

TONGUES AT WORK

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-28

Colossians 1:24-28 says, *"I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."* The chief mystery of the New Testament is Christ in us the hope of glory. We know, according to this passage, that being obedient to pray in the Spirit unfolds that wisdom and that mystery because when we are praying in the Spirit we are praying mysteries. Verse 28 here in Colossians is a key because it says the purpose of preaching is warning and teaching every person in all wisdom that we may present everyone mature, complete or full in Christ. So the purpose for warning, teaching and preaching is maturity in Christ and that is the product of acquiring true wisdom. Praying in tongues is clearly an important path to that wisdom. That is why Paul says, I will pray with the Spirit, I will pray with the understanding also.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Scripture: Colossians 2:2-3

Colossians 2:2-3 says, *"To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."* This passage tells us that understanding of the knowledge of the mystery of God both of the Father and of Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge is available. Christ is the storehouse. Understanding the ways of Christ is the storehouse of wisdom and knowledge and brings these qualities forth for God's purpose in our lives. Praying in the Spirit ignites that understanding! Are we going to pursue and walk toward this fullness? It is obvious that God has given us tongues in order to access these treasures and bring them within us to form the building blocks of our maturity as we construct our spiritual house. One primary path to advance that construction is praying in the Spirit.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Scripture: Proverbs 4:1-6

Proverbs 4:1-6 says, *"Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding; For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law. When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, He also taught me, and said to me: 'Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live. Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will*

preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you." Here we see in Proverbs 4 the importance of wisdom in our life. Wisdom has a seven-fold blessing that comes with it. The first blessing is in verse 4 and promises us that as we keep God's commandments we really, fully live. We get wisdom and we receive understanding and we embrace it. We do not forsake it or turn away from it. By doing so, we live life to the fullest. The number two blessing is that it preserves us. So with wisdom comes life and with wisdom comes preservation. The third area of the seven-fold blessing is that God keeps us under His protection. He becomes the Faithful One Who guards and defends us. So the first three blessings are: life, preservation and protection. The laying hold of wisdom brings supernatural gifts of great value. Wisdom has tremendous benefits that extend our lives and extend both the quality and length of life.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Scripture: Proverbs 4:7-12

In verses 7-12 we find the fourth blessing of wisdom. That blessing is promotion. To exalt wisdom brings promotion. In other words to esteem and highly prize wisdom will lead to advancement and favor. Promotion is always a blessing as it lifts us and elevates us beyond what we can do in our own strength. Both Daniel and Joseph are biblical examples of promotion that led to life-altering results. There are likely some of God's own people experiencing promotion of such magnitude in this hour. And we should set our faith to be among them! The next blessing is that wisdom brings honor. Honor is wonderful to have and that is the fifth blessing in this passage. Honor is a weighty and a glorious gift. It is about dignity and splendor and it contributes to a godly reputation. The sixth blessing is that the Lord will place on our head an ornament of grace. That Hebrew word for grace means favor. The favor of the Lord often precedes the promotion of the Lord. So wisdom brings us into great favor and verse 9 says, *"She will place on your head an ornament of grace. A crown of glory she will deliver to you."* This crown of glory completes the seven. There is something regal about a crown. That crown of glory is about bravery and renown and carries with it a sense of majesty only God can provide. Through these blessings of wisdom we acquire a reputation of being a person of exemplary and excellent character. This is the seven-fold blessing of wisdom as we pursue it. It is obvious that to fulfill our destiny and represent Jesus honorably we cannot afford to be without these seven gifts of His wisdom.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Scripture: Exodus 28:1-3

Verse three is the very first place that wisdom is mentioned in Scripture and it says, *"Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest."* The first thing we learn about wisdom is that it is a spirit. As we see in Isaiah 11:2 wisdom comes by the Spirit and wisdom is a Spirit. That is fact number one. Wisdom came in order to fulfill Aaron's purpose and make him fit to minister to God as priest. It was even a process of sanctification, of setting apart the clothes that he wore. The clothes that he wore were a sign of his being set apart for God's holy purpose. We need to understand how God functions and operates concerning wisdom and worship.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Scripture: Exodus 31:1-6

