

## **THE PROMISES OF GOD AND THE MOVEMENT OF PRAYER**

Pastor L Bester, 4 November 2018 – Morning Service

- I am so positive and excited for what God is busy doing in South Africa
- Promises of God stood out this year, that was declared over us as an individual, as a church, as a country
- March Senior Pastor released - Now is the time
- God is busy with a movement in South Africa, He is the organiser and instigator of this movement of prayer
- People need to become who God want them to be
- God is pushing us forward
- God is bringing His children back to a place of dependency on Him. To be a people of prayer
- In Hebrews 11 we read of all the men of faith and how they trusted in the Lord
- We went to last week's Prayer meeting with Angus Buchan. He is a man of faith. He organize all these events yet he has no confirmation that people will attend it
- Angus Buchan reminded me about Senior Pastor Hendrik who sacrificed so much in his life and went full time for the Lord, he only had word in his heart, "blessing to the nation"
- He started a church with only a few young people
- God is raising new men of faith
- God wants us to do such big things that we cannot do it in our own ability, we have to depend on Him
- One of the points that was shared during the "It's Time" prayer event was: "Forgive us for our lack of prayer"
- Our prayer needs to be the foundation, we so many times depend on our success, money, etc. God wants us to be depended on Him
- Your faith will take you far beyond your intellect
- The book of Acts is called Acts because they acted upon the Word of the Lord. We need to act

### **Isaiah 66:8b**

*... Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.*

- The answer to this question is YES!
- In one moment God will restore, God will give us a new South Africa
- This can only take place through the birth of Prayer
- This nation will change – God is busy with a movement – Watch this space

### **James 5:16-18**

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed and the heavens gave rain and the earth produced its crops.*

- You cannot be a leader if you are not praying, as a parent we need to pray for our children, businessmen need to start praying for their business
- Our fight is not against flesh and blood
- The problem is that our natural minds are fighting a natural fight – to have natural results
- We trying to build this city in our power and might, we need to depend on the Lord
- We need to pray on our knees, desire the Lord and hear the voice of the Lord for things to take place

## **2 Chronicles 7: 11-16**

*When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, the Lord appeared to him at night and said: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.*

- I misunderstood this verse for so many years thinking that the whole nation need to repent and walk away from their sinful ways but it actually say that if we that are here (the church), come before the Lord, humble ourselves, repent before the Lord, seek His face, He will deliver us and set us free and He will heal our land
- His heart and ears are open for our prayers if our hearts are in the prayer, to seek the Lord whole heartedly
- No Prayer – No change, no revival
- We are staying the same, because there is an ingredient missing from our lives...
- We need to act
- We are distracted and focused on the wrong things, we just carry on with our normal lives and there is no change
- Are you going to believe the enemy or are you going to believe the voice of the Lord?
- We need to repent as a church and turn away from our wicked ways and then God will come through for us
- God wants us to make a stand. We need to make a decision to stand for God
- The people that are around us are recipients of our prayers
- Don't go on with your habits
- Press through in prayer and make a stand for God
- Make a decision to say: "I am going to take hold of God and not let Him go until He blesses me
- Senior Pastor Hendrik made a stand for the Lord, he was bold and he spoke what the Lord have placed on his heart
- Angus Buchan – he is not fearful, he is straightforward
- We are so distracted with social media and opinions of other people
- We need to focus on what God is saying to us. What is God saying to you this morning?
- We have the opportunity to change this church and see this church full
- We can see God changing this nation and be a part of it
- Make time to hear the voice of the Lord
- Stand on the Word of the Lord
- Building the new church we are standing on the Word of the Lord
- Out of prayer - Begin to take a stand for your family, the church, surroundings, Pray for salvation, for increase
- Worship the Lord for He is good
- God never promised us that it will be easy
- Enemy will come to attack you and get you to doubt but the Lord is speaking and we need to have faith and act on the Word of the Lord
- God has much better in store for you
- God want to do unexpected things, we need to be faithful and give our all to the Lord

### **Isaiah 40:31**

*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.*

- The more we pray the less mistakes we will make, the less we will hurt people and the more success we will have
- We cannot assume, we need to listen and respond to the command of the Lord
- Example – Jesus did not heal every person or provide to all who were needy, instead Jesus responded to the voice of the Father
- We need to learn to obey the Lord. We need to act on the Word of the Lord

### **Matthew 6:6-13**

*But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.*

- God gave us a clear direction on how to pray and what to do
- We need come before God and acknowledge: “we need You Lord”
- We need to become serious about the Lord, He is so serious about us
- Ask God for forgiveness, for the lack of prayer in our lives – repent before the Lord
- Change need to start in our lives, make a stand, lead your family in prayer
- Take a stand for the Lord in every area of your life
- Make a decision to no longer be the same person but to trust in the Lord and take a stand

### **Promises that was released this year**

- We will have success
- Good future
- We will flourish. Multiplication
- He will bless us. Double harvest
- Seven fat years
- He will restore seven times what the enemy has stolen
- God is for us and not against us
- He will never leave you, nor forsake you
- He is with you. He called you
- He is sending the rain
- We are under an open heaven
- He has anointed our heads with oil
- Royal priesthood
- His oil is flowing
- Release wealth
- Amazing things that no one will believe
- Restore all things
- Maximum life
- Overflow
- More than enough
- Signs and wonders
- He will touch this nation
- He will release new wine