

Prayer Summit - Part 7 by Gerhard Dutoit

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of prayer, the burden of God, and the inner chamber as essential for living a life under the anointing of the Spirit of God and experiencing spiritual growth and maturity.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of living a life under the anointing of the Spirit of God, inviting believers to seek God's presence through prayer and fasting, and to experience the power of the blood of Jesus for cleansing and purification. It highlights the significance of inner brokenness, redemption, reconciliation, and sanctification through the blood of Christ, encouraging believers to abide in Christ and allow His Spirit to transform their hearts and minds.

Transcript

Okay, wonderful. Can we close that door? Yes, I'm going to close. I'm just going to clean up the coffee and then I will close it.

Okay, just a couple of things. Andrew, what time is this thing tonight? Tonight for the leadership thing it's at 6.30. 6.30. Can I invite these other people? Sure. Is there any of you that are here, we need some material that they want to give you.

If you're free tonight at 6.30 and you would like, I'm speaking on this whole concept of what does it mean to live a life under the anointing of the spirit of God? So if you're free, is that okay, Andrew? Yeah, yeah, more or less. Okay, can you turn that thing off because then they think I'm going to overrule you. So can you rewind it? Oh, sorry.

So here we are. If you're free at 6.30, come and join us. And if you don't come at 6.30 tonight, you'll be out of the will of God and on your own.

So Andrew, brutal, you know. No pressure. People say to me sometimes, I can't be there tonight but I'll be there in my spirit.

No pressure. So then I say to them, just tell me where your spirit is. Just tell me where your spirit is sitting and I'll keep this part open for you.

And then tomorrow night we meet at what time? 6.30. We're having a prayer summit tomorrow night and these prayer summits are quite amazing because what we do, we have segments of prayer and we take things systematically and ask God to help us to pray these things through. And you know, there's a number of things. I've got something turning in my heart.

I don't know if any of you were ever around, but in 2009, we brought 60 churches together in Moncton at the new Wesleyan church that was just building. And we had the 2009 prayer encounter. And man, I would never forget those days.

Some evenings, we got to a place where the place was so packed out that we had to put chairs on the platform and I got all the pastors so that we could make room. And every night it was just growing and growing. And then the mornings came and some of those mornings we had 200 plus people that came to spend the mornings contemplating the Old Testament and prayer and praying together.

And so I was thinking of a city, I thought, God, you know, who knows, maybe at some point we can take this upon our hearts, systematically pray it through. How dare you do something that hasn't been saturated in the presence of God. You know, I mean, it's awful.

But take some time, maybe a year or two to pray it through and who knows, maybe God will allow us to do something like that in Halifax. So, let's pray. Heavenly Father, I thank you.

We are so grateful this morning. What an encouragement to know that you have said to us that this is the confidence that we have in you. That if we ask anything according to your will, that you are listening to us.

And if we know that you are listening to us, we know that we are those things that we are asking of you because we are asking in the will of God. Thank you that you have said to us in your word, be anxious or be careful of nothing. But in everything, my prayer and my supplication were thanksgiving.

Let your request be made known unto God. Thank you that you have said to us, we have not because we ask not. And you said to us that the reason why we don't have is because we ask that which is outside of your will.

And I pray this morning that, and this weekend that we spend together, that somehow you will give us an understanding or a perception of what does it mean not just to live in the will of God, but what does it mean to pray in the will of God. Father, thank you that you said to us that you beseech us by the mercies of God that we present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto you. And you said to us that this is our reasonable service.

And then you didn't stop there and you said, be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that we will be able to prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. And we want to be passionate about the will of God because we know that it will cost us more to miss it than it will cost us to find it. And we want to find the will of God, we want to follow it.

And Father God, we want to finish it because we want to do what you want us to do so that we can be at your disposal. Now Lord, we are surrounded with the immensity of the depth of the promises of what the word of God is all about as it relates to prayer. And when you say to us that men are always to pray and

not to faint, I sometimes wonder in my heart that if we don't learn the language of prayer, that the consequences is that spiritually speaking, we would find ourselves just fainting with the impossibility to face the battle.

