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**PRAYER
MINISTRY**

Sunday, 9/22 - 6 pm to 7:30 pm

TACKLING TOUGH QUESTIONS

What are the 4 main views of Revelation (and end times)?

The Importance and



The Power of Prayer

**Prayer as an
Offensive and
Defensive Weapon
in Spiritual Warfare**

Spiritual Warfare Prayer We Should Engage in

To protect ourselves, our family, & the church from the enemy

To open the eyes & ears of others to hear the Spirit's message

To bring deliverance of certain types of demonic influence & that the enemy's strongholds would be broken

Prayer of confession on our behalf & the Christian community

That believers would be strong in the Lord (putting on...)

Praying in the Spirit (with a burden) for what God alone knows

Matthew 13:4 (NKJV) And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.

When sharing Jesus with others, do you pray their eyes are opened?

Ephesians 1:18-20 (NIV₂₀₁₁) ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people

¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

Jesus confirms that this is symbolic of the enemy taking away God's word that was sown.

When you choose to believe and follow Christ, you receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit – who, with God the Father, rose Christ from the dead and placed Him as ruler.

Paul wouldn't pray for this unless the opposite could happen.

Daniel 9:4-5 (ESV) ⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

⁵ we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

Nehemiah 1:5-6 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ⁵ I said, "I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, ⁶ let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the

sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father's house have sinned.

Do your sins & those of other believers break your heart before God?

Ephesians 6:11-13;18 (HCSB) ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. ¹² For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces

of evil in the heavens. ¹³ This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

¹⁸ Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert in this with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

Without God's power, we have no chance to stand against the enemy.

We pray with the Spirit's power being alert for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ & against the enemy's schemes.

When we put on God's protection and use his weapons, we are ready for victory.

Will you pray for all of God's children to stand in victory?