

Esther 1 Final Prayer

Wednesday, April 4 2018

Lord, and I just pray that, just as an empty vessel, that You will pour, as it were, your own tears through me to drop on those that are so hungry and really do want to break past so many things that we all struggle with. And yet, Lord, to not be soft from the soaking, and to pray for ourselves in that place is hopeless. But, Lord, let Your heart and the tears of Your heart and the sweet droppings of Your oils of Your heart, when we are together without me knowing or it being about me, let it fall through me to them and touch them and emolliate and to minister and to contrast and heal all at the same time. Let our time together be precious, and let it be eternal, and let it....

This first time together, we see more of what is wrong than we see of what is right, right now. And Lord, You are not wanting me to go through the whole first and second chapter again, but to just lightly go through it and move on. So I am asking that it would quicken things, and I mean quicken to make it quicker and to bring up things that You said during those days that we were looking at these things. And the Holy Spirit bring to remembrance those things that You said so that they become Spirit and Life in us.

Lord, we love You. And we are here because we love You. We are here because we love You. We are here because there is something that wants to move closer, that wants You. And it is driving. It is moving in us, and we want to move with You and toward all that You want us to have out of this. Not more teaching, not condemnation, not anything but Jesus and an increase of Christ. And we decrease.

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Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord. Yes! Yes! We say Yes to that prayer! We say Yes. Lord. Lord. Lord! When we cry out like that, when we cry out like that, Father, it is a prayer. It is a true prayer. It is a true love for You, even in our failures. It is because we love You. It is because we want You. It is because You are everything to us.

And we hate hurting You. And we hate missing You. And we do not want that in this situation. We want to pass through this with You. And knowing when it is done that we have said we stuck with Him! We stuck with You, Jesus. We did not care if the going got rough, because it does after the second chapter. But it is the right thing needed. It is the perfect thing for such a time as this. It is perfect!

But if it hasn't been sought, but if it hasn't been soaked in, if it hasn't got that one night, then it is not for such a time as this. It is just us being another person in another crisis.

But You hear our hearts. You hear our hearts. And Lord, we all consecrate our hearts to this fact: that this will not be teaching, that this will not be a class, that this will not be a sermon. That this will be what You meant it to be originally! And it will be about Your Son, Father, and You will be glorified in it. You will be so happy! And Holy Spirit, You will be so happy not to have to move in a service, but just on the people who want Jesus.

Oh Lord! Oh God! Oh, do what You want to do! Say what You want to say! Lord, if it hurts us, we are not going to lay down and quit. We are going to get up and say, "Ok, we will take that. We want You! We do! We are going to press through that!" We are not going to let our pride stand in the way!

Oh Lord! I groan, I travail, Lord! Lord, I know these pains, these labor pains, are going to continue until Christ is fully developed in our lives. It is Your pains! Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord, for putting up with us again. But this time, You are not going to just have to put up with us.

Lord, I want to be like Blind Bartimaeus. I want us to be like the woman with the issue, the woman with the issue who pressed through and said in her heart, "If I could just touch just this little bit, the hem of His garment, I would be completely changed!"

Lord, Father, Holy Spirit, we want us to be able to touch You. Instead of You just touching us. But we believe in touching You, we will be changed!

So we are not thinking about our lack! And even though, Yes, it is in there, and we hurt that we hurt You. But now we want to touch You and let whatever that touch does to us is Your business! We want to touch You! We want to forget ourselves. We want to be self-forgetting people! We want to be that! We want it for Jesus' sake.

Father, I know You want that for Your Son. Holy Spirit, I know You want that for Jesus. Marshal all the forces that You have, and bring them to bear upon us as we gather each time. And help us to walk in a new humility, a new openness, a new softness. Amen.