

Matthew 18: 5 - 20

*“If your brother sins go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”*

Isaiah 6:8

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”*

Ezekiel 22: 30

*I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.*

Revelation 5: 6 – 14, 22: 20

*And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they \*sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.” Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and*

*riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.” And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever”. And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen”. And the elders fell down and worshiped. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly”. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

Thank God for bringing us to the last night of this conference. I believe that brothers and sisters have gradually grasp hold of what we are waiting for before our Lord from all our brothers’ sharing. I truly wish more of God’s children can see accurately the purpose, direction and content of our pursuit in these chaotic days. We are not pursuing a particular way of life. Nor are we after something that people consider the best. What we pursue is the completion of the eternal will of God on those who look to Him and wait for Him. Then God can use them as His vessels to expand His heart and mind to all things. Therefore we really thank our God, because from whatever angle we look at ourselves, we will always ask one question: Are we worthy? On what basis can we have this honorable and glorious hope come to fruition?

Thank and praise our God. This matter does not originate from our own thinking. Rather it started the time when God destined His eternal purpose. The words given to us by God started at the time when He set forth His eternal will. Our brothers again and again brought us back to the initial purpose of God’s creation of man. God wants to accomplish through us, who are created from dust, His work which is glorious, great and incomparable. He turned around a power that is fallen and rebellious against Him and uses it to show that kingdom, power and glory are His. We thank and praise our Lord. It is for this purpose that we are created. Thus when we read Genesis, we cannot let go of that point. In all God’s creation, the highest point is demonstrated in there.

He created us according to His own image. He entrusted to us His authority after He created us. Even though our forefathers and we could not catch up what God has destined for us, and we are faithless, yet we thank our Lord because He remains faithful. And this time when we share on the ministry of the church prayer, we cannot but go back to the original point because when we look at how God is working among men, we found that there are some things that we cannot resolve by our own contemplation.

### God Respects Man’s Freedom to Choose

God is our creator. He rules over everything. But there is one thing that is conflicting. When God does His work on earth, it ‘seems’ that God does not have the power to carry out His authority. Brothers and sisters, please notice and remember I said the word ‘seems’. It seems that God cannot freely carry out His work on earth. But He is the Creator. Why would there be such restrictions? Thank our God. It is because at one time God has entrusted to man the authority to rule the earth. He respects the men who are created according

to His own image. I need to add on the following sentence. God respects the men He created according to His own image, but I think you already understood from the brothers' sharing that whether those who are created can follow God according to His desire is another matter.

But God still entrusts that authority to those He created. God told us: 'You can have this authority. The execution of this authority is according to your choice. You can choose the tree of life or you can choose the tree of the knowledge of good and evil'. I will not go into details. Brothers and sisters, from this matter, you know that God respects our choice. The purpose is for us to willingly on our own choose the tree of life so we can execute what God has entrusted to us.

Thank and praise our Lord. He not only has such grace, but He also has such great capacity to tolerate us who are foolish and rebellious. Thus when we read how God proceeds with His work until it comes to what is said in the Book of Matthew chapter 18, then we seem to see that God did a contradictory thing.

Since He is the Lord of all, He absolutely has the power to do His work according to His desire. But our Lord did not do that Himself. Instead, He desires to have those who are created according to His image to catch up with Him and to be in one heart with Him. Then He will execute His work. If man cannot catch up, then He will just wait. What is He waiting for? He waits until He can find one who is one heart with Him. Looking from the outside, this seems very contradictory. But we thank our Lord. Through this matter, God lets us see how precious is His arrangement of His will in us.

#### How the Lord of the Harvest Works

I will give an example so brothers and sisters can understand this point. When we read the gospel, we read the Lord Jesus said to His apostles: 'The harvest is plentiful, therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest'. Many brothers and sisters serve the Lord based on this verse. If you do not look into the content of this verse in detail, then there will be no problem. But if you are careful with what the Lord really said in this verse, then you will find there is something conflicting here. You have to ask the following questions: Whose harvest is this? Who should collect this harvest? Of course it is the Lord of the harvest. But would not the Lord of the harvest go to see whether the harvest is ready or not? Does He need someone to come and tell Him His harvest is ripe so He should go gather the harvest? Otherwise they will all be wasted if they all drop to the ground. Brothers and sisters, is this a little contradictory? The master is the Lord of the harvest. He could just send the servants out to gather the harvest. The interesting thing is that the Lord of the harvest did not say anything. But other people came and told the servants of the Lord; 'Go quickly and tell the Lord of the harvest to collect the harvest'.

