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PRAYER

FOR SALVATION



If you do not know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). Come into my heart Jesus and be Lord over my life. According to Romans 10:9-10: "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

If you have just prayed this prayer, please write and let us know of your decision. We have a **free** minibook, titled **The New Birth** that we would like to send you to help you begin your new life in Jesus!

SERVICE TIMINGS

Sunday

Worship & the Word	10:30 am
Covenant Kids	10:30 am
Nagamese Service	2:30 pm
Prayer & Praise	5:30 pm*

Wednesday

Pastor's Bible Study	5:30 pm
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Friday

Dream Team	5:30 pm
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Saturday

Radical Generation	4:30 pm
*as announced	

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By Pastor John Roughton

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

God wants you to be successful in life. The Lord certainly wanted Joshua to be successful — that’s why he showed Joshua how to be successful. If I didn’t want you to come to my house, why would I give you directions how to reach my house? Certainly, it was God’s will for Joshua to succeed. In fact, he wanted the entire nation of Israel to be successful.

But consider this: the Israelites were servants of God, you and I are God’s children through Christ. If God wanted his servants to be successful why would he want his family to fail? What earthly father wants his children to lose? No man ever loved his family more than God loves his family. Without a doubt, God wants us to succeed.

Furthermore the Bible says in **Acts 10:34** that God shows no partiality. What he is willing to do for one, he is willing to do for all. If God wanted Joshua to find success, he wants the same for you.

But notice this: **Joshua 1:8** says, **then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.** Prosperity follows success, they go together.

Many people are seeking prosperity when they should be seeking success. In other words, many Christians are asking God for money when they should be praying that the Lord would help them to be more effective in their life’s calling. Usually, when you find success in your work, prosperity will find you. In fact, the Hebrew word translated **prosperous** in this verse means, “to succeed.”

In **Genesis 24** there’s an interesting story. Abraham sent his servant to find a suitable woman to marry Isaac. In **v.40** Abraham said to him, **The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send His angel with you and prosper your way.** When Abraham used the word **prosper** he didn’t mean the servant would get rich overnight. He meant God would help the servant achieve the desired goal.

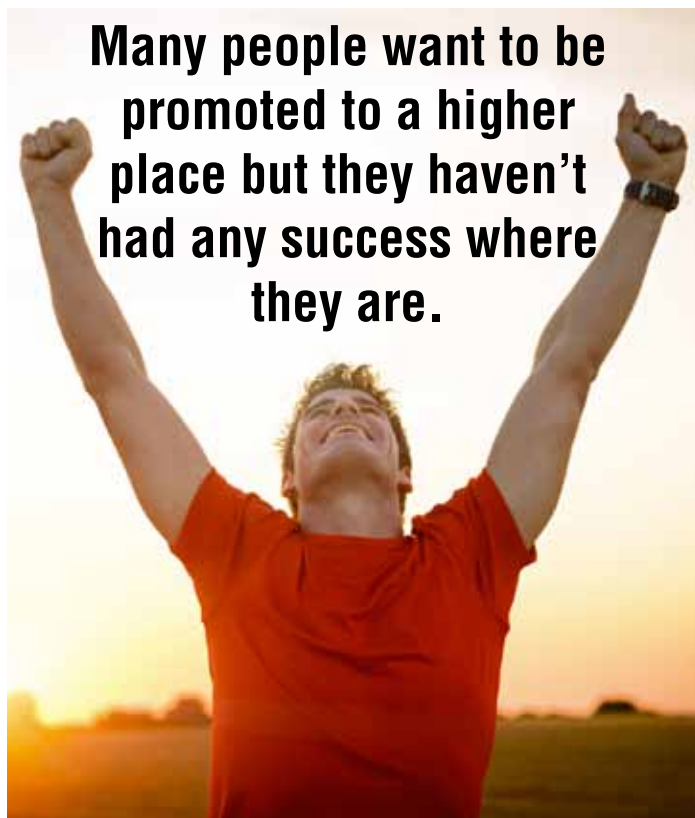
By the way, if success is reaching the goal, you first have to have a goal. A football team won’t win many matches without goals. And every player on the field knows where the goal is. You can’t achieve success if you’re not sure what it is you’re supposed to accomplish. Too many people are just doing things to stay busy. They’re content to look busy even if they accomplish little.

In this story of Abraham's servant we can learn something about success.

Genesis 24:9

So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

Abraham was adamant: his son was not going to marry a heathen. He made his servant swear by an oath that he would perform this task well.



