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Mighty Prevailing Prayer: Experiencing the Power of Answered Prayer

47. Will You Become Mighty in Prayer?

The closing chapter turns the book's teaching back on the reader and presses a decision: will you actually become a person of prevailing prayer? It insists that reading alone changes nothing — only the Holy Spirit makes prayer prevail, working in and through a surrendered life.

Key takeaways

- Prevailing prayer is the Spirit's work, not human effort or holiness; you learn to pray by praying, but only the Spirit teaches you to prevail.
- Your weakness is not a barrier — the Spirit helps you when you don't know how to pray and intercedes with groans too deep for words.
- God needs many cooperating intercessors: put one hand on the throne of grace and the other on the world's need, as Moses, Daniel, Wesley, and others did.
- Concrete steps: get God's vision for people, plead the Spirit's help, be filled with the Spirit, and keep filled by waiting on God and feeding on His Word.

- Power gets depleted like fuel, not broken like an engine — it must be renewed again and again by going alone with God.
- Coldness is no excuse; cast yourself on God even when you feel dead in prayer, and He will teach you to pray.

Passages worth keeping

“It is not for you to see how much you can do for God. It is for you to see how much more of God you can get into your praying.”

Reframes prayer power as dependence on the Spirit, not self-effort.

“We work when we ought to pray, because to an active mind work is far easier than prayer.”

J. C. Ryle's warning against substituting busyness for prayer.

How it connects

The chapter frames the reader as the next name in a line running from Moses and Daniel through Wesley, Finney, and Brainerd — the call is to join that succession of intercessors, not just admire it.

Scripture referenced

- **Rom. 8:26** -- The Spirit helps our weakness and intercedes with wordless groans.
- **1 Tim. 2:5** -- One Mediator, Christ — yet God uses many intercessory mediators.

- **Luke 11:13** -- The Father gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask.
- **Isa. 40:31** -- Waiting on God renews strength.
- **Col. 1:29** -- Praying by His energy working powerfully within.