It is hard to find such a thing happening on earth. But the Lord did this so as to cause us to think and ask the question why the Lord of the harvest is like this? We thank and praise our God; He uses this verse to show how He has waited for those who follow Him. Indeed, He needs to gather the harvest. But He is willing to

wait for those who will accomplish His work according to His heart and mind. You can see many similar incidences in the church history. We thank God. He has so explicitly expresses what He has destined. And this leads us to pay attention to why our Lord told us that we need to pray for what God has destined when we gather together to pray. It is not for us to tell God what He needs to do. Rather, we should say, 'God now is the time for You to tell us what we need to do. We want to be of one heart with You. You tell us how to do it and we will follow Your instructions'. Brothers and sisters, now this is something we can clearly understand: God has His eternal will; He has His pattern of doing the work. He leads man step by step according to His plan back to His original purpose.

### His Perfect Salvation

Please forgive me in mentioning a question raised by a sister in our discussion group this morning. It was a simple question. However, because we cannot grasp hold the understanding of the matter, we have some puzzling inside. Maybe we cannot say it is puzzling, but we lack the confidence. We thank God that the salvation He has given us is complete. How are we created? The change that took place after the fall of man was also based on the structure of how man was created. God said, 'You will die if you eat of the fruits of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil'. What does this death encompass? It includes the entire man. And what is the entire man? It is spirit, soul and body. That is to say, when you die, the spirit dies, the soul dies and the body dies. We thank God that through the salvation that His Son had accomplished, God completely filled in what is lacking in us. Our spirit died and there was no fellowship with God; we cannot come into His presence. However, when we believed in the Lord, we are saved and our spirit is quickened.

But has the salvation of God in us stopped? Or has it been finished yet? Position wise, we already entered into the right position. But looking from the point of the perfect salvation, there is still a lacking. In the least, our body has not escaped the power of death. More importantly our soul does not listen to our awakened spirit. Thus even though our spirit is saved, yet our soul still need to be victorious and our body need to be redeemed. Until that day, then the perfect salvation is complete in us.

But as soon as we stepped into the salvation, God started to work in us according to His plan. He will work until we are conformed to the likeness of His Son as He has said in His words. Just as what our brother has fellowshiped, this is a very important part in the salvation of our soul. If we do not deal with our soul in our life, then we are not qualified to follow God's will. If our soul is still that active, all we see is what we want to do according to us and not according to what God wants to do in us. I believe brothers and sisters frequently heard brothers sharing on this point: 'only God Himself can accomplish His own things. No person or matter outside of God Himself can replace God's will'. Our Lord said in the Gospel of John: 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me'. Brothers and sisters, what the Lord said clearly pointed out the problem. What does God want to do? He wants us to go to Him. What

does He wants us to do when we are there? In simple term, it is that we are to become member of God's household. In the more serious sense, it is that God wants to gain us to be His many sons.

### The Perfect Heart and Mind of God

How can you become the son of God? Can you make yourself to be the son of God? What can make us to be the son of God? If you try to find it in man, you cannot find it. But once you read the word of God, then you can see it. If it is not through Him, no one can come before the Father. From the positive side, if you can find Him, then you definitely can go to the Father. Thank our God; you go to the Father not only as a member of the household; you go one step beyond that. You are to be one of the many sons of God.

Thank and praise our Lord. When we see how God has designed His will in us, we will take note of the particular words in the first chapter of the Book of Ephesians. When we first received the salvation, God put us into the position of those who are the first to hope in Christ. We already are very satisfied with being those who are the first to hope in Christ. But it does not stop there. When it said we are 'the first' to hope in Christ, then it means there will be many that also have hope in Christ to come. What is meant by those also have hope in Christ to come? From the previous context, according to the obvious eternal purpose of God, all things in heaven and all things on earth will be summed up in Christ. Thank and praise our God. This is what God has eternally destined for us. And this eternal decree is first accomplished on us. Then God uses us as a vessel in His hand to expand His glorious handiwork.

