

GROWING IN GOD

PODCAST



GIG227 – Do You Know How Important You Are?

Hi, welcome to this podcast. I just finished recording a previous podcast which is entitled, *From One, To Many, Into One*. I want to make you aware of that in case you have not heard it. I think it would be important for you to listen to that podcast; it is kind of a prelude to this, and I think it will really help you with your understanding. This podcast is entitled, *Do You Know How Important You Are?* It will probably come out somewhere around the middle of December. I am burdened for it, because I know we are in this time of prayer that we need to be really conscious of during the time of transition. We have just finished elections here in the United States, and we really are in a time of transition from the elections; and we all know the result of that, so I do not need to bring it up. But because of the results, and because of where we are at, I felt like it was really necessary for us to be in prayer; and we have talked about that in one of the prior podcasts. So this is just to lay kind of an introduction, or relay an introduction and idea of why we are working with these ideas and concepts.

Our prayer for this time of transition is necessary. I know that when people hear this, they are going to be focusing on Christmas, or on Hanukkah; but I think it would be really wise of us to focus on the intercession, both for the natural and the spirit realm, that is taking place right now during this transition. We know this transition will go on until the inauguration of the new president, President Trump, and then on beyond that, so I am not saying it will stop there. We will be into it, I am sure, through January; but I do not want it to get lost in the holidays. Like I said, we have Christmas coming up, we have Hanukkah coming up, we have New Year's coming up, all of these things taking place, and it is very easy to get lost in them. Spiritually, I hope that we do not do that. I hope that we are able to stay on point and that we are able to really be into the prayer that we need for now.

I have been talking about Second Chronicles chapter 7, verses 11-14, for a long time, because I do believe it is something very alive and real for us. I believe it is an answer for the body of Christ. I think it is for believers everywhere, the Jewish people, the synagogue, the church; I think everyone needs to let these verses come alive to them. It needs to be something that we are focused on and really being into. So, I want to read these verses again to start this podcast.

Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's palace, and successfully completed all that he had planned on doing in the house of the Lord and in his palace. Then the Lord appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, and My people who are called by My name humble themselves [number one] and pray and seek My face [number two] and turn from their wicked ways [number three], then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

These results here that God is promising are the results that we need in this day and age. We need God to hear us from heaven; and I believe He is hearing us. I believe we are seeing signs, in the election and things that have transpired, that show us that God is hearing us from heaven. And we need God to hear us from heaven right now. We need Him to forgive our sin, and the ways that we have acted and lived

that have led our nation, that have led other nations to be where they are. These are consequences of actions, and that is all proven out by the Scriptures and what the Scriptures show us. So, we are living in the midst of our consequences, and we need this great forgiveness and grace from God.

He also says that He will come and heal the land. A wonderful promise, because I think we are all concerned about the world and what we see transpiring in the earth around us, with the atmosphere and all aspects of nature. We are seeing the consequences of our sin and our action as humans. So, we need these results when we read this prayer. We must have these results; and therefore, I think we, as a people, must be praying.

We see in this prayer something very unique, and this goes along with what I was talking about in the previous podcast – that part of the plan of God, as we move through the transition of ages, is that things started with a singular individual and focus. We see that in Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; they were individuals. We see that in Christ. We see that in Joshua; he was the leader. So we see that the Bible is filled with individual leaders; and that has to transition, in the will of God, into not being singular individuals, but it must be a people. Why? Because a people are needed if there is going to be a Kingdom of God. Christ the King does not make a complete Kingdom. He has to have that which He is the King over. So, God is not just waiting for Christ to come into the earth; He is waiting for the fruit of Christ coming into the earth, which is a body of Christ, coming out of all that has transpired, so that there is a Kingdom in existence.

We see that in this prayer – it is about Solomon. Solomon had just finished building the house of God, he had just finished building his own palace, then he prayed to God; and these verses are God responding to Solomon's prayer. It was not everybody praying, it was Solomon's prayer before everybody. Everybody was watching, Solomon got on his knees and raised his hands before the Lord; he was doing all of this. He built the Temple himself, out of his drive, out of the anointing that was on him. So it is interesting, then, in this prayer, because God is responding to the prayer of Solomon. And in verse 12 He says that: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice." God is there because Solomon, the anointed one, prayed; and God responded to that prayer of Solomon.