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The servant made a commitment. Rarely does success come to those who are uncommitted. Fortune 500 companies demand that their employees be committed to the aims of the organization. If you want to work for a large multi-national corporation, you'll have to give it your all. Professional athletes are totally committed to their sport. They constantly practice to stay in shape and improve their skills. World-class musicians are completely devoted to their music, rehearsing day and night.

Many people wander through life aimlessly, like a dead fish floating in a river. They're not really passionate about anything and not very serious about life. There are so many talented amateurs who lack the discipline to leave a mark in this world. It's sad. But we don't have to be condemned to a life of mediocrity or a meaningless existence. God has a plan for our lives. He has an

assignment for each of us on this earth. But we must be devoted to our calling and passionately pursue our God-given dream in order to be successful.

v.12 And he said, "Oh Lord God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today."

The servant also prayed for success. To enjoy success in life takes more than passion, it also takes prayer. I find it odd that many Christians don't even bother to pray. They assume, "If God wants me to succeed it will automatically happen." But that's not true. **James 4:2** says, **You do not have, because you do not ask.** Our prayers allow God to work in our lives.

This servant prayed for success because he knew he needed God's help. God isn't going to do everything for you. You do *everything* within your power and because you have prayed, God will take care of the rest. It also takes humility to pray. Some people are too proud to admit that they can't make it on their own. But you'll never be successful, as God defines success, in your own strength.

Also, the fact that he prayed shows that this servant "took ownership" of the assignment given to him. The servant didn't have a casual attitude towards his job. In fact, he acted as though he was looking for a wife for his own son. You can't "go through the motions" in your work. **Ephesians 6:6** says we should not labor with **eye-service** but **doing the will of God from the heart.** In other words, some people do just enough to get by. Or they pretend to look interested in their work as long as the boss is watching them. But God is watching us all the time and he doesn't want any halfhearted measures.

v.48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

Abraham's servant was successful. If you read the whole story, he found Rebecca and she was the perfect match for Isaac. This servant achieved results because he was led by God. **Romans 8:14** says that sons of God will be led by the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit will guide you in the right way. One of the most important lessons you can learn in life is how to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

In February 1959, the Lord Jesus appeared to Kenneth Hagin in a vision and talked with him about how to be led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said to him, "*If you will learn*

how to be led by my Spirit, I'll make you rich." Brother Hagin was taken aback by that statement but the Lord said to him, *"I'm not opposed to my children being rich; I'm opposed to them being covetous."*

Notice also the servant bowed his **head and worshipped the Lord**. We need to be grateful for what God has done for us. There's nothing spiritual about being an ingrate. Jesus healed 10 lepers but only one returned to give thanks. Jesus said, "But where are the nine?" Often men will say, "Don't mention it," when we thank them for something. But God never says that. **It is good to give thanks to the LORD** (Psalm 92:1). Thanks is something you give.

v.56 But he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master."

The servant did not want any unnecessary delays. If you want to be successful, don't procrastinate. Don't put off things for another day. Stop saying, "I'll do it tomorrow." Whatever has to be done, do it as soon as possible.

Benjamin Franklin said, *"Don't waste time, for it is the stuff life is made of."* Rich or poor, we all have the same 24 hours in a day. How you spend those 24 hours will largely determine whether you are rich or poor. Some people are very frugal with their money; they watch every penny, every rupee. But they're very foolish with their time. There's plenty of money in this world, there is limited time. I can get lost money back. But lost time is never recovered.

Abraham's servant came back from his journey with Rebecca, the woman Isaac was to marry. Mission accomplished. He did not come back empty handed but with lots of good memories of his trip.

I can imagine some people, if they were this servant, walking into Abraham's tent: "I'm back! And I had a fabulous time! I am so blessed. Thanks for sending me. The food in that place was awesome! I think I put on a few kilos, haha. I can't wait to show you the pictures I took. I'm going to post them on Facebook right away."

Then Abraham would smile and say, "But what about the girl? Tell me, what happened? I want to meet her." The servant, if he was some people we know, would pause at first as if he wasn't sure what his master was talking about. Then he'd stutter, "Oh, right...yeah, about that...it didn't work out."



Some people lose sight of their objective. They forget why they were sent. They get distracted. We need to stay focused on the goal.

Back in **v.2** the Bible says this servant was in charge over all that Abraham had. He was in authority over the entire estate. That tells me that this man had a history of success. Abraham wouldn't place a man over his household who had a habit of failing. Small successes prepare us for greater challenges. When Abraham had an important job to do he sent the best man he had.

Many people want to be promoted to a higher place but they haven't had any success where they are. Be faithful in small things and God will see to it that you are given charge over bigger things. When you're given a task to perform on the job, in school, or at church, take the responsibility seriously. Commit yourself fully to the assignment. Realize you can accomplish little in your own strength, so pray for God's wisdom and favor. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and follow the leading he gives. And make sure you give all the glory to God for what is accomplished.

