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NINE "IN PRAYER" CLUSTER-THEMES
FOR FRUITFUL PRAYING

LESSON SIX

THE PROPHETIC CLUSTER

Decreeing In Prayer



THE PROPHETIC CLUSTER

Decreeing In Prayer

- Binding in Prayer
- Loosing in Prayer
- Prophesying in Prayer

Job 22:23, 26-28 (AMPC)

If you return to the Almighty [and submit and humble yourself before Him], you will be built up; if you put away unrighteousness far from your tents... Then you will have delight in the Almighty, and you will lift up your face to God. You will make your prayer to Him, and He will hear you, and you will pay your vows. You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 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. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*."

ABIDE DEFINED

"To declare with certainty; issue an order with authority; proclaim, claim, affirm or utter with conviction."

“To declare” implies “making something known openly by an explicit or clear statement.”

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

VOICES OF PRAYER

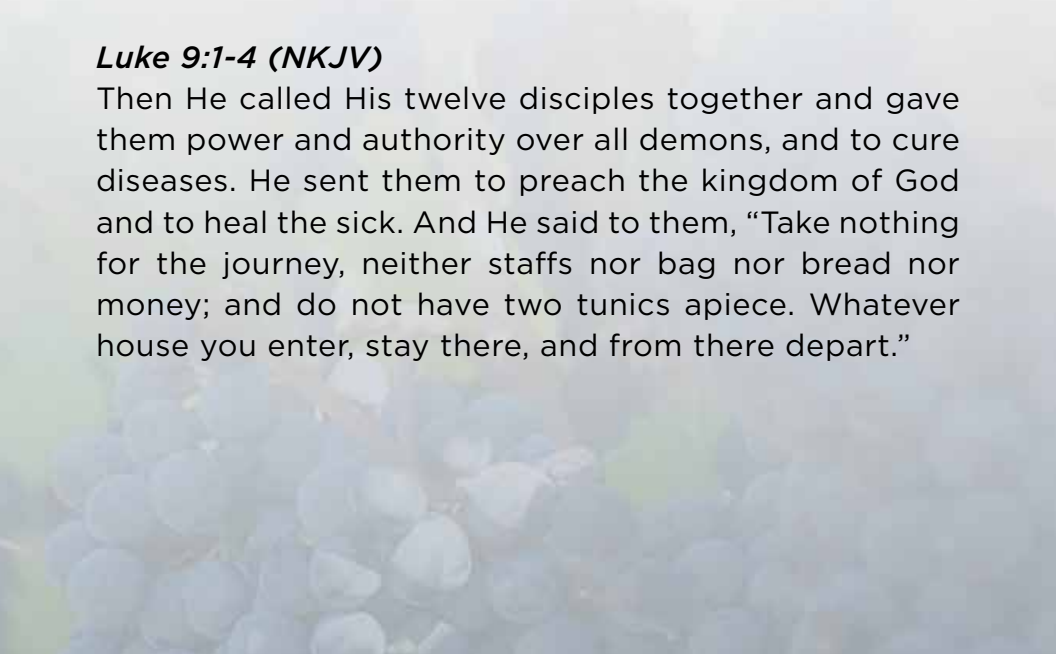
Foundational to the understanding of the subject of binding and loosing is the concept of the authority of the believer. All this teaching is based on a basic theological fact: Jesus Christ is far above all principalities and powers. We are complete in Him and seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:20-22; 2:6). Each and every one of the tremendous spiritual weapons Paul describes begins and ends in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-6).

— K. Neill Foster

From his book *Binding and Loosing*

Luke 9:1-4 (NKJV)

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.”





1 Corinthians 4:19-20 (NKJV)

But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God *is* not in word but in power.

Ephesians 1:15-17 and 19-21 (NKJV)

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 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... and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His 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 in that which is to come.

VOICES OF PRAYER

God delights to delegate His power to men when He can find believing and obedient servants to accept and exercise it.

