

PROGRESSIONS

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Your Answer is at the Door



So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him' ... 'Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists'. ... 'When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.

Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. **(Acts 12:5,7,12-16, NIV)**

As believers we pray earnestly, but sometimes may not expect our prayers to be answered. How can this be? How can we pray "earnestly"

for something and not believe our answer when it arrives?" God revealed to me that this happens all the time. He sends answers to our prayers and they are returned to Him stamped "Unclaimed."

Why is this? How can we take the time to pray and not expect our answer or recognize it when it comes knocking? I believe there are three main reasons why this happens.

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Praise in Wilmer Park 2009!!

Get ready, get ready, get ready!!!!

It's time to get your praise on one more time at the 3rd Annual Praise in Wilmer Park.

God has blessed the ministry to continue to host the Praise in the Park Event again this

year. We are expected a larger crowd, more praise, more worship, more fellowship, more food and fun activities for the children.

Please plan to attend for a day filled with God's holy presence.

The day will begin at

12noon and end at 7pm.

Note: We will have a tent for shade, but please bring your own chair for comfort.

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Schedule of Events

MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 FAST	7	8	9 RADIO
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- **May 10—Mother’s Day**
- Hospitality donations due
- **May 12—Church meeting, 6pm**
- **May 17—Education Department donations due**
- **May 17—Pastor & congregations to Praise Fellowship Church (Pastor Bernice Givens) Men’s Day, Elkton, 4pm**
- **May 24—Dr. Austin Waters, House of Prayer, Millington at WIP Ministries, 11:30am**

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- **June 9—Church meeting, 6pm**
- **June 14—1st Annual Women’s Day, Pastor Constance Beach, Mt. Olive Pentecostal Church, Smyrna, DE, 4pm**
- **June 28—Pastor & congregation travel to Gospel Church of God, Bear, DE (Pastor Duane Waters), 3:30pm**
- Bible Study every Tuesday—7pm
- Fast every Wednesday—12 midnight to 12 noon
- Radio broadcast every Saturday—10:30am on WKDI—AM 840

“Your Answer is at the Door” (continued)

First, is a "lack of expectation" due to "past experiences". In looking at the context of this scripture, these individuals had experienced fellow believers being killed, even after they prayed for their release. They had endured the stoning of Stephen, the slaying of James and now their leader Peter was scheduled to be next. Those who were in the house praying, told the young girl who reported that their prayers had been answered, that she was "out of her mind". However, we must remember that our past experiences or failures do not determine or dictate God's present or future course of action. Many of the most difficult things that hinder our forward movement in life, are not the things that lay ahead of us, but those things that are behind us that distract us from what is happening in our lives now. We must expect God to answer our prayers and be on the look out for its manifestation in our lives, regardless of what happened yesterday. The Bible says that ***he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).***

Secondly, prayer in the lives of many believers, has been minimized to being nothing more than a "religious activity or responsibility", instead of it being the heaven-moving gift of God. When we lose sight of the fact that we are calling upon an omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent Creator God of the universe, who also happens to be "our Father", we can become overwhelmed by the severity of our situation. We must understand that we are not calling upon another human being or some distant disinterested deity - but our Father who has no limitations. If we can find it in His Word, and agree with what He has said, the facts of our situation will have to line up with the truth of His word. Facts change everyday, but the truth never changes. Because I've decided to believe the truth above the fluctuating facts, I have a legitimate expectation of manifestation (answered prayer in my life. Prayer is more than religious or a believer's responsibility, but a relationship with our Father!

Thirdly, "God's ways are not our ways". I truly believe, that part of the difficulty those gathered in prayer had in receiving their answer, was that it seemed "too easy". They prayed and God answered their prayer. It was that simple! Believe it or not, this happens more often than you think. Many of us overlook our answers because we "feel" that we haven't toiled, labored or suffered enough to have earned an answer from God. Remember, you are a "son", not a slave! You don't earn blessings - you receive them! Jesus said, in **Matthew 7:11**, ***"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"***

What have you been praying to God about? Did you know that God is your Father and He wants to bless you? Do you expect your prayer to be answered? If not, you need to take a good look around, because the answer to your prayer may have already arrived, and waiting on you to receive it!

