WHO OPENED THAT DOOR?



Did you open that door, Lord, or was it the enemy?

If it was you, Lord, give me the courage to walk through.

If it was the enemy, give me the wisdom to walk away.

Sometimes, when we forget to hallow God's name, our unfocused prayers echo across the emptiness, and reach the ears of the enemy.

Satan loves to offer "answers" to our heart's desires.

Shortcuts to freedom.

Fulfillment of our dreams.

Victory over enemies.

All of which end in disaster.

"And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done.

On earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6

If we hallow God's name and focus on his kingdom, our prayers will always find their way to the throne.

"Hallowed be thy name"



The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good Blessed is the man that trusteth in him!

O fear the Lord, ye his saints, for there is no want to them that fear him!

Psalm 34

The love of God is a River of Living Water.

The holiness of God is a Terrifying Fire.

The River and that Fire are never apart.

When we pray, we are in the presence of blinding glory, holy love.

So we take off our shoes and worship.

"Thy Kingdom Come"

God's kingdom is the focus of all prayer.

All the things we seek in prayer are simply foretastes of God's kingdom.

Healing.

Forgiveness.

Provision.

Protection.

Blessings for our neighbor.

Blessings for our enemy.

Wisdom.

Peace.

Love.

Joy.

We frame our petitions inside the ultimate vision:



"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

Where all is forgiven.

Sickness and pain are gone.

Death is defeated.

Evil is no more.

Joy, peace, love, are the air we breathe.

Once I cry out to the Father to open a door, I wait until heaven does the opening



My focus is not on "results" but on the Father who answers prayer.

And on Jesus, who opens the door and welcomes me into the Kingdom.

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Prayer- Our dear, beloved Father may the focus of our prayers be to love you, to honor you, to lift our hearts in awe of you and to desire that your goodness, your Spirit be poured on our fellow man. May our hearts be so focused on loving you and seeking your kingdom that we know to the core of us which doors are the ones that you have truly opened. Help us to be less concerned about the provisions, answers, and victories you bring to us. Instead may we be awed that you are the great provider and be thankful for whatever you give us and wherever you lead us. Maranatha Mirror

