

Come Out of Your Prayer Closet

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According to the writer of Ecclesiastes, there is a time for all things – a time to weep, a time to rejoice, a time to intercede, a time to praise. There is a time to enter into your closet of prayer, as Jesus directed, and there is a time to come out of your prayer closet and lay claim to God's promises.

In Genesis Chapter 12, God told Abraham to separate himself from those around him. In Chapter 13, Abraham is instructed to look over the land – from the north to the south, from the east to the west – and receive a promise for all the land he could see.



Then came further instruction: "Arise, walk through the land..." Get up, get out, see, walk and claim the promise. (Genesis 13:17).

This pattern is repeated with Joshua: "...Arise... go... every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." (Joshua 1:2,3)

The Prophet Joel calls us to turn to God with all our heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm..." (Joel 2:1). It is a call to gather the people and a time for the bride to go forth from her closet. It is time not only to seek the Lord, it is time to take the power of prayer to the streets – prayer walking in our communities, neighborhoods, towns and cities. Prayer journeys to under evangelized nations and world-class cities. Go 'on site for insight.' Pray nearer to see clearer. Seeing the people, the problems, the pain and the potential can have a very definite impact on how we pray. Laying claim by faith with every step we take – lifting up the name of Jesus in our streets is like punching holes in the darkness so His Light – the light of the gospel can shine through.

Prayer before teaching or preaching is like breaking open the soil of the heart so it can more readily receive the seed of the Word. Before starting a Bible study, why not pray in front of the house for a few weeks. Before advertising special meetings, why not soften the soil of your city by walking the streets and praying.

This kind of praying is not to make a spectacle of those praying, but just to quietly pray the promise of God and exalt the name of Jesus.

Where can you prayer walk? Anywhere God's presence is needed. Around homes, schools, business places, government offices, play grounds, parks, hospitals. Wherever there are people, prayer is needed.

Enter into your closet of prayer, then arise, get out, go in Jesus name and claim the land and its people for the Kingdom!

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