Thank you that you have said that this kind can only go out by prayer and fasting and that sometimes that the onslaughts of the evil one is so brutal that we need to set ourselves apart and really linger in the greatness of the presence of God so that we can discover the beauty of what it means to experience the fulfillment of the nature of the character of God as it relates to prayer. Lord, there is so much and we are only scratching the surface these days. And I was still thinking in my heart, oh I wish we could have had a day of prayer and fasting and share some of these beautiful nuggets in between so that when the seed of your word comes in, we expose ourselves to the communication of the truth of the word, that the spirit of God will come and fertilize the seed of your word and so that it will bring forth into our lives the manifestation of the life of your word.

Oh God, we want to become walking Bibles. We want to become the revelation of the unfolding of an atmosphere and a fragrance of the beauty of the presence of God. We want to have that something of when you said to us in Hebrews chapter 12, let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Thank you for this word patience, that it really means to hold courageously on a consistent fire, looking unto Jesus, the offerer and the finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and sitting down at the right hand of the throne of God. And then you said, consider him. Oh God, we pray.

Help us to come to this place of the inner chamber where if we take care of the gazing, you're going to take care of the growing in our intimacies and our relationships with you. Thank you that the Apostle Paul said that as we in a glass or in a mirror are in the process of beholding the glory of the Lord Jesus, we find ourselves being transformed from one degree of glory into the other, as by the spirit of the Lord. Oh God, we don't want to be the same.

We don't want to be like those little fishes we have up in the lakes of British Columbia, which we call Coconii, because they became landlocked salmon and they never got down to the ocean where they could become 30 to 40 pounds and find their way back up into the rivers and come to the place where they were born and lay their eggs and then they die because life comes out of death. But they lost their way in the lakes of British Columbia and they never got to the ocean because they got stuck in the lake. God, I don't want to get stuck in the lake.

We want to grow and we ask that you would help us to grow in these levels of intimacy with you. There's so much to explore when it comes to the beauty of what this is about. In Jesus' name.

Amen. So, you know, I'm very tempted to just go on and bypass these two concepts, which I don't really like to do, but let me just say this to you. When we are in this inner chamber, and my daughter often says to me, Papa, how does this work? Because I told the young people last night that I learned to pray in a mountain in our farm in Africa with six African black pastors.

And I shared with them the story of how, say at the end of my first year in theological school and went back to the farm for our December vacation. We were in a cattle ranch with about 9,000 acres in the African bush, felt close to Mozambique. And I came back in the kitchen one day, a house one day from the town, and it was a big old farmhouse.

And my mother turned to me and said, there's this African pastor who wants to see you in your little cottage, the cottage about 50 yards from our farmhouse. And so I said to mother, what does he want? And she said, I don't know. And I walked in, and I shook hands with him, and I said to him, we're going to discuss theology.

And he said, no, no. I said, what are we going to do? And he said, we're going to be involved in neology. You ever heard that? And he got on his knees to pray.

Pietro Smalipa, just a short little pastor, he was in his 60s. And he climbed underneath the burden of God in prayer. You know, the Hebrew word is the word *masal*.

And we're probably touching it on Monday mornings. The burden of God, the systematic outflow of the burden of God is that the burden of God is based upon revelation. The burden of God brings brokenness.

And it's a great thing when we begin to live a broken Christian life. Because what happens to us, we see people the way that God sees them. You know, I was sharing with a student some time ago about this priest who was on an island with lepers.

And he didn't have leprosy. And he was their chaplain of pastoral care. And he kept saying to them every time we speak to them, he said, my friends, good morning.

And this morning, my friends, I'm going to talk to you about this. And he always told them he's friends. And then one morning in the kitchen, he was in the kitchen, there was a pot of boiling hot water.

And as they were in the kitchen, something went wrong. And that pot of boiling hot water came down from the stove and fell right on his feet. And he was screaming at the top of his voice.

And it was an awful thing. And the lepers came to surround him. And they said, oh, it must be awful.

And the pain must be absolutely terrible. And they were just trying to say to him how sorry they are. And then everything settled down.

And he turned to them. And he said to them, I didn't scream because of the boiling water and the pain on my feet. He said, the reason why I was screaming is because I didn't feel anything.

So we had leprosy. So that night, he got up and he began to speak to them. And he said to them, my brothers and my sisters, it's the first time they ever listened to me.

I don't know if we can mean anything for God if our heart is not broken before God. Brokenness has got two aspects, you know. The negative aspect of brokenness is the depth of the gravity of sin.

Awful. The beautiful aspect of brokenness, positively, is an understanding between the life that Jesus had with his father. Go to the Gospel of John.