—John A. MacMillan

EXPLORING THE REALM OF PROPHETIC PRAYER

Ezekiel 4:7 (NKJV)

Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem; your arm *shall be* uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it.

Ezekiel 6:2-3 (NKJV)

“Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys: “Indeed I, *even* I, will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places.”

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NKJV)

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.” But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, For I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the LORD. Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”



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PROPHETIC CLUSTER - INSIGHT ONE

Decreeing

The essence of prophetic prayer is the exercise of the authority of the believer, in Christ, to decree (or declare; affirm) a thing in prayer that has originated from the heart of God and flows through the lips of the believing intercessor. It is not to ask God to remove the mountain (obstacle), but in faith to tell the mountain (obstacle) directly to be moved.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thoughts

Based on Cluster Insight One, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding what you think it means to exercise the authority of the believer in prayer. (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you're watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight One of this teaching.)

Prayers

Turn your thoughts regarding Cluster Insight One (or any impression from the scripture passages shared in this teaching segment) into a prayer of authority related to an issue of concern for you. If prompted by the Holy Spirit, turn this prayer into a decree!



PART 1

Binding in Prayer

Matthew 16:13-19 (NKJV)

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

VOICES OF PRAYER

The doctrine of binding and loosing... has been built upon the Protestant Reformation and the priesthood of all believers. The authority of the believer, as a scriptural concept, is part of the completeness of every believer in Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:10). Consider yet again that the marvel, indeed the mystery, of “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27) is expressed in binding and loosing. Jesus Christ, living in us, enables us to bind and loose as the expression of His power and authority.

—K. Neill Foster

BINDING DEFINED

From the Greek *deo*: “to bind,” “to bind together,” “to bind to,” “to wrap up,” “to chain.”

Additional Definitions:

- “To tie together; make fast or tight, as with a rope or band.”
 - “To hold or restrain as if tied or tied down.”
 - “To compel as by oath or legal restraint.”
 - “To unite or hold, as by a feeling of loyalty or love.”
 - Note the song: “Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken!”
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Matthew 16:18-19 (AMP)

“And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades (death) will not overpower it [by preventing the resurrection of the Christ]. I will give you the keys (authority) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [permit, declare lawful] on earth will have [already] been loosed in heaven.”

VOICES OF PRAYER

The impulse for binding and loosing comes from heaven... Our part, as we shall see, is to bind what has already been bound and to loose what has already been loosed... And is binding and loosing different than asking and receiving in prayer? Again, the answer is



yes. Believers' authority emphatically implies that the believers do the binding and loosing. You and I do it.

— K. Neill Foster

Mark 3:27 (AMPC)

But no one can go into a strong man's house and ransack his household goods right and left *and* seize them as plunder unless he first binds the strong man; then indeed he may [thoroughly] plunder his house.

VOICES OF PRAYER

How can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. How can you "bind" the strong man if you will not recognize his existence and face the fact that he is the hidden cause of evil? And what can this "binding" mean except restraining the working of the enemy by appealing to the conquering power of Him who was "manifested that his might destroy the works of the devil?"

—Jessie Penn-Lewis

In an article titled "How to Pray for Missionaries"

THE POWER OF THE KEYS

VOICES OF PRAYER

Keys are "the opening and shutting power of the Christian life, [asserting that] every praying man and every praying woman... has this power of the keys..."

—Henry Ward Beecher

The Fiji “Property Line” Tornado

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PROPHETIC CLUSTER - INSIGHT TWO

Binding

At the heart of the believer's authority in prayer is to utilize the keys of the Kingdom in accessing and controlling entry to all of heaven's resources in advancing Christ's Kingdom on earth. This authority includes the supernatural ability to issue legally binding orders originating and authorized in heaven that result in restraining satanic activity on earth.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thoughts

Based on Cluster Insight Two, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding what you think it means to utilize the "keys of the Kingdom" in a time of prayer. (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you are watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight Two of this teaching.)

