



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Effective Prayer (Part 4)

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THEME Effective Prayer

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

SP Daniel Foo did a recap of effective prayer and the 3 dimensions of prayer where we approach God as Father, Friend and Judge. For our own needs, we come to God in prayer as a Father who loves us and knows the best for us. As we intercede for the needs of others, we approach God as Friend (Luke 11) and Judge (Jeremiah 9:24).

This week, SP taught on the legal grounds that hinder our prayers. Satan is the adversary who brings about a lawsuit against us, before the throne of God (1 Peter 5:8). The Greek word *antidikos* (ἀντίδικος) is translated 'adversary'; *anti* meaning 'deny' and *dikos* meaning rights. He is also the accuser, *kategoros* (κατήγορος), which means the one who brings a case against someone in the judicial system. The accuser makes a complaint against us in the courts of heaven (Revelation 12:10).

SP covered the primary areas in which we give up legal ground to the adversary.

PRIMARY AREAS OF LEGAL GROUND

1. Sin, transgression, iniquity (Jeremiah 14:7)

It's important to have a clear conscience before God and man.

2. Legal ground in our bloodline

This occurs where there is blood that is shed and a life is taken, as seen when Cain murdered his brother Abel (Genesis 4:10-11). Only the blood of Jesus can reconcile all things to Himself (Colossians 1:20). It also applies to covenants and promises made by our forefathers with the occult (Isaiah 28:15) or that which have not been fulfilled. (James 5:12)

3. Words – our own judgmental words (Matthew 7:1-2)

4. Words – of those with spiritual authority (Joshua 6:26)

5. Words – of those in positions of authority (Hebrews 13:17)

The curse of the spoken word is a common area which results in unanswered prayers.

6. Motives of the heart

Hebrews 4:12-13 “The word of God is living, powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” All things are open before God.

7. Failing to Tithe (Malachi 3:8-9)

This is a form of robbing God.

8. Unresolved Relational Conflicts

We should live at peace with all men as far as is possible with us (Romans 12:18). If there is a relational conflict, we should resolve it. However, if the other party refuses to reconcile then we would have done our part (Matthew 18:15-17).

9. Failing to look after the widows, orphans and aliens in your midst (Malachi 3:5)

10. Husbands failing to honour their wives (1 Peter 3:7)

11. Failing to show mercy (James 2:13)

12. Failing to forgive (Matthew 6:14-15)

13. Grieving the Holy Spirit

Things that grieve the Holy Spirit include anger, bitterness, covetousness, foolish talk, malice, lying, laziness, selfish, unforgiving, & unkindness.

14. Quenching the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

CONCLUSION

SP rounded up by outlining the steps to seek justice from God to annul the devil’s legal case against us and encouraged the church to apply these, as appropriate, in our lives:

1. Confess the specific sins and ask for forgiveness [1 John 1:9].
2. Apply the Blood of Christ to cleanse your spirit and body [2 Corinthians 7:1].
3. Apply the Blood of Christ to cover the legal grounds given to the evil one.
4. Forgive those who caused you to sin.
5. Nullify the negative words and works of the evil one.
6. Prophetically declare and claim the specific blessings and grace.

James 5:16 is the key verse that undergirds this series on prayer. It says, “*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*” SP Dan Foo encouraged us to cultivate a heart of repentance, to always rely and depend on God, to and not lose heart to always pray (Luke 18:1).

QUESTIONS

1. How have you personally encountered God as Father, Friend and/or Judge?

2. SP Daniel Foo has outlined areas where there could be legal grounds which hinder our prayers. What are the areas that you can identify with? Seek the Lord's revelation in this.

3. What are some areas that you have been praying for but God is seemingly silent and/ or your prayers have not been answered? Take this time to pray with someone else on the areas you have identified in Q2.