Testimony submitted by: Roshelle Henry
“Remember, Grateful, Thankful”



In 2009, I have grabbed a hold of our church scripture...Philippians 3:13-14 “Looking forward and not behind”. In doing that, I still have to “Remember” where God has brought me from....Many nights coming home from parties “safe” God kept the reckless drivers, drunk drivers and all animals at bay.

He covered me with his wings of safety when I was at a club, steps away from flying bullets, seeing the fire from the gun — watching the intended recipient buckling over in pain. Thank you, Jesus! He spared this promiscuous woman from a non-curable STD, HIV-AIDS and anything life threatening. He has cleansed me, turned me around and made me whole and for that I am “Grateful”.

Grateful for all the things that He has done. Yes, I am grateful for the victories we have won. I could go on & on & on about his works because I am grateful , so grateful just to praise you Lord. Flowing from my heart.....is gratefulness! I am grateful the He cared enough about me to break me down to the last common denominator. Opened my ears, eyes and heart. My ears to hear his voice, his message and his shepherd. My eyes to see al humanity, his children as one and my heart to love like He does. To forgive like He does, to be more like Him. Thank you, Jesus!

I am “thankful” to have been drawn by his spirit on January 21, 2007 to this wonderful ministry. A ministry that He has used to transform many, many, many lives. I am thankful to have such an awesome Man of God, one who doesn’t compromise for anyone. One who is truly after God’s own heart, Pastor Guy E. Jones, Sr. and First Lady Sherrilyn Jones. I am also thankful for my beautiful church family (the prayer warriors).

These three words, Remember, Grateful, and Thankful should have sparked something in your remembrance to give God praise. When I feel like it, I REMEMBER what He did for me, then I become GRATEFUL and THANKFUL.

Be blessed.

Sis. Roshelle

Short Story: Heaven and Hell

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, 'Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.'

The Lord led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, 'You have seen Hell...'

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, 'I don't understand.'

It is simple,' said the Lord. 'It requires but one skill. You see **they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves.**'

Let this be a lesson to us all, that we have the power to stunt or nourish our brothers' (and sisters') growth. What's your choice?

Christ's Kids

Mentor Program: Reflections on Drug Awareness Seminar

I learned that drugs can kill and are very dangerous. They can kill with even one use of the drug. But drug addiction can cause you to harm yourself and other. They can also make you steal and disrespect others without meaning it.

Marijuana can cause you thinking that you can also cause you to Abusing alcohol can which is dangerous drive off the road or

What I learned from "say NO!"



you to get high and keep shouldn't be living, and it smell badly just like alcohol. cause you to drink and drive because it can make you get into accidents.

the program the most is just

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Drug addictions are bad and every other addiction is bad.



Liquor harms your liver. Marijuana is what they say gets you "high". It also destroys your myelin sheath.

Another form of addiction is pornography, it has spirits attached to it. It (pornography) also lets off endorphins to make you believe that it feels or is good. Above all, I learned to just "say NO!"

First Lady's Corner

God bless you, Saints.

I came across this article and thought about the singles in our ministry. There are a lot of single people in our ministry that desire to be married. I pray that this article blesses you.

If you're not married yet; share this with a friend. If you are married; share it with your spouse or other married couples and reflect on it.

An African proverb states: "Before you get married, keep both eyes open, and after you marry, close one eye."

Before you get involved and make a commitment to someone, don't let lust, desperation, immaturity, ignorance, pressure from others or a low self-esteem make you blind to warning signs. Keep your eyes open, and don't fool yourself that you can change someone or that what you see as faults isn't really important.

Once you decide to commit to someone, over time their flaws, vulnerabilities, pet peeves, and differences will become more obvious. If you love your mate and want the relationship to grow and evolve; you've got to learn to close one eye and not let every little thing bother you. You and your mate have many different expectations, emotional needs, values, dreams, weaknesses, and strengths. You are two unique individuals who have decided to share a life together. Neither of you are perfect, but are you perfect for each other? Do you bring out the best of each other? Do you compliment and compromise with each other, or do you compete, compare, and control? What do you bring to the relationship? Do you bring past relationships, past hurt, past mistrust, past pain?