But something transpires out of the mouth of God in this whole time of prayer. Starting at verses 13-14, He says, "If I [God] shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I [God] command the locust to devour the land, or if I [God] send pestilence among My people, and My people...." Now all of a sudden we are not talking about Solomon. God is not telling Solomon what to do. God is saying what the people, what the congregation, must do. In a sense, it may not matter what Solomon does as a singular any longer. Now that the Temple is built, now that we have the palace, now that we have seen the heart of David fulfilled, there must be a people that walk with God and serve God after the heart of David, that they saw in David. So God Himself shifts the focus away from Solomon, and says, "If My people who are called by My name humble themselves...." Okay? We must humble ourselves. We must pray and seek God's face, and we must turn from our wicked ways. If we do that, God is saying that just like He heard Solomon, and He is here because He heard Solomon and He is answering Solomon's prayer, then He is going to come and answer our prayer – His people, who are going to do these things. They are going to humble themselves. They are going to seek His face. I think this is the time that we are in.

Remember the title of this, *Do You Know How Important You Are?* I think one of the most difficult things for us as individuals, as humans – especially when we bring it into a religious context, and maybe because we are seeing it in a political context that we are just coming out of – is to think that we

individually are that important and what we do matters. But according to this prayer, if His people are not all doing this, then He does not come and heal the land. Maybe that is rephrasing it, but I think it is in a correct way. We all as His people must individually be doing these things. So, though we are a collective, though we are the congregation, though we are the body of Christ as kind of a multitude, we individually must be doing this and participating in it; because if we are not, if God does not see His people doing this, then the answer does not come.

I think it is so easy for us, especially in today's world, to minimize ourselves and our worth and our ability. But according to God's plan, you are important. Without you, it does not work. There is not enough energy to come and make this all happen.

I was thinking about the prayer that came in the book of Acts after the apostles were arrested and taken before the officials, and they told them to stop praying in this Name and stop talking about the Gospel. So, Peter and John go back to the congregation and they tell the story to their companions, it says; and I am jumping to Acts the fourth chapter, verse 23. It says they were released, they went back to their companions, they reported all that had happened. And in verse 24, it says, "And when they heard this, they lifted up their voices to God with one accord" – one accord; they were all doing this – "and said, 'O Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,'" and they go on praying this amazing prayer. It is interesting, because it goes back to David, the servant, and why the Gentiles are raging, which we see in the world today surrounding us; "and the kings of the earth are taking their stand, and the rulers are gathering together against the Lord and against His Christ." So we see a lot of this transpiring. But the focus of what I am trying to say is that it was them, this group of people. We do not know how many people were there. We know that on the day of Pentecost, it started with a hundred and twenty who were there; but we know that after that, there were thousands who gave themselves to this walk with the Lord, to become part of the congregation before Him. So how many of them were a part of this? We do not know. But we do know when we get to verses 31-32 that it says, "And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness. And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul."

That is where we should be right now, and I do not know that we are making this transition quickly enough. I do not know that it is really in our hearts and our minds as Christians, as church, to recognize the individual importance of what we bring into the spirit world through our prayer, through our faith; the power of our faith and how it has the ability. It says that when they prayed the place was shaken. The Holy Spirit fell again on all of them. They all began to speak with boldness the Word of God. Think about that. It was not the apostles. That would almost be heresy today to say,

"Oh, my congregation, in my church, they are all speaking the Word of God."

"What do you mean they are speaking the Word of God? There is only one Word of God, there is only the Bible," yada, yada, yada. So we go into doctrine.

No, these guys were all anointed. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. And because of this power in the oneness of what each individual was doing, then the place was shaken, then these things happened. And it goes on to say, in verse 33, "With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all." This was an amazing reality that took place. This is the foundation of the church. And all I can say is, "Where did it go?" We have to get

back to this. And part of the way we get back to this is by us individually waking up, saying, "I am that important," recognizing who you are in God, and what God has done in creating a body of Christ.

I want to read something to you. This is just an interesting fact. I thought, "Lord, give me an illustration of what we are talking about here." So I Googled this thing, because I have heard it before and studied it a little bit about the human body, and the fact that in the universe, we are one. We are all connected. That is the reality that physics itself, in quantum physics, is beginning to understand; entanglement and all of these things that really exist as the reality. Not something you are working for, the reality – the reality is that we are one, we are connected. And without each individual of us giving our specific piece that we have, then there is something missing, and the power that we see in that prayer from the book of Acts does not happen. So, I looked this up, that I have understood before, that the physical body actually produces power. It produces electricity; and it is produced, not just as a body, it is produced by each individual cell in the body. So anyway, I did a Google search, which of course kicked up all this AI stuff. You cannot go anywhere anymore without getting AI. Maybe at some point I will turn the podcast over to AI, and there will be a different kind of message that will come. But anyway, this is out of AI from a search that I did on the Internet through my browser. It is called, "Electrical production in human cells." I am going to read this to you, so that I am not twisting what was said.

