

5. The Prayer of Thanksgiving & Prayer of Binding & Loosing

The Different Kinds of Prayer Series

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- i. Prayer is at the heart of our relationship with God, it involves **communicating** with Him, *talking & listening to Him!*
- ii. Prayer also involves us as believers **accessing our inheritance and releasing the power of God to see His kingdom come** His will done in our lives, in our families as well as on the earth.

Ephesians 6:18 BSB *Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition. To this end, stay alert ...*

Satan does not want us to understand the *different Kinds of Prayer*. He wants to shut down our voice! Because the power of God is voice activated! Angels are waiting for our voice ... (Psalm 103:20), heeding the voice of His Word.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving & Binding & Loosing are two powerful Prayers that shift things in the heavenlies!

1. Jesus addressed and stirred up the demonic realm

Luke 4:31-34 ... *And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.*³³ *Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,*³⁴ *saying, “**Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!**”*

2. Jesus taught, the devil is a thief who comes to steal, kill, and to destroy (John 10:10)

3. Jesus said that we first need to bind the strong man

Matthew 12:29 *Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, **unless he first binds the strong man?** And then he will plunder his house.*

4. Paul taught that we wrestle not against flesh and blood!

Ephesians 6:12 *we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ... **praying with all kinds of prayer***

5. Peter the apostle told us to ... **Be alert and of sober mind**

1 Peter 5:8 *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

Ephesians 4:2 KJ *...neither **give place** (topos) to the devil...*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Thanksgiving is a powerful Prayer that accompanies all other kinds of prayer, being used before and after prayer is made. The Prayer Thanksgiving is more than a type of Prayer it’s a lifestyle!

1. The Prayer of Thanksgiving focuses on the Greatness of our God

1 Chronicles 29:11 *Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head over all.*

2. God inhabits the thanksgiving and praises of His people

Psalm 22:3 WEB *But You are holy, **You who inhabit the praises** of Israel.*

God is omnipresent, however, His manifest presence “inhabits, settles on, remains” on those who adopt heavens lifestyle of thanksgiving. When God’s presence is manifest: burdens are removed and yokes are destroyed, victories are wrought and the enemy is cast out – because of the anointing. (Isaiah 10:27)

3. Our Thanksgiving and praise silences the foe and the avenger

Psalm 8:1-2 NIV *Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory in the heavens. 2 Through the praise of children and infants You have established a stronghold against Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.*

4. The Prayer of Thanksgiving and praise goes hand in hand with Warfare!

Psalm 149:6-9 *Let the **high praises of God be in their mouth**, and a **two-edged sword in their hand**, 7 to **execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples**; 8 to **bind their kings with chains**, and their nobles with **fetters of iron**; to execute on them the written judgment—this honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord!*

High Praises takes God's position of victory, binds the enemy and executes on the enemy the judgment that is written.

The Prayer of Binding & Loosing

The basis for using the Prayer of Binding & Loosing, "to execute God's written judgment" is to know our legal authority!

1. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil

1 John 3:8b NKJV Ampl *For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy undo, loosen, and dissolve the works of the devil.*

2. All authority belongs to Jesus Christ in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18-20)

3. Jesus Christ has delegated His authority to the believers!

Luke 10:19 *Behold, **I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

Matthew 16:18. ... *on this rock I will build My church, and **the gates of Hades** shall not prevail against it.*

This is our 'legal' position! "Gates" speak of governmental authority

4. Jesus has given us the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Matt 16:19) "the keeper of the keys has power to open & shut"

Matthew 16:19 ... *and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

'bind' – 'deo' – 'to tie, wind, fasten with chains, put under obligation of the law

'loose' – 'luo' – 'break (up), destroy, dissolve, (un) loose, put off'

Matthew 18:18 NLT ... ***whatever you forbid** on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and **whatever you permit** on earth will be permitted in heaven*

Matthew 16:19 NCV ... *the things you don't allow on earth will be the things that God does not allow, and the things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows.*

Some Christians are waiting for God to do something about the devil! God is waiting for us!

5. We execute the written judgment on demonic spirits

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6. **Personal: How to use the Prayer of Binding & Loosing** – Use your authority to bind, stop, forbid demonic activity. The Word is our LEGAL DOCUMENT, quote it back to Satan *in the same way Jesus did!*

7. **Ministry: How to use the Prayer of Binding & Loosing for others** – Keep in mind that you cannot bind a person's will or force a person to follow Christ, but you can *bind the spirit* that are blinding the person. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

8. **Know the span/extent of our spiritual authority** – Eg Nehemiah; rebuilding the Wall! David; lion & bears, Goliath
People can step out beyond their scope of spiritual authority and get themselves into trouble.

9. **Finish with thanksgiving – declaring who God Is** (1 Chronicles 29:11)