Every time when he spoke of the father and the father spoke of him, there is a relationship there where he said, the son can do nothing unless he sees the father doing it. My father worked up to this point and he said, so do I. Brokenness. Ever ask God to give you a broken heart? Don't do it if you don't mean it.

What's going to happen to you? He's going to wake you up at one o'clock in the morning. Suddenly the burden of God is going to be there and you can't sleep. Three o'clock in the morning, the burden of God

just comes with sin.

We were in a Dutch revival. 2,000 Pastor Shamir wives in Peru a number of years ago. Wednesday morning, three o'clock, God woke me up.

The moment when God woke me up, I knew it was different. You say, how do you know that? The presence of God is everywhere. And people say, how do you define the presence of God? And I often say, I don't know if I can define it, but I know when it's not there.

I just got on my knees and my face before God, up towards the Amazon. 2,000 Pastor Shamir wives. And that morning we got together.

It was our day of prayer and fasting. And we had a time of worship and then I gave them material. 21 passages of scripture of questions.

You need to answer yes or no, yes or no. And I broke them up into groups of four to six pastors. I mean, if I take Andrew with me to Peru, I put him in a church in Lima, Peru, where he speaks nine times to 1,000 people on a Sunday.

It started at 6.30 in the morning. I mean, God has been doing some amazing things there. So you say, what happened? I gave them the material and I said, break up in groups.

I don't want to see you for an hour and a half. They took their plastic chairs and all over this campus they went. And I went and sat under a tree.

And there were about five or six pastors there. And they were praying together. And one of those little pastors got up.

He used to be the president of the denomination. And he got up and began to say things. And he just broke and he wept.

And he began to ask for forgiveness. And I was a bit of a distance away. And they speak Spanish anyway, which I couldn't understand.

But I knew God broke through. And my translator came. He's the president of a seminary in Lima, Peru.

And Francisco, by the time I came in, he said to me, Gerard. I said, yes, Francisco. He said, the spirit of God broke through there.

And I said to him, Francisco, you know, I could be a fool, but I'm not stupid. He said, what do you mean? I said, God broke through at 3 o'clock this morning in my own house. The presence of God is so real.

And after an hour and a half, we came together in this auditorium, 2,000 of them. And when we came together, no one said a word. I mean, they don't talk about anything.

It's just this hush of the holiness of God. And I was standing at the platform. And my translator came to me.

And he said to me, what is this? I said, Francisco, this is the presence of God. He said, what are we going to do? I said, I don't know. Mercy upon you if you know what to do.

He said, have you got a message? You know what I said to him? I said, I thought so, but it feels pretty rotten. And you need to be honest. And I was just standing there.

And that pastor, his name was Vicente. He planted 11 churches. Very confident man.

But he got up there, you see. And he began to ask for forgiveness from all these pastors in his circle. And God broke him.

And he was standing there. And I just pointed to him and said, Vicente, come here. And he came.

Very confident man, not that morning. I mean, he's just about to stand up. He came and he stood next to me.

And I gave him the microphone. And I said, Vicente, I said, I want you to tell them what happened there. And he just took the microphone.

And he said, God met with me. He said, I used to be your president. But I've got things to put right.

He said, I've bitten this against some of you. I was angry with some of you. He said, I couldn't stand some of you.

He said, I was jealous of some of you. And he looked at him and he said, I need your forgiveness. And brother and sister, the next moment, we were in the midst of an organized disorder in the presence of God.

Listen here. For five hours, I couldn't do a thing. Now, don't misunderstand me.

They didn't fall on their backs. They fell on their faces. So, none of this funny things going on today.

We're sobbing for five hours. The levels of restitution. I shall pass this crore an hour to one another and ask for forgiveness.

For five hours. You know what happened? They went back to their churches and in 12 months, you go and check it out. And in 12 months, they planted 60 new churches.

It was God's plan. They got in touch with me last year and they said, would you come back? I said, to do what? They said, we want to see it again. I just laughed, you know.

I said, no, I won't come back. And they said, what do you mean? I said, if you want me to come back to see it again, it will never happen. Well, they said, we think if you could come back, you were part of it.

I said, I wasn't part of it. This was God. God said, I will give my glory to no man.

And so they said, but will you come back? I said, why don't we pray for three years? I said, maybe God will allow me to come back. So, that's the beauty of what we are dealing with. When we discover this life, this inner life of the enthroned man of Christ, we discover what God has prepared for us.

Freedom. The holiest. The blood of Jesus.