Exodus 31:1-6 says, *"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 'See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you:...'"* This passage makes it clear that the Spirit of wisdom came on specific God-chosen individuals so that they could contribute in making not only the clothes but all of the artistic works in bronze, gold, silver and the cutting of the jewels, everything that was necessary to create the proper clothes and implements for anointed

worship. It is obvious that wisdom became the primary conveyor of how to prepare people to grow in their relationship with God and to walk or execute spiritual worship and fulfill their purpose.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Scripture: Exodus 35:26-27

Exodus 35:26-27 says, *“And all the women whose hearts stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats’ hair. The rulers brought onyx stones, and the stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate,...”* Here we find the women are used by God to receive His wisdom so that they could make not only the clothes but the ephod and the breastplate for Aaron and qualify him to stand before the Lord. We have a destiny and a contribution to make to the kingdom! As we pray for the wisdom of the Spirit, God will show us what our contribution is. Praying for and seeking supernatural wisdom is how we discover who we are and what we are ordained to do. We pray it out in the Spirit and then into the natural. Praying in tongues and seeking to draw upon God’s wisdom becomes very, very valuable in launching us into our place of fruitfulness.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Scripture: Exodus 35:28-35

Exodus 35: 28-35 says, *“...and spices and oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the Lord, all the men and women whose hearts were willing to bring material for all kinds of work which the Lord, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done. And Moses said to the children of Israel, ‘See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship. And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.’”* The Lord called individuals by name and filled them with the Spirit of God with wisdom and understanding and knowledge so that they could specifically make their God-ordained contribution to the worship that God planned. In the power of the Spirit they participated in building the covenant community. Everyone got to participate. It was the Spirit of wisdom that helped them achieve all that God called them to do. This is a pattern and a picture for each of us.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Scripture: Exodus 36:1-7

Exodus 36:1-7 says, *“‘And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the Lord has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the Lord has commanded.’ Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work. And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning. Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing, and they spoke to Moses, saying, ‘The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do.’ So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, ‘Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary.’ And the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.”* As God began to pour out His wisdom and the people saw the beauty and the majesty of what was being created, each day they brought offerings to the sanctuary. The artisans finally had to say, ‘Moses we have more than enough’. So Moses said to the people, don’t bring any more offerings because we have too much. Verse 37 is very striking in what it means. For the material they already had was sufficient for all the work to be done. Indeed it was too much! The principle of too much is a pattern and it is a pattern that is going to become very, very important as we look at the building of David’s tabernacle and as we look at what it says about populating the New Jerusalem in the last days.

This pattern is going to be consistent. God has principles and patterns in scripture that repeat themselves. Living in Egypt as slaves 400 years meant they were never paid for their labor. When judgment came to bring financial justice, they experienced too much. This principle consistently repeats itself. Periods of governmental financial abuse should give way to supernatural provision! Accounts like this in the Word build our expectancy. Have we ever experienced a season where there is too much? When it came time to build the tabernacle of Moses the Israelites did!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Scripture: Esther 5:6

Esther 5:6 says, *"At the banquet of wine the king said to Esther, 'What is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!'"*. Esther found favor that granted her a life and calling beyond what she could possibly dream. God granted her overwhelming favor and this supernatural favor translated into salvation for her people. There is a season where God gives abundantly more than we need in order to make a point about Who He is. He is the God of deliverance and freedom and He proves it right here.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Scripture: Joshua 19:9

Joshua 19:9 says, *"The inheritance of the children of Simeon was included in the share of the children of Judah, for the share of the children of Judah was too much for them. Therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of that people."* Isn't it interesting that when it comes to the issue of too much God took Judah, the worshipers, and He poured out upon them exceeding abundance so that it was too much. He did this to such an extent that another tribe got to participate with them in their inheritance because their inheritance was so great. Does that tell us a little bit about who God is and how He operates? Does it tell us about what He wants to do for those who fully and wholly give themselves over to Him? It certainly does!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6 NKJV, MSG

