

## House of Prayer – Sun. Morning, October 12, 2014

**Thesis:** Make God's House A House of Prayer!

**Song Leading in:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

### Introduction:

"The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings. So is the prayer meeting a grace-ometer, and from it we may judge of the amount of divine working among a people. If God be near a church, it must pray. And if He be not there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be slothfulness in prayer."

*Charles Spurgeon, 1800's British Baptist Preacher*

### I. Come All to My House of Prayer (Isaiah 56: 3 – 8)

3 Do not let the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord speak, saying, "The Lord has utterly separated me from His people"; Nor let the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree."

4 For thus says the Lord: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, & choose what pleases Me, & hold fast My covenant, 5 Even to them I will give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

6 "Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant—

7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him others besides those who are gathered to him."

Pray for the lonely, the outcast, the broken hearted, the addict, the ex - convict, the alcoholic to come to God's House of Prayer.



## II. Power Results Through God's House of Prayer

Summary of Acts 4: 1 - 22

The Apostles Peter and John had performed a miraculous healing. The Chief Priests, rulers, elders and scribes brought them before them and warned them to no more speak of Jesus. Peter and John said they could only do what God told them to do. Peter and John went back to their companions (or church).

(Acts 4: 23 – 31)

23 And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

25 who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, and the people plot vain things?

26 The kings of the earth took their stand, & the rulers were gathered together against the Lord & against His Christ.'

27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together

28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, & grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.



### (Acts 12: 5 – 11)

5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; & the guards before the door were keeping the prison.

7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, & a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" & his chains fell off his hands.

8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me."

9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod & from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

Discover the power that results in genuine prayer together. Discover God's desire, God's purpose, God's plan through His House of Prayer.

### III. Results of Not Being God's House of Prayer (Psalm 69:9)

Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up,  
And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.



### (John 2: 13 – 17)

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.

15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

### (Psalm 2:12)

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

God meant it, He wants His House to be a corporate House of Prayer.

### Conclusion:

It's said that you can tell the popularity of the church by the number who show up on Sunday morning; you can tell the popularity of the church's pastor by the number who show up on Sunday night; and you can tell the popularity of Jesus by the number who show up to the prayer meeting.

Come Meet With Jesus Through Corporate Prayer  
As We Make His House a House of Prayer!

Pastor's Proposition for Next Week's S.S.