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Prayer That Produces June 16, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

The Lord is continuing to examine our hearts and how we think. On Sunday the Lord opened my eyes to see that the open heaven was no longer fully open. I saw places of open heaven but more areas were covered. But the covering was not from the enemy or principalities in the region. The places of covering were places where sin and wrong mindsets were being concealed or hidden. The places of concealment were keeping the Spirit of God out.

I heard the Spirit of God say that hearts have not been totally transparent. There are places where you are moving forward in presumption but in My mercy I have stopped you to bring a reset of understanding and knowledge of who I am and who you are. The work in your heart is not finished. The axe is at the root to cut out what must be removed – those things that have been concealed and that you have been in denial that they exist. But now I am opening your eyes to see the inaccuracy so I can cut it out. Let your heart be broken before Me. Do not be afraid. I love you with an everlasting love that does not diminish. I am your hope and I will show you the WAY of advancement and increase. This is a place of reforming and purifying.

Prophet Lana Vawser shared, "One of the greatest prayers that you can pray right now is 'Lord tenderize my heart.' The Lord showed me that in this season the body of Christ will either sit in two positions. The position of embracing the move of the Lord to bring tenderizing in deeper ways to the hearts of His people, or they will stand in the place of stubbornness before the Lord. I heard the Lord say, 'I am going to shock My people into alignment.'"

James 1.2-8 NIV

² **Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,** ³ because you know that **the testing of your faith produces perseverance.** ⁴ **Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete,** not lacking anything. ⁵ **If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God,** who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But **when you ask, you must believe and not doubt,** because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

The word doubt is made up of two Greek words. The first word "dia" means to separate or divide and "terimo" means to discern. So when we doubt we fail to separate and rightly divide, failing to discern the real deal.

James 1.13-15 NIV

¹³ When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but **each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire** and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, **after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.**

I have evil desires? Oh, I don't like to think about that! What are evil desires? They are longings and passions that create a state of mind. Evil desires become entwined in our belief system. Evil desires are longings and passions that does not align with God.

The word in James says that evil desires conceive and give birth. How does that happen? Picture it this way – evil desires are like viper eggs. A viper is a venomous snake with large hinged fangs. It has a ferocious deadly bite. Evil desires are thoughts that came from Satan who came as a snake to put thoughts in Eve's mind in the Garden. I could see that on the inside of us – we have viper eggs that are hidden. How does desire conceive? When we come into agreement with evil desire, agreement is the sperm that fertilizes the egg and now the desire has conceived and gives birth to sin. Look again at Eve. She came into agreement with the thought that the fruit on the tree of knowledge of good and evil looked good to eat. Evil desire or the viper egg was fertilized and it gave birth to sin that led to death.

Isaiah 59.4-5 NIV

⁴No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. **They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.** ⁵**They hatch the eggs of vipers** and spin a spider's web. **Whoever eats their eggs will die, and when one is broken, an adder is hatched.**

Going back to what Holy Spirit showed me in the spirit realm, that in our heart we have concealed places that are blocking the Spirit of God from moving in our lives. These concealed places are thoughts and ways of believing that do not align with God. They make us stubborn and resistant – we actually oppose God in those places. God wants our hearts to be tender like His. This is a time of purifying.

Psalm 24.3-4 NIV

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴**The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.**

James 4.7-10 NIV

⁷**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil,** and he will flee from you. ⁸**Come near to God and he will come near to you.** Wash your hands, you sinners, and **purify your hearts, you double-minded.** ⁹Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

¹⁰**Humble yourselves before the Lord,** and he will lift you up.

James 5.16 KJV

¹⁶Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

Prophetically, God is calling His body to stand as the ekklesia, the governing voice in the earth to decree His word that will impact and shift the nations. We are given the opportunity to pray prayers that are productive. Prayers that bring change into an environment. Prayers that cover a city and shift a nation. Prayers that release healing. Prayers that deliver. Prayers that raise the dead. Prayers that break oppression. Prayers that reveal Jesus Christ. Prayers that release God's kingdom.

The whole book of James confronts your thinking and your speaking so that you are prepared to speak as God's voice in the earth.

We thank God that in Detroit our mayor and police chief have governed with wisdom and discernment, that the demonstrations by protestors calling for change have been peaceful and orderly. We continue to exalt the Lord over our city and nation. We enthrone Him in our praises. We declare His glory and His name. The Lord is good and His mercies endure forever. His throne is rooted in righteousness and justice. He is the sure foundation for our times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge. The Lord is the Mighty One. For the Lord is our judge. The Lord is our lawgiver. The Lord is our King; it is He who will save us. We lift up our eyes – where does our help come from? Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Direct this city and nation according to Your word. Let no sin rule over our land and the people.