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Mighty Prevailing Prayer: Experiencing the Power of Answered Prayer

22. Chapter 19: God Honors United Prayer

This chapter argues that Christians praying together—not just alone—unlocks special power. It distinguishes united prayer (many joining in one intercession) from simply agreeing on the same request, and shows through Scripture and church history how corporate prayer fuels revival.

Key takeaways

- United prayer can happen in regular services, midweek meetings, or special prayer gatherings—but the danger is spending all the time singing, teaching, or talking about needs instead of actually interceding.
- The early church was built on prayer meetings: the ten days before Pentecost, daily gatherings (Acts 2:42), and the shaken room in Acts 4:31.
- Four blessings flow from praying together: the spirit of prayer deepens, love and unity intensify, faith is strengthened, and spiritual power is multiplied.
- Disunity blocks prevailing prayer. We must humble ourselves and restore relationships before God will answer—illustrated by two Indian missionaries who reconciled and then both saw revival within a year.

- Prayer power seems not just added but multiplied when believers unite—Scripture pictures one chasing a thousand, two chasing ten thousand.
- Church history repeatedly ties revival to united prayer: Carey, Wilberforce, Edwards, Finney, Moody, Spurgeon, and modern movements in Mexico, India, and Korea.

Passages worth keeping

“No great spiritual awakening has begun anywhere in the world apart from united prayer—Christians persistently praying for revival.”

Orr's summary line stating the chapter's central claim

How it connects

The chapter roots corporate prayer in Christ's promise (Matt. 18:19) and models it on Pentecost and Acts 4, presenting revival throughout history as the recurring fruit of Christians persistently praying together.

Scripture referenced

- **Acts 4:31** -- united prayer shakes the room; believers filled with the Spirit
- **Matt. 18:19** -- two agreeing in prayer receive from the Father
- **1 Peter 3:7** -- disunity in the home hinders prayer

- **Deut. 32:30 / Lev. 26:8** -- multiplied power—one chases a thousand, two ten thousand
- **2 Chron. 20** -- united praise routs Ammon, Moab, and Seir without a battle
- **Rom. 15:30** -- Paul begs believers to join his struggle in prayer