Psalm 139:1-6 says, *"O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it."* The Lord searches us, He knows us, and He hedges us behind and before. He puts His hand on us so we may know Him for how great He really is. The Message version says, *"You are too much for me. Your wisdom is high I can't take it all in."* You are just too much God! And God shows Himself as the God of too much in various places in Scripture. He is too much of a Provider. He is too much at different moments. And there is a pattern how too much begins to come at certain times and certain seasons. As we get to know that pattern, we can set ourselves in faith to walk it out.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Scripture: Mark 11:22-24 MSG

Mark 11:22-24 in the Message Bible says, *"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.'"* Does God want us to be a people that expect Him to be too much for us in regard to our enemies? He most certainly does! The mountain raised against us has to move. It makes perfect sense that one of the names of God found in Genesis 22:14 refer to God as Jehovah Jireh, our Provider. We could paraphrase this and call Him, Jehovah Jireh, the God Who is more than enough!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Scripture: John 16:12 NCV

In John 16:12 the New Century Version says, *"I have many things to say to you, but they are too much for you now."* The God of too much consistently demonstrates Himself in scripture not only in things to come but in other life arenas as the God Who is too much. This passage tells us Who He longs to be and what He longs to demonstrate and show us. God has many things to show us for the last days and revealing Himself as too much for our adversary is one of them!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:11 NCV

In 1 Corinthians 9:11 the New Century Version says, *"This is because when you eat, each person eats without waiting for the others. Some people do not get enough to eat, while others have too much to drink."* This is a rebuke concerning communion. It shows us the excesses of the Corinthian church. The church at Corinth was going to excess in the flesh. What God wanted to demonstrate to them was that He could be too much in the Spirit but they wandered off into partaking of too much in the natural. They went exactly the opposite way that God wanted them to go. He was trying to show them that He could be too much in revelation. He could overwhelm them by showing them things to come. He could be too much in supply as well as be too much to their enemies. Over and over again in situation after situation God was willing to show Himself as the God of too much so that they would marvel and be amazed at His goodness! Does God want to show us His goodness today? I believe He does. We probably need to see it to really know Him and to prepare to represent Him in the days ahead. We need to get to know the God Who can be too much!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Scripture: Philippians 4:12 GNT

In the Good News Translation Philippians 4:12 says, *"I know what it is to be in need and what it is to have more than enough. I have learned this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little."* Is that our testimony? Paul learned to walk in that place. He learned to walk with too much. He learned to walk with too little. And he learned to be content in that process. What a valuable lesson! Have we learned to walk with the God Who is too much? It is a joy to do that when He is supply for others out of our abundance! Have we learned that? It is a very important lesson and one that we may well need in the last days.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 22:14-16 MSG

1 Chronicles 22:14 in The Message Bible says, *"Look at this—I've gone to a lot of trouble to stockpile materials for the sanctuary of God: a hundred thousand talents (3,775 tons) of gold, a million talents (37,750 tons) of silver, tons of bronze and iron—too much to weigh—and all this timber and stone. And you're free to add more."* When it came to the preparation for the temple, King David experienced the God of too much. Since this is a type and shadow temple should we not expect to experience too much in God's preparation. This principle is included in the Word for a reason. Jesus died for living stones that make up the living temple which comes down out of heaven and fastens itself to the earth. If God did this for a type and shadow temple how much more would He do for a living temple made of eternal stones? Now that is a question we need to ask ourselves and adjust our faith accordingly.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Scripture: Exodus 6:1-7