But we, the fallen descendants of Adam, know only grace. We do not know the Lord of grace. Thus we ask God for grace, the more the better. If we are asked to accept the Lord as our Lord, then we would need to reconsider. Brothers and sisters, the repercussions from our fallen soul still plague us. We are such a burden to God, yet God does not consider that as His trouble. He waits for us; He tells us what He wants to do; He waits for us to understand what He wants to do and then for us to give Him the right response: 'God, I accept whatever You want to do. You do according to Your will. You draw me to follow Your heart and I am willing to keep up with You'.

Brothers and sisters, this is the serious matter that Matthew chapter 18 pointed out. God already had this perfect heart's desire a long time ago. He also had a complete pattern for this undertaking. But He did not execute them immediately. Why is it so? Is it not better to finish a good work quickly? Brothers and sisters, whenever we see God completes His work, we can see that the purpose of His work is not only that the plan is finished; but rather, He wants to see that in the process another purpose is being accomplished. And what is that other purpose? Our brothers already mentioned again and again that God uses those who are a little lower than the angels to shame and shut up the enemy. I think brother and sister now can clearly realize why God would rather wait then uses His power and authority to execute His will immediately.

## God Waits For the Ones He Wants

Thank our Lord. When the children of God can clearly see this point, we can consider another thing. In God's conversation with Abraham, God said; 'Abraham, one day your descendants will be slaves in Egypt for four hundred years. I am not willing for this to happen, but I need to wait four hundred years. After four hundred years, I am going to bring them back'. If we just look at the surface, we will wonder what the reasons are. Why did God have to wait for four hundred years? I will just touch on the reasons. For the Israelites, the wait at least taught them what it meant to be 'called into a nation of priests' for God through these practical experiences. You all know that when the Israelites were in the wilderness, they still longed for the cucumbers, the leeks, the fish and the meat. Maybe this was also one of the reasons. I dared not say what the reasons were because I am not God. These few points are only for you to consider.

But there was one thing that was very clear: God was waiting for one person. God wanted the Israelites out of Egypt. God did not want them to stay there. Since this was the case, why did God not lead them out immediately? The problem was who would lead them? Who would listen to this person who leads them? That person had to listen to God first. If this person would not listen to God, how could he make the Israelites listen to him? This is the focal point that all our brothers shared. Thus we have a reason to believe God had to wait for four hundred years. Everyday God saw how the Israelites sighed. But what was God waiting for? I do not think it is unreasonable if I say God was waiting for Moses. We thank and praise our God. Even though looking at the outside, it is not easy for us to understand why God did certain things, yet He knows what He is doing. We think we are waiting for God. But in fact, He is waiting for us. This is a very serious matter.

Remember the time when God sent Gideon to deliver the Israelites from the Midianites? Why did God not just command Gideon to go immediately? Gideon could not keep up with God's heart. He bargained with God; and God said, 'Well, you want to bargain? Go ahead; I will just wait for you. I will wait till you willingly without any reservation submit to my arrangement. When you truly know that I am your power, then I will let you go'. Brothers and sisters, it seems that we cannot easily grasp these things. Our thinking will be that 'God, since You are the Lord, You just carry out whatever You want to do. Why waste so much of Your effort'? But we thank our God; He has one purpose when He works among us and that is to gain those who really know God's authority, will and power. And to have us come out of the consequences of having eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil into that from eating the fruits of the tree of life.

The hymn that we just sang is really meaningful. 'Lord, I am on Your side'. Indeed, we cannot wait till the day when we truly come before the Lord and say 'I am on Your side'. When we come back to look at those who followed the Lord and then look at ourselves and if we can still say 'God, we stand on Your side', then we will be one who is very blessed.

