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Mighty Prevailing Prayer: Experiencing the Power of Answered Prayer

23. The Prayer of Agreement

This chapter unpacks Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18:18-20 that when believers truly agree in prayer, God acts with special power. Agreement in prayer is the highest form of united prayer, made effective by Christ's own presence among those who pray. The chapter ends with practical steps for reaching real heart-agreement, not just verbal agreement.

Key takeaways

- Jesus taught three linked kingdom laws: God's people can bind and loose, have special power when they agree in prayer, and are assured Christ is present when they gather (Matt. 18:18-20).
- The Greek word for 'agree' is *symphoneo* — 'sound together,' like a symphony. Real agreement means total harmony of heart, not mere verbal consent.
- United prayer multiplies power rather than just adding it; even two or three in true accord outweigh thousands praying without unity.
- Praying 'in my name' means entering into all Christ is — sharing His love, will, and priorities — which gives confidence and authority.

- The Holy Spirit works most freely where there is unity; disunity grieves Him more than almost anything but deliberate sin.
- Eight steps toward true agreement: agree on the need, hunger for the answer, give God liberty to work, discern His will, claim a promise, hold determined faith until the answer comes, obey what God shows, and give Him all the glory.

Passages worth keeping

“Whenever two meet together, there are really three. When three meet together, there are really four.”

Captures the chapter's core point — Christ Himself joins every agreed prayer.

How it connects

The chapter frames prayer as spiritual warfare: the name of Jesus is the 'missile' that breaks through Satan's blockade, and unity is what gives the Spirit freedom to enforce Christ's authority.

Scripture referenced

- **Matthew 18:18-20** -- The central text: binding/loosing, agreement, and Christ's presence
- **Matthew 7:7** -- If one who asks receives, how much more when several ask together

- **Hebrews 7:25** -- Christ lives to intercede, joining our prayers
- **Isaiah 55:8-9** -- God's ways are higher — give Him liberty to answer His way
- **Acts 2:39** -- 'The promise is for you' — claiming a promise personally