayers

Our nation is suffering from a social and moral collapse. If we have ever needed God's anointing, it is now, but where are God's elect?

Is there no one divinely empowered to fell the Goliaths of our age? Perhaps we need only look in our bathroom mirrors. If you believe in Jesus and are desperate for God, you qualify as one of God's elect.

We have erroneously held that God's chosen will never be assaulted by the adversary and driven to desperate day-and-night prayer. But desperation is often the very crucible in which God's elect are forged.

Jesus portrays this characteristic metaphorically in the parable of the widow who petitioned a hardened judge for legal protection (Luke 18:3). Although the judge was initially unwilling, by her "continual coming" (v. 5) the widow gained what was legally hers.

It is possible that this widow may have represented the church in a desperate prayer for protection against her adversary. We need the "legal protection" that a national revival provides; but it will not come without unceasing prayer.

It's our turn to pray. We are the widow who cannot give herself a reason for failure. God will answer our cry if we position ourselves at His throne. Certainly, He will grant us legal protection in our cities and our nation.

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