Based on the search results, here is a concise and accurate answer to your question, Gary. The voltage potential across the membrane of a human cell is approximately 70 millivolts, or 0.07 volts. This is the electrical charge difference between the inside and the outside of the cell membrane, driven by an electrochemical gradient. To clarify, this voltage potential is not directly convertible into electricity production, as it is a passive electrochemical gradient and not an active electrical generator. The cell membrane does not produce electricity in a classic sense. However, if we were to consider the membrane potential as a rough estimate of the electrical pressure within the cell, we could attempt to scale it up to the entire body. Assuming 50 trillion cells in the human body, as mentioned in one of the search results, and multiplying the membrane potential by this number, we get 50 trillion cells times 0.07 volts equals approximately 3.5 trillion volts.

I love that. And this is the disclaimer:

Please note that this calculation is highly speculative and should not be taken as a direct measurement of electrical production. The actual electrical activity within human cells is complex and involves various ion channels, pumps, and other mechanisms, which cannot be reduced to a simple voltage measurement.

It brings about this reality that we, as an individual, as a body, are producing this type of electrical force. But it is produced by cell. The body does not do it as the body, as one thing; it does it through these 50 trillion cells. And the body has anywhere between 50 trillion to 60 trillion, different estimates of how many cells are in the human body; but the body functions only because the cells function. We exist only because of each cell in the body doing its part. And you say, "Each cell does not really seem to do that much." Well, it does not need to, because it has all of the cells working together for the purpose of the body. And all of this means that we work. Your brain works on electricity; everything in your nervous system is electricity. And so, we can see spiritually that this is a classic reality. You can say, "Well, I do not do that much," or "I do not have that much." It does not matter what you have; without you, the body of Christ does not work. And I do not care if there are members that may think it works without you, it does not work. We must be one. We must come together and stop being just many individuals.

The body of Christ cannot be a multitude of individuals, it has to become one thing. This was the prayer of Christ in John 17, "That they all be one, Father, as You and I are one." We must come into oneness. If we do not come into oneness, we are not bringing that voltage, we are not bringing the power of our faith to play in what God is doing. And the reason I am bringing this podcast today is just my concern about us being in this intercession that we find in second Chronicles 7, verses 11 through 14. We must be praying. But it must be "My people," He says. "My people who are called by My name" have to bring this prayer, have to do this prayer. We must be humbling ourselves. We must be seeking His face. We must be getting rid of any wickedness within us or around us in our lives, in order for this answer to come. What is it again? "He will hear from heaven, and He will forgive our sin," as a collective; "and He will heal our land." That is what we are looking for.

We see this idea again. Paul just hammers away at it in First Corinthians the twelfth chapter, and I will just read some of the verses. Verse 12, "For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ." When we talk about the return of Christ, I do not think Christ returns without this body. This is the body of Christ. This is His body. It is many, but it is one. And you do not really have the body reflecting Christ until it is many members who have become one, as Paul is saying.

Verses 13-14, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many." That day of one – the one leader, the one member, the one anointed – that is gone. That is gone! We are not in that age anymore. We are in the age of one. And we must act that way and reach for it, and become the one body that is necessary to function. Christ is not here doing it on His own anymore. He was taken to the right hand of the Father, and the angels themselves talked to the apostles and said, "Why are you looking up around? He is gone. Now, you go back to Jerusalem and be endued with power. You go become one heart, one soul, one mind, one faith, one baptism. You become that." Then as Christ said in John 17, "The world will believe." This is the age of oneness, and the world will believe because of oneness.

Verses 15-16, "If the foot says, 'Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,' it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, 'Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,' it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body." We have to get out of not knowing how important we are. We are important, and we cannot isolate ourselves from the reality of what we are as a part of the body. Maybe we are bringing to the table 0.07 volts of electricity – that is fine. I am telling you, without you the body cannot function. It needs that charge of faith. It needs that believing. It needs that anointing that you bring. And we have all got to see this. We cannot let ourselves feel like, "Oh, it's okay, somebody else will pray."

"No, it's okay, somebody else will do the work."

"Somebody else is going to be dedicated over here."

"Somebody else is going to wait on the Lord."

Going back to the prayer, "Somebody else is going to humble themselves. I do not need to do it. I am not that important anyway."

"Somebody else will wait on the Lord, seek His face."

“I know I should repent, but somebody else I am sure is repenting. It’s not that important if I do not do this.”

No, we have to be up every day doing these things before God, knowing that our part is the energy that drives the body of Christ and makes it His body, and makes it function. “Though we are many members, we are one body; and so also is Christ.” If you withhold that portion that you have, you are taking away from Christ Himself.

God bless us to see who we are and how important we are. I encourage you, read all of First Corinthians 12. Get this idea into your mind. Read Ephesians the fourth chapter, starting with verse 1 and going through the chapter. Get the sense of this. Without our individual function, there is not power to change this age through our prayer and faith. We need to change an age. We need to see the land delivered. We need to see God come and answer and move. And it requires you.

Do not forget how important you are. God bless you to receive this with real faith.

Amen.