



A Brief History of 24/7 Prayer and Worship

On September 19th, 1999, the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri started a prayer and worship meeting that has continued for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week ever since. With a similar vision to Zinzendorf - that the fire on the altar should never go out - there has never been a time when worship and prayer has not ascended to Heaven since that date.

In 1973 David Yonggi Cho, Pastor of the Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, South Korea, established a Prayer Mountain in night and day prayer. The Prayer Mountain was soon attracting over a million visitors per year, as people would spend retreats in the prayer cells provided on the mountain. Cho had a commitment to continuous prayer, to faith and to establishing small discipleship cells in his church. Perhaps as a result, Cho's church rapidly expanded to become the largest church congregation on the globe, with membership now over 780,000.

In Herrnhut Germany 1727 a prayer ministry began led by Nicholas Ludwig Cont von Zinsendorf (1700-1760). This German nobleman gathered persecuted Christians to his large estate in Germany that he named Herrnhut (the watch of the Lord). They began a prayer meeting that continued 24 hours a day for 120 years resulting in the first Protestant missions movement in history known as the Moravians. This movement also birthed one of history's greatest evangelists and church planters in John Wesley. Herrnhut represents the reality that night and day prayer releases evangelism unto the Great Commission.

In France, 1120 AD, a Catholic monk named Bernard of Clairvaux gathered 700 monks to a valley called Clairvauz (valley of light). They began a prayer meeting that continued with 24 hours a day for many years resulting in a dynamic release of evangelism through signs and wonders across all Europe.

In Bangor Ireland 555 AD a Celtic monk named Comgall and his co-worker Columbanus gathered 3000 monks to a place called Bangor (the high choir). They began a prayer meeting that continued with rotating choirs singing praises to God 24 hours a day for 300 years resulting in the first Celtic missions movement in History.

In Luke 2 we read of Anna who prayed night and day in the temple with fasting for over 60 years just prior to the coming of Jesus.

King David instituted night and day prayer and worship in the Tabernacle in Jerusalem. Singers and worshippers played and voiced their praises to God 24/7 in the presence of the Ark of the Covenant, the presence of God Himself.

A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID

David in unity with all Israel desired to bring the Ark of God to Jerusalem

1 Chronicles 13:1-8.

...“If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us; and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul.” Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people...

...So they carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.”

David built a special tent to house the Ark of the Covenant

1 Chronicles 15:1

David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.

1 Chronicles 16:1

So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

David placed singers and musicians before the ark to minister to God

1 Chronicles 6:31-33

Now these are the men whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after the ark came to rest. They were ministering with music before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they served in their office according to their order

1 Chronicles 23:4-6, 30

“Of these, twenty-four thousand were to look after the work of the house of the LORD, six thousand were officers and judges, four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand praised the LORD with musical instruments, ‘which I made,’ said David, ‘for giving praise.’ Also David separated them into divisions among the sons of Levi, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari, to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at evening.”

Finances were brought in from surrounding nations, from David and from the people of Israel

From the Nations 1 Chronicles 18:11

King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had brought from all these nations—from Edom, from Moab, from the people of Ammon, from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

From David and Israel 1 Chronicles 22:14-19

“Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the LORD one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them. Moreover there are

workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work. Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Arise and begin working, and the LORD be with you.”

David commanded the people to provide finance to release the singers to minister to God. To free the singers time in order to be devoted to ministry to God. David provided financially for 288 singers- (12 x 24 = 288)

2 Chronicles 31:4, 14

Moreover he commanded the people who dwelt in Jerusalem to contribute support for the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the Law of the LORD. Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the East Gate, was over the freewill offerings to God, to distribute the offerings of the LORD and the most holy things.

Two Tabernacles – Moses’ and David’s

From the time David set up the Tabernacle of David until Solomon built the Temple there were two Tabernacles.

Each had its particular function.

Each had its own company of Priests.