Brothers and sisters, we need to let God enlightens us on some matters, and that He will lead us to see the glorious day when His will shall be completed. When we see the glorious end, then we will know even though the path that we walked before the Lord sometimes seems a little puzzling, yet it is worth it.

### Golden Bowls Full of Incense

I am in charge of sharing on the ministry of the church prayer. What I have just shared seemed to be unrelated to the ministry of the church prayer. Now we are going to look at how my sharing so far relates to the ministry of church prayer. From the passages in the Book of Revelation that we read, we saw John was led into heaven and he saw the worship in heaven. In chapter four, the entire worship in heaven revolves around the creation by God and this brings out the worship of the Father. In chapter five, the content of the worship in heaven changes from God's creation to God's work of salvation. When the Son of God, the Lamb of God who has accomplished the salvation is displayed, the twenty-four elders come into His presence and they bring out a great worship.

Brothers and sisters, when you pay attention to the actions of the twenty-four elders before the Lord, you will notice one thing. What do they bring to the presence of the Lord? The twenty-four elders do a few things. Even though some of their actions are not directly related to us at all, there is one action that is directly related to us. And that is the twenty-four elders bring with them golden bowls of incense before the Lamb. What are the golden bowls of incense? There is incense in the golden bowls and the incense rise up to God. What is the incense? It is very clearly explained in God's words. The incense is the prayers of the saints. And the prayers of the saints are directly related to us.

You said thank God that our daily prayers are brought before God. I do not doubt that. But I doubt whether our daily prayers are the prayers that the twenty-four elders bring before the Lord in the golden bowls. I absolutely believe that if I was John and when I saw the vision of the golden bowls of incense, I would not think, 'Thank the Lord that He healed me of my illnesses'. Or that a mother would think 'Thank the Lord that He answered my prayer concerning my son's college'. I do not think those prayers will go into eternity.

Brothers and sisters, I dare not think in this way because those things will not be brought into eternity. Yes, these are God's grace but the bits and pieces in our daily life are not the things that can be brought into eternity. What are the matters that can be brought before God that can last into eternity? You can still see that the prayers that can be brought into eternity are not just the prayers about today. I can boldly say those prayers in the golden bowls of incense are the prayers accumulated from eternity past plus the current ones that can be brought before God. Actually what are the matters that can last that long? It seems like the bible did not explicitly tell us. But it can be clearly seen from the facts that are recorded in the bible.

So brothers and sisters, when you pay attention to those verses after the golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints, were brought before God, you can see the content of the prayers from what follows.

It clearly says 'Worthy is the Lamb that has been slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and blessings. For You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth'. Even though the bible did not specify these words spoken are the content of the prayers in the golden bowl of incense, yet we can confidently say these are the contents of a prayer that will be remembered from eternity to eternity. How do we prove it? If we continue reading, we can see from what follows brings out a result. And what is that result? Every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea bring out a resounding response. 'To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb that has been slain is worthy of all honor and glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen'.

Brothers and sisters, during the breaking of bread, we always sing a hymn by Brother Darby. He wrote that hymn according to his understanding of this passage in the bible. I do not know during the bread breaking whether brothers and sisters have ever been brought to such a high, glorious state that we are totally enthralled by the wisdom, authority and power; and we then remember and worship the Lord in that state. In our situation, we know we fall short of that state and we cannot catch up with God's heart and mind. We cannot but ask: Why is it before the Lord's table, we cannot bring out the worship and praises described in heaven from eternity to eternity in this passage? We cannot but say that our ministry of the church prayer is lacking. Brothers and sisters, what do we usually ask of God in our church prayer meeting? I am not saying that we cannot ask God for various things. Nor am I saying that the whole congregation has to go to the church prayer meeting. But we need to take note as to whether when we pray, we pray according to the ministry of the church prayer that God has given to us. We cannot say that it is hard for us to execute the ministry of church prayer because it is difficult to have the entire congregation come together to pray. When we read the Book of Acts, we can see that at the beginning the children of God were not always gathered together in one place every day. Some of them were at home; some were in the temple. So the ministry of church prayer is not based on whether we are together at a certain place or whether there has to be a certain number of people. Of course we hope that the children of God can have more opportunities to always gather together and pray. I dare say in the U.S. there is not much chance for us to always gather together. Just look at our fellowship in San Bruno. When we have our prayer meeting, some of the brothers and sisters are still at work. So how can we ask them to come join in the ministry of church prayer? But thank God, the church prayer is not a formality. What God look at is whether we have the right heart and mind. You can gather with brothers and sisters of one accord to wait on the Lord. You can also gather with a few brothers and sisters at another location of one accord to wait on the Lord. The more important thing is: What do you ask of God when you come into His presence?