With success comes promotion and prosperity. Do well where you are and greater resources will be placed to your care. We are recompensed not because the job is hard but because the responsibility is great.



नाराज़गी के ऊपर जीत हासिल करना ।

नीतिवचन 18:19 चिढ़े हुए भाई को मनाना दृढ़ नगर के ले लेने से कठिन होता है, परन्तु झगड़े राजभवन के वेण्डों के समान हैं ।

चर्च में बहुत से लोग नाराज़गी में जीवन जीते हैं। दुनिया में हर जगह आपको ऐसे मसीह लोग मिल जाएंगे जो अपने मन में दूसरों के ख़िलाफ़ किसी नाराज़गी को छिपाकर रखते हैं। नाराज़ होने का मतलब है: गुस्से से भरे रहना या किसी के गलत बर्ताव के कारण दूसरों के प्रति मन में कड़वाहट रखना। इसका मतलब है छोटा महसूस करना, मन में चोट होना या दूसरों के कामों के कारण चिढ़चिढ़ेपन में बने रहना। एक पास्टर जिसे मैं जानता हूँ उसने मुझे बताया कि उनके चर्च में ज़्यादातर समस्याएं “लोगों को लेकर” ही होती हैं। उन्होंने मुझे बताया कि उनके चर्च के 2 प्रतिशत लोग उनका 80 प्रतिशत समय खा जाते हैं। मैंने पूछा इन 2 प्रतिशत

में से कितने लोग नाराज़ रहते हैं। उन्होंने कहा, “उनमें से अधिकतर लोग ऐसे होते हैं। नाराज़गी से भरे लोग सिर्फ़ खुद ही दुखी नहीं रहते, बल्कि दूसरों को भी दुखी करते हैं।

बहुत से चर्च नाराज़ लोगों से भरे पड़े हैं। अधिकतर समय समस्या बस एक छोटी सी गलतफ़ैमी होती है। बहुत बार यह एक छोटी सी बात होती है जो कि बड़ी बन जाती है। नाराज़गी के कारण बहुत से लोग चर्च छोड़कर चले जाते हैं और फिर वापिस नहीं आते हैं। दूसरे कुछ लोग पूरी तरह से विश्वास से मुँह मोड़ चुके हैं। यीशु ने कहा कि अंत के दिनों में बहुत से ठोकर खाएंगे (नाराज़गी में रहेंगे), और एक दूसरे को पकड़वाएंगे, और एक दूसरे से बैर रखेंगे (मत्ती 24:10)। असल में यीशु इस वचन में विश्वासी लोगों के बारे में बात कर रहे हैं। यह बात पक्की है कि हम लोग अब अंत के दिनों में जी रहे हैं! दुनिया में बहुत से नाराज़, ठोकर खाए हुए मसीह लोग घूम रहे हैं।

आप को यह बात ध्यान में रखनी है कि नाराज़गी शैतान का सबसे मनपसंद हथियार है। 1पतरस 5:8 कहता है, सचेत हो, और जागते रहो; क्योंकि तुम्हारा विरोधी शैतान गरजने वाले सिंह के समान इस खोज में रहता है कि किस को फाड़ खाए। पतरस यहाँ विश्वासी लोगों को लिख रहा है। शैतान संसार के लोगों को फाड़ खाने की बात नहीं कर रहा है

आप को यह बात जान लेनी चाहिए कि नाराज़गी शैतान का सबसे बड़ा हथियार है ।

(उन्हें तो वह पहले से ही खा चुका है)। वह चर्च में ही किसी को ढूँढ रहा है। नोट करें कि वह शेर के जैसे ही झपटता है।

एक बार मैं अफ्रीका के शेरों के बारे में टेलिविज़न पर एक प्रोग्राम देख रहा था। मैंने इस बात को देखा कि शेर जंगली जानवरों या भैंसों के झुंड पर हमला नहीं कर सकते हैं, ऐसा करना उनके लिए बहुत ही मुश्किल होता है। इसके बदले शेर झुंड में से सबसे कमज़ोर जानवर को छांट लेते हैं और बाकि के सारे जानवरों से उसे अलग करने की कोशिश करते हैं। एक बार जब वह जानवर बाकि के झुंड से अलग हो जाता है, शेर उसे घेरकर उस पर झपट पड़ते हैं।