Each was own its own mountain, Mt. Gibeon and Mt. Zion.

The approximate period of time that this co-existence existed was 35-40 years.

David set Zadok the Priest and his brethren over the Tabernacle of Moses.

Their duties were to offer morning and evening sacrifices at the Brazen Altar, according to the Law of Moses.

So, on Mt. Gibeon we have a company of Priests, maintaining the legal order of Moses, functioning in the Tabernacle with its Outer Court, Holy Place and Most Holy Place.

What was in the Most Holy place?

At this time nothing!!! The Ark was in the Tabernacle of David.

So what we have is this company of Priests ministering before an empty Most Holy Place.

Now God blessed all that attended the Tabernacle of Moses but He indeed have something else in mind.

In David’s Tabernacle they did not offer animal sacrifices but sacrifices of praise joy and thanksgiving. Spiritual sacrifices.

1 Peter 2:5

“You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

David’s Tabernacle had only one room, the Holiest of All! The Most Holy Place.

There was no veil between men and the Presence of God. They could enter with boldness into the very presence of God.

Why did God allow it? What did He have in mind? What is He showing us?

The Ark has not been in a material building since the destruction of the temple by the King of Babylon in the days of Jeremiah.

When Ezra and Nehemiah rebuilt the Temple there was no ark. In the days of Jesus there was no Ark in the Holy of Holies.

Because there was no Ark the Shekinah Glory never returned to this restored material Temple

In Jesus’ day there was no Ark in the Temple.

That thick veil protected an empty room.

Jeremiah 3:15-16

“Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.” “It shall be in those days when you are multiplied and increased in the land,” declares the LORD, “they will no longer say, ‘The ark of the covenant of the LORD.’ And it will not come to mind, nor will they remember it, nor will they miss it, nor will it be made again.”

But when Jesus gave His life on Calvary’s cross probably about the time of the evening sacrifice as the Priest was standing before the veil of the Holy of Holies, God rent the veil from top to bottom.

God was saying, “I have fulfilled the law... no more sacrifices are necessary... I have abolished the Mosaic Law and economy... Access for all to the Holiest of All.”

The great tragedy is that the Jews continued to offer animal sacrifices; sewed up the veil and maintained the Mosaic order and Aaronic Priesthood until 70 AD.

God sent the Prince of Titus to smash the whole abominable setup. Truly the Glory had departed, no Ark, a rent veil, a corrupt Priesthood, an abolished order.

That which David did typically and prophetically was fulfilled historically and actually by Jesus Christ.

That which foreshadows is never as glorious as the substance. The substance is always more glorious than the shadow. The fulfillment is always more glorious than the promise!!!

What did God have in mind? What is He showing us?

First The Altar... Then The Ark

Nine Aspects of the Tabernacle of David

- Place of Extravagant Worship
- Place Where Men, Women and Children participate equally
- Place of purity and light where no darkness can remain.
- Revelation, Reproof, and Renovation
- Place of Revelation and Guidance. His plan revealed.
- Place of Rule and Government / Decrees Made
- Place of Spiritual Warfare
- The Tabernacle – The Power of Corporate Action
- Place of Prayer for the Nations
- Place Where Bondage and Legalism are Removed / Healing for the Sick Place Where people receive an anointing which is carried with them to their homes, offices and schools

A Place of Purity and Light where no darkness can remain

- Living Inside the Veil -

Purity

1 John 1:5

“God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.”

Tarrying in God’s presence causes us to desire to be Pure.

Ephesians 5:13

“But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light...”

In the presence of God you can see clearly what is good and what is not.

Light

1 John 1:7

“but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another”

Jesus was able to do all that He NOT because He had authority as the Son of God BUT because He did what was on the Father’s heart. This is the common life, a shared lifestyle.

Revelation, Rebuke and Renovation

Revelation

Jeremiah 33:3

“Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

Things we know	3%
Things we know we don't know	22%
Things we don't know we don't know	75%

Proverbs 8:17 The Voice of Wisdom:

“I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me.”

