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Dear Friend,

As we begin a new year with the Lord, let us renew our commitment to having a quiet time or morning watch. The world situation, with its "wars and rumors of wars", continues to deteriorate. We need to hear from God, to focus our minds on the promises of God, and seek His direction for our lives. Oh that God would raise up men and women to pray who will stand against the overwhelming spiritual darkness that is like a fog settling over our nation and the world.

## Insights on the Secret Place of Prayer

In Matthew 6:6 Jesus taught us first where to pray and secondly what to pray.

- Why is the "secret place" important? Because the Father is already in the secret place waiting
  for us. How long has He been waiting? If you have been a prayer prodigal, prepare now to
  return to the secret place where God is waiting for you. The moment you enter the secret
  place, you are in the immediate presence of God.
- Jesus said to shut the door. We are to shut out all the distractions and focus on meeting with God. His promise is that "your Father who sees in the secret place will reward you openly". The secret place is your portal to the throne, the place where you taste of heaven yourself. When you know you have entered into the immediate presence of your Heavenly Father, your spirit and soul will often respond to that knowledge with heartfelt connection.
- Listening is part of prayer. Jesus said, "They have ears to hear". Scripture puts great importance on hearing or listening. The boy Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, for I am listening". Solomon asked God for an understanding heart or a hearing heart. Bring your Bible into the secret place and read the Scriptures slowly. Pray that God will speak to you from a passage. If your mind is drifting, pray that God will quiet your mind. Scripture says, "Be still and know that I am God". Read the portion of Scripture again and let God speak to you. Meditation is to contemplate on the words or phrases. Look for the meaning or message God is giving you. Pray now and ask God to show you how to apply this truth to your situation. Pray the promises of God for family, friends, nations, church leaders, missionaries etc.

President Dr. Jim Logan

## Waiting on God

Waiting on God can be very difficult sometimes. In Isaiah 28:16 we are told, "Whoever believes will not act hastily". Dick Eastman said, "The closer you get to God, the more you realize He is in no hurry. There is no frenetic hurrying in heaven, only calculated purpose". Waiting on God may be the most difficult of all spiritual disciplines. That's the reason so few truly practice it. The power of prayer is found not in convincing God of my agenda but waiting upon Him to hear His agenda. Hearing from God is the most cherished part of the secret place.

- Ps. 39:12 David cried, "Do not be silent at my tears". I read a profound statement. It is, "Tears are liquid words. Tears say more than words can".
- Ps. 5:3 NLT "Listen to my voice in the morning. Lord, each morning I bring my request to You and wait expectantly."
- Isa. 50:4b NLT "Morning by morning He awakens me and opens my understanding to His will"

"When we are convinced that our success for the day depends on our seeking and finding and holding Him in our morning watch, we will allow nothing to interfere with it." Andrew Murray

"Prayerlessness is the first sign of prideful independence." Dick Eastman

God is seeking people through whom He can bless the world. Develop your faith in the simple but profound truth that God hears prayer! Begin now to practice definite intercession for your world and beyond.

Andrew Murray closes his book on prayer with James 5:16b. "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." NLT In the morning watch, let God be all to you.

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- People from 217 countries have accessed the website.
- There are 619 hours of video materials to watch on the website.
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Bless you!

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