Do you know, brother and sister, it's possible that God cleansed us from all conscious sin. We don't need sin in our lives to keep humble. There's a reason why the apostle John said, my little children, these things

I write unto you that you sin not.

He said, but if any man sinned, we have an advocate for the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for our sins also, but also for the sins of the whole world. You see, God doesn't save me and want me to sin for the rest of my life, and fought, worked, and everything. I mean, what's the difference then? You say, are you speaking about the sinner's perfection? No.

No. You see, when Adam and Eve were sent to the Garden of Eden, and by the way, God is the initiator of prayer, and when we say God is the initiator of prayer, He created them body, soul, and spirit, and when He created them body, soul, and spirit, why did He do that? Dr. Andrew Murray said, He created them, He gave them a body to make them conscious of their environment, He gave them a soul to make them conscious of themselves. You see, when we came to Christ, we don't lose our identity, we discover our identity in Christ, and He gave them a spirit to make them conscious of Himself.

Jesus said to the woman, God is spirit, and those that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. Now what happened? God put them in the Garden of Eden, and I always say to the students, I say, so God put them in the Garden of Eden, and I say, guess what? And they would say, what? I said, Adam and Eve were the two most beautiful people that ever was on this planet. And they say, oh, how could you say that? How do you know that? I said, there was no one else, you know.

Isn't that fascinating? Now listen here, I love this, you know. The Bible says in the Old Testament, God came at the cool of the evening, the cool of the evening. That's the Hebrew word ruach.

You say, what is that word? That's the word for spirit. So God came to have fellowship with Adam and Eve. He initiated prayer.

I don't think He missed a day. And so then sin came into the world. Now Adam and Eve, if I may say this to you, Adam and Eve had a perfect human nature.

They were innocent, there was no sin in their lives, and then God insists that the Bible says for us, by one man sin came into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men for all our sin. So what happened? When Adam and Eve sinned, and they lost the relationship with God spiritually, and they died spiritually, every one of us sits with this crooked, polluted human nature, full of sin. Now we come to Christ, and you say, what happens? God forgives us for the guilt of sin, and then we sit with the pollution of sin, and God is in the process of purifying us.

That's why John said, if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we are fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, keeps on cleansing us from all sin. You see, I can be as satisfied as the light which God has given to me in my life. God can purify me from all the sin that I'm conscious of.

Well, you see, it's that wonderful dove, you just walk and suddenly something comes and says, wow, that's bad, that's really, really bad, and you stop and you confess it. So now it comes and you introduce the inner chamber and you see, God has given us freedom to enter into the holiest through the blood of Jesus. Wow.

You know, Andrew Murray wrote a book, it's one of the ten books that we're going to pass. The first book we're going to pass is all over the world, it's called Absolute Surrender. If you can get it, read it.

When you read it, read it on your knees, otherwise you're not going to get it. The second book we gave him is *The Power of the Blood of Jesus Christ* by Andrew Murray, only 110 pages. The third book is with Christ in the School of Prayer.

The fourth one is the Holy Spirit. The fifth one is the prayer life. The sixth one is the true vine.

What does it mean to abide in Christ? And so there are ten of these books. And in this book on *The Power of the Blood*, you see in the New Testament, there are 99 references to the blood. Oh, brother and sister, I hope that you're not afraid of the blood.

Do you know that during the time of pregnancy, that the blood of the mother never came into contact with the blood of the unborn child? It's a medical proof, a medical fact. Here the Holy Spirit came, and the angel came and said to Mary, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will conceive of the Holy Spirit. And that which will be born will be called the Son of God.

So when Paul came in Romans and he spoke about the blood that was shed, he spoke about the blood of God that was shed for us on the cross. That's why it shall never lose its power. That's why when we lead someone to Christ, and we take them to the scriptures, and we see them coming to Christ, and we go take them systematically through the scriptures.

We were in Germany now with 106 students two years ago at Cape of the Rain. We saw 35 students gloriously saved. Then God came one morning, and I just stopped and I said, How many of you are here at the Cape of the Rain school, and you're not even sure if you are born again? And 35 of them put up their hands, and that evening I had an extra session.

It takes me about three hours to lead people to Christ. He said, What do you mean? You need to go through God's plan of salvation, man's condition, that man is lost. Second, listen, when you lead someone to Christ, it's the most important thing that you can do in your life.

Don't you ever mess around with it. So we look at man's condition, man is lost. With God's permission that Christ came, we look at man's responsibility, which is repentance.