You can't take someone to the altar to alter him or her. You can't make someone love you or make someone stay. If you develop self-esteem, spiritual discernment, and "a life", you won't find yourself making someone else responsible for your happiness or responsible for your pain. Manipulation, control, jealousy, neediness, and selfishness are not the ingredients of a thriving, healthy, loving and lasting relationship. Seeking status, sex, wealth, and security are the wrong reasons to be in a relationship.

What keeps a relationship strong? Communication, intimacy, trust, a sense of humor, sharing household tasks, some getaway time without business or children and daily exchanges (a meal, a shared activity, a hug, a call, a touch, a note). Leave a nice message on their voicemail or send a nice email. Sharing common goals and interests.

Growth is important. Grow together; not away from each other, giving each other space to grow without feeling insecure. Allow your mate to have outside interest. You can't always be together. Give each other a sense of belonging and assurances of commitment. Don't try to control one another. Learn each other's family situation. Respect his or her parents regardless. Don't put pressure on each other for material goods. Remember for richer or for poorer. If these qualities are missing, the relationship will erode as resentment, withdrawal, abuse, neglect, dishonesty, and pain replace the passion.

"Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think." The grass withers, the flowers fades, but the word of God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8.

Always try to be a little kinder than is necessary. The difference Between 'United' and 'Untied' is where you put the "I."

Be blessed,

First Lady Sherrilyn Jones



Pastor's Reflections



God bless you, saints. This is a letter that I have received from our dear brother in Christ from Pakistan. We are involved with international missions in Africa and India. God has blessed this ministry to teach nations and by his grace and leading we are doing just that.

Dear Brother in Christ

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ to all of you and warmly greeting from our congregation and from Pastor JOHN FEROUZE Chairman of CKGM Pakistan.

I want to tell you about our last night healing meeting, which we have done every Wednesday. All our pastors and people were gathered there and we were singing with joy and spiritually before Lord Jesus.

Some people come from Muslim families and three families come from Catholic denomination. Our Senior Pastor John Feroze Masih spoke about Matthew: Ch.15 Verse. 21 to 28.

He teaches the people that how Canaanite woman gets the salvation for her daughter. Although she came and knelt before Him "Lord! Help me", but Jesus said to her "it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs".

Our Lord Jesus was not sent for Christians. He sent for all nations of the world. John: 3.16. He crucified for all souls and saves the world from their sins. The word of God touched the two Muslim families and they repented their sins and accept Jesus Christ as personal savior. They were weeping and crying before Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and were saying from their mouth: "Oh Lord save us and our souls for eternal life." They did promise to come and join our church every meeting. Catholic people leave their church and come join our church forever. Some other people were healed by the Grace of God from their diseases. One Girl was involved in trouble of heart from 3 years and she was feeling this pain continually, but when she come in our meeting and heard the voice of Lord Jesus Christ through sermon she bow down before Lord and confess her sins and accept to Jesus Christ as savior. She heal very hour.

So Lord is doing well with His mercy and Kindness. He always with us and keeps us in His safely hands, because we are children of God and He is our heavenly Father.

Brother I am very thankful for your prayers, because our ministry is serving for Lord door to door and we are knocking for Jesus every heart that May God open the heart those people, who has close their heart.

So when you will be there in Pakistan and I hope in God your meeting will be very wonderful and Graceful for us and you will spread the word of God with the Power of Holy Spirit. And so many people will save through your ministry and teaching, because you are man of God.

Our prayers will be continuing with you for your great visit in Pakistan and all other works. We are waiting for your reply. Thank you & God bless you.

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Lahore Pakistan



Love you all,

Pastor Guy E. Jones, Sr.

God is not through with us yet!

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News

3rd Annual

Praise in the Park

Saturday, July 18, 2009

Wilmer Park, Chestertown

1st Annual

Women's Day

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Please pray for the sick and bereaved in our community.

Great News!!!

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