Exodus 6:1-7 says, *"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.' And God spoke to Moses and said to him: 'I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord I was not known to them. I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their*

pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.'" Praying in the Spirit has a component at times of crying out over financial bondages. There is also the issue of funding prophetic vision through financial judgments. Jesus warned about hoarding and the greatest judgment on hoarding is found in James 5:3, *"Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days."* If praying in the Spirit contributes to calling God's will into existence, then by doing so, we may well be initiating the greatest wealth transfer in history! Justice demands that the anti-Christ hoarders lose their wealth. Let's pray that it begins with those billionaires who are presently involved in funding great evil. A good place to start is with the activist-wealthy that fund that which leads to national destruction! Psalm 119:126 says, *"It is time for You to act, O Lord, For they have regarded Your law as void."*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Scripture: Exodus 9:15-23

Do our cries in prayer move God's Hand in judgment: Crying out in tongues may very well be moving God's Hand in judgment just as Israel did when they cried out from their bondage in Egypt. Exodus 9:15-23 says, *"Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth. But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth. As yet you exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let them go. Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now. Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die.'* He who feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses. But he who did not regard the word of the Lord left his servants and his livestock in the field. Then the Lord said to Moses, *'Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt—on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.'* And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt." Here we see God beginning to accelerate His manifestations of judgment. But He does it in such a way as to spare those who have become believers through the previous six judgments. The seventh judgment is so severe that it comes with mercy for all those who have begun to fear the word of the Lord that was in Moses' mouth. Because we know the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, then these judgments invite wisdom for Egyptians who begin to revere and fear God because of these judgments. And that is what we see here. Those who feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh caused their household and livestock to take cover. Those who did not regard the word of the Lord left their servants and their livestock in the field. In judgment number seven we see some among Pharaoh's servants actually feared the Lord. The judgments won respect and belief from some of the servants of Pharaoh and certainly some of the Egyptian people. God is not only setting His people free, He is creating an opportunity to believe for everyone involved. The opportunity for salvation is coming through these divine judicial interventions. In the NIV Isaiah 26:9b says, *"...When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness."* Praying God's judicial Hand to fall brings salvation to some and destruction to others. Praying in tongues will put us in a place for the wise counsel of God to craft the judicial prayers that produce fruit and freedom.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Scripture: Exodus 9:24-28

Exodus 9:24-28 says, *"So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail. And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, 'I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked. Entreat the Lord, that there*

may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.” There was no hail in the land of Goshen among the children of Israel and within the boundaries of the Egyptians for those who feared the word of the Lord their livestock and their workers were saved. Now notice what this judgment brought. This judgment brought fleeting repentance to Pharaoh himself. Verse 27 says, *“And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, ‘I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked.’”* Now that is a major step in the right direction. Pharaoh goes on to say, entreat the Lord that there may be no more mighty thunderings and hail for it is too much. The Net Bible translates verse 28, *“Pray to the LORD, for the mighty thunderings and hail are too much! I will release you and you will stay no longer.”* Where is the God who is too much against our enemies? Moses walked with Him! David did! Why haven’t we? It is Bible, it is scripture and it is Word! Is it possible we have been paying the price in our circumstances while the wicked fill the cup of iniquity so the written prophetic judgments may be initiated? Every believer who experiences lack while the wicked hoard can be praying in the Spirit and calling forth God’s perfect storm of judicial intervention that separates the wicked from their wealth. What if God’s intervention in the last election was a judgment on the establishment of both political parties to initiate such a promised transfer?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Scripture: Deuteronomy 17:6-9