Rebuke

Hebrews 12:7-12

“Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ‘Make level paths for your feet,’ so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.”

God will disciple us because He is a good Father the discipline is always better when we run to Him and admit that we need it and ask for His help.

Renovation

Hebrews 3:1

“Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession...”

Mediate, observe fully, stargaze. We become transformed like Him because we spend time in His presence.

Matthew 17:1-13 Jesus Transfigured on top of a mountain with Peter, James and John.

Transfigured – Face shone as the sun and garments white as light. God is Light.

“Transfigure” is the same as our English word metamorphosis and means “a change from within.” This glory was not the reflection of outward light, but the revelation of inward glory. The same word is used in Romans 12:2 (“transformed”) and 2 Corinthians 3:18 (“changed”) referring to the Christian’s growth in holiness.

Romans 12:2

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

2 Corinthians 3:18

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”

As we walk in the spirit of David’s Tabernacle basking in...

Purity & Light

We Should Expect ...

Revelation, Reproof and Renovation

A Place of Prayer For The Nations

Mark 11:17

“And He began to teach and say to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a robbers’ den.”

Everybody Praying in One Accord

In Acts 4:24-31 Simultaneous prayer on the same issue

The sound can be like the sound of many waters or like thunder

100 people praying (same issue) for 15 minutes equals 24 hours of individual prayer

Acts 4:29-31

“...they raised their voices together in prayer to God. ‘And now, Lord, take note of their threats, their menace, their opposition, stance against You, their schemes and plans against us and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.’ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

When the believers prayed the truth from Psalm 2 the place where they were was shaken and the Holy Spirit came upon them, JUST AS THEY HAD ASKED!

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword”

We pray by the Truth that is in scripture, that is, pray God’s own Words back to Him, He reveals His plans and gives us the desires of our hearts (which are the desires of His).

OTHER TYPES OF CORPORATE PRAYER

1. An Individual Exhortative Prayer

This kind of prayer inspires faith, vision, worship, and intercession in the hearers. As a result the hearers are actively caught up and agree with the prayer as it is prayed.

They are also inspired to pray themselves along the same lines.

2. An Individual Prophetic Prayer

This kind of prayer gives prophetic revelation during the actual prayer and stimulates others to respond.

This may lead to further revelatory prayers and prophetic actions.

3. Small Group Prayers

Matthew 18:19-20

“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.”

4. Praying and Singing the Scriptures

The Lord will often lead us to particular scriptures, which become the focus of prayer and proclamation.

5. Songs of Worship and Praise

Singing songs are a powerful weapon that forces the enemy to retreat.

1 Samuel 16:23

“So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.”

1 Chronicles 9:33

“Now these are the singers, heads of fathers’ households of the Levites, who lived in the chambers of the temple free from other service; for they were engaged in their work day and night. These were heads of fathers’ households of the Levites according to their generations, chief men, who lived in Jerusalem.”

Nehemiah 1:5-6

*“I said, “I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, **day and night**, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father’s house have sinned.”*

Nehemiah 4:7-9

“Now when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repair of the walls of Jerusalem went on, and that the breaches began to be closed, they were very angry. All of them conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it. But we prayed to our God, and because of them we set up a guard against them day and night.”

We stand in the breeches against the power of the enemy over our lives, cities, families, friends, nation, etc.

Lamentations 2:18,19

Their heart cried out to the Lord,
“O wall of the daughter of Zion,
Let your tears run down like a river day and night;
Give yourself no relief,
Let your eyes have no rest.
“Arise, cry aloud in the night
At the beginning of the night watches;
Pour out your heart like water
Before the presence of the Lord;
Lift up your hands to Him

Read Luke 18:7. Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night?

Revelation 4:8

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.”

Revelation 7:13-17

“Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. “They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation 12:10

for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.