Prayers

Turn your thoughts regarding Cluster Insight Two (or any impression from the scripture passages shared in this teaching segment) into a prayer that issues a direct restraining order (binding) on something you believe is a satanic obstacle hindering the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in your family, your community, our nation or the world.

HARVEST INCENSE *National Focus*

Revelation 8:3-4 (MSG)

“...Then another Angel, carrying a gold censer, came and stood at the Altar. He was given a great quantity of incense so that he could offer up the prayers of all the holy people of God on the Golden Altar before the Throne. Smoke billowed up from the incense-laced prayers of the holy ones, rose before God from the hand of the Angel.”

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PART 2

Loosing in Prayer

Look again at Matthew 16:17-19 from the Message Bible:

Jesus came back, “God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah... now I’m going to tell you who you are, *really* are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. And that’s not all. You will have complete and free access to God’s kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven.”

LOOSING DEFINED

“God’s ‘yes’ in heaven, becomes a ‘yes’ on earth!”

From the Greek word *luo* meaning:

“To make loose; to set free; unbind; to free from an obligation; to absolve.”

In the New Testament, individuals can be “loosed” or “absolved” (God’s “yes”) from such things as:

- Sin (1 John 1:9)
- Satan (Luke 13:12, 16; 1 John 3:8)
- Bondage of the tongue (Mark 7:35)
- Debt (Matthew 18:27)
- Prison (Acts 22:30)
- Sickness (Luke 13:12)

ABSOLVE DEFINED

“To pronounce free from guilt or blame; to acquit; to forgive or pardon; to refrain from inflicting a punishment or enforcing a sentence or fine; to cancel.”

VOICES OF PRAYER

God rules the world by the prayers of His saints... Grant especially, blessed Lord, that your Church may believe that it is by the power of united prayer that she can bind and loose in heaven, cast out Satan, save souls, remove mountains, and hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

—Andrew Murray, writing in his classic book
With Christ in the School of Prayer

A BIBLICAL EXAMPLE OF “LOOSING”

Acts 12:1-12 (NKJV)

Now about that time Herod the king stretched out *his* hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also... So when he had arrested him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four squads of soldiers to keep him... Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer [KJV: prayer without ceasing] was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door



were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off *his* hands. Then the angel said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.” So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision... And when Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod...” So, when he had considered *this*, he came to the house of Mary... where many were gathered together praying...

***Note Luther’s third verse of
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”***

And though this world, with Devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! His doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

CASE STUDY

Loosing 153 Dutch School Children

VOICES OF PRAYER

If Satan has blinded and bound men and women, how can we ever see souls saved? This is where you and I enter the picture. Spoiling the goods of the strong man has to do with liberating those whom Satan has blinded and is keeping bound.

—Theodore Epp, in his book
Praying with Authority

PROPHETIC CLUSTER - INSIGHT THREE

Loosing

The continuing authority of the praying believer is not only to restrain (bind) by decree on earth what has already been authorized by restraint in heaven, but to release (loose) by decree on earth what already has been authorized for release in heaven. It is a supernatural loosing that releases, frees, acquits, absolves, dissolves, breaks down or even destroys satanic objectives designed to keep his subjects bound under his control.



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thoughts

Based on Cluster Insight Three, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding what you think it means to supernaturally exercise the believer's authority to "loose" or "release" someone or to apply this aspect of intercession in some other situation. (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you're watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight Three of this teaching.)

Prayers

Turn your thoughts regarding Cluster Insight Three (or any impression from the scripture passages shared in this teaching segment) into a prayer of "loosing" or "releasing" someone you know or some specific situation you are aware of.

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PART 3

Prophesying in Prayer

Acts 2:17-18 (NIV)

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

DEFINITIONS

Prophecy: Greek *Propheteia*

From the Greek: *Prophemi*

Pro: forth or before

Phemi: to speak

Thus: “the speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God” or “the foretelling of an event or occurrence.”

To Prophecy: Greek *Propheteuo*

“Telling forth the divine counsels” or “foretelling the future.”