Verses 8 and 9 in this passage are very important for us. These verses say, *“If a matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, between one judgment or another, or between one punishment or another, matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the Lord your God chooses. And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge there in those days, and inquire of them; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment.”* If a matter arises which is too much for you to judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, between one judgment or another, or between one punishment or another, matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the LORD your God chooses. *“And you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge there in those days, and inquire of them; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment.”* If there was ever a purpose for tongues, it is to pray and seek out the judicial wisdom of God and the application we are to make. How should we pray over wayward Supreme Court justices and federal judges who legislate from the bench? God gave us tongues to pray and scripture bids us to pray. We have seen what God did for Moses! We have seen what God did for King David! And we are charged in Scripture to pray judicially. We have a covenant in which God will demonstrate that He is too much for the enemy. Over and over again we have seen that. We can pray judicially and expect God to eventually change things. God is a just Judge. Crying out for just judgment on leaders who condone shedding innocent blood, redefining marriage and standing against Israel deserve the full measure of God’s dealing. As we ask pursue wisdom, God will lead. Asking God to cut them off is a privilege! But, let’s preface such radical prayers by praying in the Spirit first to lay hold of God’s heart in prayer.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Scripture: 1 Samuel 4:17-22

1 Samuel 4:17-22 says, *“So the messenger answered and said, ‘Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people. Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the ark of God has been captured.’ Then it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas’s wife, was with child, due to be delivered; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth, for her labor pains came upon her. And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, ‘Do not fear, for you have borne a son.’ But she did not answer, nor did she regard it. Then she named the child Ichabod, saying, ‘The glory has departed from Israel!’ because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. And she said, ‘The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.’”* 1 Samuel 4:19 in the NET Bible says, *“His daughter-in-law, the wife of Phineas, was pregnant and close to giving birth. When she heard that the ark of God was captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she doubled over and gave birth. But her labor pains were too much for her.”* She died! What family was this? This was the family of Eli. When judgment

came in Israel on Eli, it was too much even for his son's wife and she gave birth and immediately died. Again we see the God of too much visiting through judgment and eventually setting the nation free. God had already told Samuel what He was going to do, and God's judgment came, and it elevated Samuel as a prophet in Israel! Do we believe that God's judgment can be too much for wicked leaders? Is it not time to invite God to clean house in the church and nation? Psalm 2 says we need to kiss the Son or perish in judgment. Let's rise up to be the church in the last days that serves a God Who is too much for our enemies!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Scripture: 1 Samuel 25:17

1 Samuel 25:17 says, *"Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his household. For he is such a scoundrel that one cannot speak to him."* This is the story of Abigail and her husband Nabal who was called a child of hell. How many anti-Christ enemies populate our political parties, the judiciary, and our corporations? The Bible says God has a list of Nabals who we should be seeking Him in regard to praying judgment forth. Ezekiel 13:19 says, *"And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?"* We have a choice to intervene like Abigail did in this passage. What will we do? God's determination to bring judgment on Nabal led Abigail to intervene. She gave King David what David asked for. She not only saved King David from hastily avenging himself, but saved the innocent people in Nabal's household. As a result judgment falls on her wicked husband and due to her noble behavior she later became a wife to King David. Our Bible is full of accounts of God judging every kind of situation imaginable. King David did not have to kill Nabal and we as Christians do not have to rise up and hurt anyone. Our job is to pray Spirit-led prayers that the damage and destruction being done by wicked men comes back on their own heads, just like it did on Nabal. Our job is to pray. God's job is to demonstrate He is too much for the wicked. He knows the manner and the timing for intervention and He will act! He demonstrates that in Scripture over and over again. As we pray according to His will, He will do the same for us! Praying in tongues will lead us into God's judicial prayers, those prayers that are born of His heart!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Scripture: Job 13:21 NKJV, MSG

Job 13:21 says, *"Withdraw Your hand far from me, And let not the dread of You make me afraid."* In the Message translation it says, *"...the terror is too much for me."* The Message Bible shows us one of the great prayers of God that is biblical and it is a prayer for affliction on the enemies of God to match their destruction they are doing in the land. Visit them according to their iniquity. Visit them according to their works. Reward them according to their works. Revelation 22 says that is exactly what Jesus is coming to do in the Last Days. He rewards people according to their works. If affliction saved a king worse than Ahab named Manasseh why would it not save us today! Praying the judicial affliction of God is biblical and it is available. It is a divine strategy for removing the wicked who are coming against God's saints and God's purposes. I believe as we step out in obedience that God will honor our Spirit-led prayers!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Scripture: Job 31:23 HCSB

Job 21:23 says, *"For disaster from God terrifies me, and because of His majesty I could not do these things."* The NIV puts it this way, *"For I dreaded destruction from God, and for fear of his splendor I could not do such things."* Now this is a verse we can pray over judges or any other evil leaders. These are prayer strategies that work and we need to start employing them remembering each time that we do that it is for the purpose of salvation. God is ready, are we?