## God Seeks Suitable Vessels

Brothers and sisters, if we still remember that God is the only one who can accomplish His own work, then let us not replace Him in doing His work on our own terms. Rather, we should be a vessel for His work. This is what God looks for – someone who is willing to be His vessel. What we read from the Book of Ezekiel at the beginning of this sharing are some words to Ezekiel from God after Judah was taken into captivity. There it pointed out a very serious matter directed at the heart and mind of the people in the ministry of church prayer. Our past sharing on this matter, together with the vision that Ezekiel saw proved the seriousness of this matter. God brought Israel, especially Judah, out of Egypt to be a nation of priests; they were to bring all people back to God. But regrettably, the path Israel took deviated farther and farther from God's heart and mind. God has done so much work among His people especially in the days leading up to the captivity of Judah. We cannot imagine the extent of the long-suffering God had for them. Eventually, Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came and took Judah into captivity. What was the reason for this? Maybe even the Jews themselves did not really understand why. All they could understand was that God made a covenant with their forefathers; they did not listen to God and did not keep the covenant; so God gave them to Babylon. There might be few that had this thought.

Today we understand the reason from reading the bible of what God told Ezekiel at that time. God called Israel to be a nation of holy priests to Him. In God's heart and mind, He never wanted to give up Israel. But Israel, especially Judah got out of the control of God. And it led to the verses in the Book of Ezekiel which said it was not only the people who did not listen to God; but even the more important people, the priests, elders and prophets did not listen to God. They all turned away from God. Thus God said, 'I seek among Judah; even if I can find just one who is willing to stand in the gap and plug up the gap, then I will not destroy this nation; I will not hand Judah over to the enemy'. Sadly, God said He could not find even one who would do that.

When we compare the situation at that time to our current situation today, we might say our condition is not as bad. Maybe it is so; but in principle it is almost as bad. When we started to look at the ministry of the church prayer, we might remember some brothers have said, 'If we do not pray, God will not work; if we pray, then God works'. This sentence is only half correct. If we do not pray, then God will not work. It is not that God does not want to work. But it is that we do not give God a chance to work. We hinder His hand. God wants to accomplish His own work, but we close the door on God. When we read the letter to Laodicea in Revelation, we see a situation. Where is the Lord in the church of Laodicea? If the Lord is not in the church, where is the Lord? He is outside the door. The brothers and sisters have driven the Lord out of the church. They did not let God do His work. Then how can God do His work? Thus we cannot but notice that if there is no result from our ministry of the church prayer, then we close off the way for God's work.

## The Church Needs to Pray

We see at the beginning in the Book of Acts, one hundred and twenty people were praying in the upper room. The one hundred and twenty were of one heart – the completion of God’s will on earth. They were waiting for the fulfillment of God’s promise in Jerusalem. They were of one heart looking unto the things that God wanted to do. The Pentecost came; God did a great thing and thus began God’s church on earth. The path of the church was not easy during those days. They had many restrictions. Thank our Lord; He caused the ministry of the church prayer to have results. Peter was in prison. The church prayed for him in one accord. God did an amazing work and led Peter out of the prison. We see that every time when the apostles got persecuted, the church prayed for them in one accord before God. If we take note of the words in the prayers that were recorded in the Book of Acts, we can clearly see one fact: they did not pray to God to change the situation, but they pray to God to manifest His power; they pray to God to use whoever He appointed to speak clearly on what God wanted to do; and they prayed for the manifestation of the glory of Jesus Christ.