Revelation 19:10 (AMPC)

Then I fell prostrate at his feet to worship (to pay divine honors) to him, but he [restrained me] and said, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] another servant with you and your brethren who have [accepted and hold] the testimony borne by Jesus. Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the

spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours].

Revelation 19:10 (PHILLIPS)

At that I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “No! I am your fellow-servant and fellow-servant with your brothers who are holding fast their witness to Jesus. Give your worship to God!” (This witness to Jesus inspires all prophecy.)

1 Chronicles 25:1 (NKJV)

Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service *some* of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who *should* prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals...

Ezekiel 37:1-4, 7-10 (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. 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. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” Again He said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!’”... 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. 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. 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.”’” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

VOICES OF PRAYER

Prophetic intercession is an urging to pray given by the Holy Spirit for situations or circumstances about which you have very little knowledge in the natural. You pray for the prayer requests that are on the heart of God. He nudges you to pray so that He can intervene... God will direct you to pray to bring forth His will on the earth as it is willed in heaven.

—Cindy Jacobs

CASE STUDY

Prophetic Prayer and Presidential Elections

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PROPHETIC CLUSTER - INSIGHT FOUR

Prophesying

Prophesying in prayer (i.e., prophetic praying) is a supernatural gifting enabled by the Holy Spirit allowing believers to pray forth the mind and counsel of God, often manifested by the intercessor decreeing or declaring, with authority and certainty, God's will or plan for a specific circumstance or situation.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thoughts

Based on Cluster Insight Four, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding what it means to “pray forth the mind and counsel of God.” How might one discern the difference between prophetic praying and ordinary, passionate praying? (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you're watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight Four of this teaching.)

Prayers

Turn your thoughts regarding Cluster Insight Four (or any impression from this teaching) into bold praying that you believe needs special prophetic understanding. Specifically ask the Holy Spirit to pray His wisdom through your lips.



HARVEST INCENSE *National Focus*

Revelation 8:3-4 (MSG)

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DECREEING OUR COMPLETENESS IN CHRIST

A LIST FOR DECREEING

Neil Anderson, in his timely book titled *Victory Over the Darkness*, urges believers to strengthen their identity and authority in Christ through repeated statements of affirmation by “decreeing” phrases such as these:

- I am the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13).
- I am the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).
- I am part of the true vine, a channel of Christ’s life (John 15:1, 5).
- I am Christ’s friend (John 15:15).
- I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit (John 15:16).
- I am a son of God; God is spiritually my Father (Romans 8:14-15; Galatians 3:26, 4:6).
- I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him (Romans 8:17).
- I am a temple—a dwelling place—of God. His Spirit and His life dwell in me (1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19).
- I am united to the Lord and am one spirit with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17).
- I am a member of Christ’s body (1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:30).
- I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).
- I am a son of God and one in Christ (Galatians 3:26, 28).
- I am a saint (Ephesians 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:2).

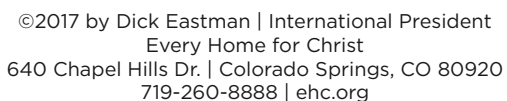


- I am God's workmanship—His handiwork—born anew in Christ to do His work (Ephesians 2:10).
- I am righteous and holy (Ephesians 4:24).
- I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now (Philippians 3:20; Ephesians 2:6).
- I am an expression of the life of Christ, because He is my life (Colossians 3:4).
- I am chosen of God, holy and dearly beloved (Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4).
- I am a son of light and not of darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:5).
- I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling (Hebrews 3:1).
- I am a partaker of Christ; I share in His life (Hebrews 3:14).
- I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5).
- I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own possession (1 Peter 2:9-10).
- I am a child of God, and I will resemble Christ when He returns (1 John 3:1-2).
- I am born of God, and the evil one—the devil—cannot touch me (1 John 5:18).

—Neil T. Anderson (In his book *Victory over the Darkness*. Used by permission.)

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