And the pastor once said to me, Why do you need three hours to lead someone to Christ? You know what I say to him? It saved me so many hours in the future. You don't need to run after them. You see, they were half-born, you know.

The blood of Christ. Do you know of those 99 references, 27 of them have a possible application upon your life and my life? This is a brother in the New Testament about the blood. You say, Gerard, what is it? It's called redemption through the blood.

And the consequences of redemption through the blood is reconciliation through the blood. Sanctification through the blood. Cleansing through the blood.

Sanctification has the positive aspect. Cleansing has the negative perception of what we are doing. Listen to the writer to the Hebrews.

I love this, you know. Listen to what he said in Hebrews chapter 9. He said, How much more shall the blood of Christ. Now listen carefully.

How much more shall the blood of Christ through the eternal spirit. So why did he do that? You see, the spirit witnessed to the blood and the blood witnessed to the spirit. And he said, How much more shall the blood of Christ through the eternal spirit.

Cleanse and purify your conscience from dead works to serve a living God. He said, What is my conscience? Dr. Andrew Murray said, My conscience is not just a judge that bears down upon my actions. But he said, In my conscience it bears testimony with my relationship with God.

And God's relationship with me. And he said, When my conscience has been purified. He said, Then so is my heart.

Paul said, You know this word conscience is found 32 times in the Greek New Testament. And there are 10 different kinds of a conscience. Paul said, I'm serving God with a clean conscience.

How can I enter into the presence of God without the purification of the blood? The channel needs to be clean. Ah, you know that passage that I quoted? If we walk in the light as God is in the light. We have fellowship one with another.

And the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, keeps on present imperative mood. Keeps on cleansing us and purifying us from all sin. And you say, So how does it work? I mean, it's very, very simple.

If I take Sterling. I just met Sterling yesterday. And, you know, and I just fell in love with his, the way that he's about.

I didn't fall in love with him because his wife is in love with him. I'm not in love with him. No one would make any way, Sterling, in the mess of the world that we are living with.

But I just, I looked at him and I thought, I shouldn't have said that. Can you write that out? Anyway, if I would say to Sterling, Sterling, let's go and take a walk. And I said, I'm not going to walk with you.

Let's go and take a walk. And there's a little creek. And Sterling and myself walking outside this creek.

And then we suddenly stopped and there's a rock full of mud and all kinds of things. And I stopped there next to the rock and I said, Sterling, I want to show you something. And he said, What is it? And I take that dirty rock, that stone, full of mud or clay.

And I put it into that creek and that stream. And I put it in there and there's a tree. And I broke the branch of the tree.

And as I broke the branch of the tree and he looked at me and he thought, You know, the stupid African, I mean, what is he up to? And so then we walked on. Now he's Canadian, he wouldn't say that. Because if he says that, then I won't take him fly fishing on British Columbia.

We had one night, twenty to ten. An eleven and a half pound rainbow trout took my fly. It took me twenty five minutes to land.

You talk about intercessory prayer. And the next day we come back. And I said, Sterling, let's go for another walk.

And Sterling said, You know, I'm an old guy. I can't do that. No, we won't do that.

Anyway, and we walked alongside the same creek. And then I stopped at the place where I broke the branch and I said, Sterling, I said, Do you remember we were here yesterday? And I stopped and I put that rock, that stone full of clay and mud in the water. And he said, Yeah.

And I said, What do you think? He said, I think you are a stupid African. And I said, May God have mercy upon your poor soul. No, I wouldn't do that.

And I said, Sterling, watch this. And I put my hand in the creek and I take the rock out. And it's absolutely clean.

He said, As long as the rock is in the water, it's going to stay clean. Jesus said, If you abide in me, and I in you. You know that song we used to sing in the old days? Lie still and let him mold me.

O Lord, I will obey. You know? Watchman, he said, You need to learn to kiss the hand that is holding the knife. Oswald Chambers said, You know, sometimes it's like a ruler.

God bend us and he bend us and he bend us. And we think it's going to break. And then he bends us further.

Why would he do that? Because he was made perfect through suffering. I wish I could take you with me to Romania. And I said to the 83-year-old pastor who was twice poisoned by communism.

And the last time when he was poisoned, he didn't realize it takes four years for the poison to get out of his system. And during that four years, his wife became pregnant. This is years ago.

His wife became pregnant. And she gave birth to a total mis-formed child.

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