These recordings are not just limited to the Book of Acts. The Epistles also have these kinds of recordings. At the end of the Book of Ephesians and the Book of Colossians, Paul reminded God’s church that they need to pray for grace for the work of God so that the servants of God can boldly speak God’s words; so that the authority of God can be demonstrated and more people will come to the Lord. Brothers and sisters, have you noticed the request that Paul ask of the church? We think since Paul was a great apostle and had done many miracles, his own prayers would be enough and there was no need to ask the church for more prayers. But this was not what Paul thought. He clearly saw that for God to open the door for His work, the church need to pray in order to deal with the enemy’s devious schemes.

Let us look at some problems we encounter today. Just take California where recently I am saddened by a brother. This is not a bad brother. He is a good brother. Originally he said that our Lord is going to come back on May 21<sup>st</sup>; and many people were incited by him. Brothers and sisters, if you pay attention to the matters of the Lord, how are you going to pray in the church prayer when you come across something like this? You say, ‘Lord, prepare me to meet you on May, 21<sup>st</sup>?’ Or do you have a sense inside you pointing out that our Lord had clearly mentioned that no one knows of the time of His return; not even He Himself? So how can this brother predict His return with such precision? This matter is very suspicious. Do not fall into the enemy’s trap. Brothers and sisters, this is one of the many problems that the ministry of the church prayer will encounter.

Later on this brother said his calculation was wrong. He said it should be October 21<sup>st</sup>. Brothers and sisters, there is still more than more than one month’s time to October 21<sup>st</sup>. You can wait. But let us not waste our time, effort and energy on something that God did not say He wants to do. So should we have a response to this kind of matters? You cannot say just let him say whatever he wants to say. When you read the word of God, our Lord said ‘no one knows that day’. But maybe a lot of brothers and sisters did not know that the

Lord had spoken on this matter. You cannot allow what that brother said disturbs the peace among brothers and sisters. This is only one of the many problems that we encounter today. Take for example at another fellowship, there are some in that fellowship who said God has led their fellowship to this day but now God changed His principle in the arrangement in their fellowship. They said 'justification by faith' is already outdated so you do not need to believe in Jesus Christ when you come before God. The leading from God for them is now 'justification by love'.

Brothers and sisters, do you see that this is a spiritual warfare? It misleads the heart and mind of God's children; it causes them to stray from the Lord. Maybe we have our own thinking and consider this to be a trivial thing. But because we do not know what God wants to do, so others try to use all kinds of trickeries to lead us away from following God; to cause us to lose our direction in God's way; and to cause us to forget that God's kingdom, power and glory are all His. I am not saying something to sadden brothers and sisters but I need to ask you to come before God and be enlightened by Him. We thank and praise our Lord. Even though God let us see our faults, yet He also let us see that hope.

#### Our Lord Will Surely Come Quickly

I cannot say too much because of the time. We need to look at the last two verses in the Book of Revelation. When John was brought to heaven and saw the completion of God's eternal will, he heard the Lord said, 'I am coming quickly'. Brothers and sisters, we all wish today we can hear from the Lord that He will come quickly. But the problem is: are you ready? Is the church ready? How can the church prepare herself? We must carry out what God has entrusted to us and accomplish what God wants to accomplish. Thank and praise the Lord. John's response is very precious. 'Come, Lord Jesus'. We wish this 'Come Lord Jesus' inspires brother and sisters so that in our hearts and minds we know we need to do this ministry of the church prayer in the waiting for the return of our Lord.

Prayer:

Our Lord, may You gain back our heart and mind through the work of the Holy Spirit. We confess we bring a lot of our shortcomings into Your presence. You put us into Yourself. But our heart and mind always stray from You. Lord, we confess we are foolish but we that You did not forsake us because of our ignorance. You uphold us with Your mercies so that we can be brought back into Your glorious will. May You give us a true and willing heart so we will gladly accept Your dealing with us; so we can finish what You want to do. May You quicken us when we wait upon You in our prayers. Use us to accomplish what You need to do. Let us not hinder Your work so You can freely work on this entire earth. Lord, You said You will come quickly and our response is 'Come Lord Jesus'. Lord, glorify Your name. Lead us into Your glory. We give You all the worship and love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.