

Effective Prayer

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9. It is a prayer of Agreement

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Matt 18:19-20

There is power in the prayer of agreement. When two Christians agree in prayer concerning a thing, Jesus says, it shall be granted to them by the Father. Let us analyze these verses and try to understand what Jesus is saying.

There are several elements in this promise:

- 1. If two of you:** The prayer of agreement requires at least two different people coming together. There is synergistic power in coming together to pray in agreement. Personal prayer is very powerful. The prayer of agreement is a multiplication of the power of personal prayer. For such public prayers to be powerful, the personal lives of the people involved must be right with God. Group prayers are ineffective when there is lack of personal prayer. Group prayers are dead or at worst hypocritical when we neglect our personal communion with God. Two people are just enough to pray the prayer of agreement. The greater the number of people, the more difficult it is to reach a consensus as to what the desired outcome should be.
- 2. Shall agree:** There is a great power in agreement. Agreement is two people deciding on a desired outcome. There is no agreement when one person's desire is for something that is different from the desire of the other. This is why before we pray, we should agree on what our desired outcome should be. Let me give you an example. In 1999, the dollar exchange rate was about 4.5 zloty to 1 dollar. At our national prayer meeting, with about 50 participants, we agreed that it should be about 4 zloty. Not long after that prayer, the dollar fell and it has ever since been exchanged at the rate of less 4 zloty (At the time of writing this chapter, it is 3 zloty to 1 USD). At another

prayer meeting in 2002, we wanted to pray the same prayer for the Euro. I asked the 300 participants if they agreed for us to pray that prayer. A few of the intercessors disagreed. We never prayed that prayer because we were not in agreement. For this prayer to work, there must be total agreement as to what the desired outcome should be.

3. **As touching anything:** This is simply great. There is no limit to what we can agree to ask God about. It could be anything. No limits. Anything simply means- ANYTHING!
4. **That they shall ask (in prayer):** Agreement is not just about wishful thinking or desire. It is about agreement in prayer. It means that the people involved stand together before God to pray. It means that both the desires of the two people praying are joined together in prayer and seeking God.
5. **It shall be done for them:** Those who pray are the people who get the results. Those who pray are the people who receive what they ask for. It shall be done for them, not to others. Those who don't pray, will just be dreaming and wishing. But those who pray receive the desired results for which they sought God for.
6. **Of my Father:** This is wonderful. The result is released from heaven through the divine verdict and signature of God Himself. God is the source of the answer. He may use man but the original source is God. This is the reason why we should look up to God and not to man. God is the source.

The prayer of agreement is very important. This is why families should pray together about their needs. This is why churches and teams should pray together about their needs. It is not just the head of the family, the pastor or the team leader who should be praying. Every one should be involved in praying because the prayer of agreement attracts God's attention and secures the desired answer.

*“And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God **with one accord**, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine*

*vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. **And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness**". Acts 4:24-31*

Prayers of agreement are powerful prayers. Find someone you can agree with in prayer. Pray together as a family. Pray together as team, as a church. The family the prays together stays together.

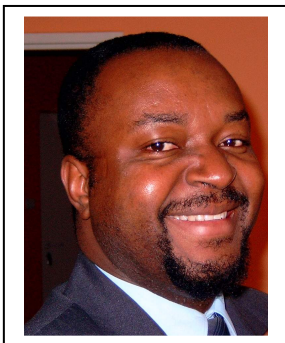
God has promised to answer. He is not a man that He should lie. Heaven and earth shall pass away but His word remains forever. He is faithful.

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