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Scripture: Job 37:23-24, Colossians 1:25-28

Job 37:23-24, *"As for the Almighty, we cannot find Him; He is excellent in power, In judgment and abundant justice; He does not oppress. Therefore men fear Him; He shows no partiality to any who are wise of heart."* One version

says He is too much. This passage says volumes about Who He is and Who He is ready to be. He is truly excellent in judgment and in abundant justice. God is ready to show off in our behalf but it is up to us to ask Him. We have to call forth the judicial Hand of God to save us exactly like the Israelites called on God to save them from the bondage of Egypt. The same God, the same judgment. Why are we waiting? We need to step out with a listening ear and be willing and obedient to pray this way at God's direction! Colossians 1:25-28 says, *"...of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."* This passage speaks to the fact that through God's wisdom we grow up unto Him. His wisdom leads us to the God Who is too much. He has a pattern in Scripture. He is there for us. He is ready to move in our behalf and surely we are ready to tap into the fullness of what He's offering always remembering that it's **His eternal purposes** and not our flesh or personal revenge as our prayer-goal!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Scripture: Colossians 2:1-3, 9-10

Colossians 2:1-3 says *"For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."* Verses 9-10 state, *"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."* Verse 9 tells us that in Christ dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily and goes on to say, we are complete in Him. Verse 10 declares we are the visible action of the Godhead. Are we representing Christ in fullness? God's purpose for us is to prove to principalities and powers that they do not rule! God rules through His church! Isn't it time to develop and utilize the gift of praying in tongues and discover what our part is!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Scripture: Colossians 4:1-4

Colossians 4:1-4 says, *"Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak."* God has placed many prayer passages, His own prayers right from the Bible, that serve as guidelines for our prayers. But beyond that, they are Word-prayers that can become so much a part of our heart and walk that they will come forth in our prayer closet just as they were written. His Word is just as much ours today as it was for the early church. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. The early church prayed, God heard and the world saw! Is this not the pattern of Scripture? Ask God to judge Nabals! May their wealth be transferred to the church for God's purposes!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7-14

Ephesians makes the will of God for the church very clear. In verses 7-14 we are told, *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."* We have

redemption. We have forgiveness of sin. We have the riches of His grace. We have His wisdom and prudence. We have the mystery of His will revealed to us. We are coming into the fullness of times. We have obtained an inheritance. We were destined to see it and we know that it is real by the witness of the Holy Spirit. That is what Ephesians is telling us. Moses walked in an awesome anointing that was needed in his generation. And as we walk in maturity and obedience the anointing needed in our times will be available to us. Praying in tongues will unlock mysteries! Jesus guaranteed us the Davidic covenant. What are we doing? Are we committed to growth and maturity and serious about prayer? It is time we said yes to the Lord and begin to pray that this fullness would come forth. Let God arise and His enemies be scattered!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Scripture: Ephesians 3:3-9

Ephesians 3:3-9 says, *“How that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship[a] of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;...”* Paul is declaring the revelation that God gave him by the Spirit. He is proclaiming that you and I can understand that revelation and walk in it. He declares that the Gentiles are fellow heirs with the Jews and that walking in Christian maturity qualifies us just as much today as it did for believers in the days of old. And our anointing is to make all people see what is the fellowship of the mystery which was hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ. Surely God is ready to do for us what He did in Scripture. Praying these strategies out in our heavenly language is a wise way to embrace all God has for us!

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