दोस्तो, शैतान भी बिल्कुल ऐसा ही करता है! दुश्मन इस बात को जानता है कि जब आप दूसरे विश्वासियों की संगति में नहीं होते हैं, उसे समय आप कमज़ोर होते हैं। शैतान लोगों को उकसाता है, उनसे ऐसा करवाता है कि वे कुछ ऐसा कहें या करें कि जिससे आप को गुस्सा आ जाए या फिर आपकी भावनाओं को ठेस पहुँच जाए। अधिकतर समय ऐसा होता है कि इन लोगों को इस बात का एहसास भी नहीं होता कि शैतान उनका इस्तेमाल कर रहा है। लेकिन, आप लोगों को शैतान की चालबाज़ियों को समझ जाना चाहिए और उसे आपका गलत फ़ायदा नहीं उठाने देना चाहिए (2 कुरिंथियों 2:11 देखें)। शैतान चाहता है कि आप नाराज़ हों जाएँ और चर्च छोड़कर चले जाएँ। वह चाहता है कि झुंड के साथ रहने की सुरक्षा से आप दूर चले जाएँ। एक बार जब आप अकेले हो जाएंगे, तो शैतान और उसकी दुष्टआत्माएँ आपको निगल जाएँगे। 1पतरस 5:8 कहता है सचेत रहो और जागते रहो। हमें सावधान रहने की ज़रूरत है खासतौर से नाराज़गी को लेकर। इस बात को सावधानी से गौर करें, यह वचन यह नहीं कहता कि हम शैतान की शक्ति के विरोध में खड़े होते हैं, लेकिन शैतान की चालबाज़ियों के विरोध में खड़ा होना है। हम शैतान के चालाक इरादों के खिलाफ़ खड़े होते हैं। उसकी चालों में से एक चाल है आप को छोटी छोटी बातों पर नाराज़ कर देना या ठोकर खिलाना देना।

कई बार नाराज़ हुआ या ठोकर खाया हुआ आदमी अपने आप को बहुत ही छोटा समझता है, इसीलिए वह छोटी सी बात पर ही आपसे बाहर हो जाता है। लेकिन जब एक इनसान, अपने प्रभु में खुद की कीमत को जानता है तब उसे लोगों की

तारीफ़ की ज़रूरत नहीं पड़ती। यीशु ने फरिसियों से कहा, मैं मनुष्यों से आदर नहीं चाहता। दूसरे शब्दों में उसने इसे पाने की कोशिश या चाहत नहीं की। उसने कहा कि यह मेरा पिता है जो मेरा आदर करता है (यहून्ना 8:54)। इसका मतलब यह नहीं कि हम दूसरे लोगों से जैसा भी चाहें वैसा बर्ताव करें। दूसरे लोग आपसे कैसा व्यवहार करते हैं यह आपकी समस्या नहीं है, यह परमेश्वर और उनके बीच की बात है। आपका काम है यह देखना कि आप दूसरों के साथ कैसा बर्ताव करते हैं।

परमेश्वर चाहता है कि हम नाराज़गी के इन बंधनों से आज़ाद हो जाएँ, और उसकी ईश्वरीय शक्ति से हम उन मज़बूत गढ़ों को गिरा दें। आप मेरे साथ यह प्रार्थना कर सकते हैं:

प्रभु, मैं यीशु के नाम से आपके पास आता हूँ। मेरे मन में ठेस लगी हुई है और मैं आहत (घायल) हुआ महसूस कर रहा हूँ और मुझे छोटापन महसूस हो रहा है; मेरी तारीफ़ नहीं की गई है और मेरे साथ ठीक व्यवहार नहीं किया गया है। लेकिन प्रभु, आज के दिन में माफ़ करने के लिए चुनता हूँ। मैं किसी भी तरह की नाराज़गी या दुश्मनी की भावना को मेरे मन में लाने से इनकार करता हूँ। मैं उस आदमी (या लोगों) को जिसने ऐसा किया है आज़ाद करता हूँ; अब से लेकर, मैं किसी के भी खिलाफ़ मन में कुछ भी गलत भावना नहीं रखूँगा। पिता, मेरी मदद कर कि मैं उन बातों पर ही ध्यान लगा सकूँ जो कि भली व उत्तम हैं। मुझे ताकत दे कि मैं उन लोगों के प्रति प्रेम में चल सकूँ जिन्होंने मुझे प्रेम नहीं दिखाया है। मैंने इस बात का पक्का इरादा कर लिया है कि मैं शैतान को मेरा गलत फ़ायदा नहीं उठाने दूँगा, मैं उसकी चालबाज़ियों से अनजान नहीं हूँ। यीशु के नाम से मैं नाराज़गी भरी ज़िंदगी से आज़ाद हो गया हूँ! आमीन!

**परमेश्वर चाहता है कि हम
नाराज़गी से भरे जीवन से
आज़ाद हो जाएँ, और उसकी
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