# **LESSON THIRTEEN**

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### **Releasing God's Power to Transform the Nations**

### Timeless Insights

"I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space, but I can lay it aside and go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees in earnest prayer, and see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies on earth."

—Sir Isaac Newton

"Prayer can do anything God can do."

-E. M. Bounds

### Foundational Scripture

And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me... you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:4, 8 (NKJV)

# The Sevenfold Impact of a Holy Spirit-Anointed "Power Encounter!"

(Supernatural Power for Supernatural Prayer)

Definitions:				
Super:				
"Over and; higher in quality or degree;				
than."				
Natural:				
"Having a or usual character; not out				
of the"				
<b>Supernatural:</b> "Departing from what is usual or normal; that which				
the of nature."				
Timeless Insights "Prayer can change anything. The impossible doesn't exist. His is the power. Ours is the prayer. Without Him, we cannot. Without us, He will not."				
— Jack Hayford				

### The Supernatural Impact of Supernatural Prayer

### Scripture:

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave

witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:31-33 (NKJV)

### Timeless Insights

"To pray is a supernatural way of getting to know a supernatural God. When we pray, God makes us His partners! He chooses us to become part of His ministry here on earth."

—Rosalind Rinker

First Impact: A Supernatural

### Scripture:

And when they had prayed... the place where they were assembled was shaken...

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

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### Scripture:

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty... 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

Haggai 2:6-7, 9 (NIV)

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Hebrews 12:26-27 (NIV)

### Timeless Insights

"John Knox was a man famous for his power in prayer, so that Queen Mary of England used to say that she feared his prayers more than all the armies of Europe."

-Charles Finney

Second Impact: A Supernatural \_\_\_\_\_

### Scripture:

And when they had prayed... they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient—in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Romans 15:18-19 (NKJV)

### Timeless Insights

"Prayer is the easiest and the hardest of all things; the simplest and the sublimest; the weakest and the most powerful; its results lie outside the range of human possibilities; they are limited only by the omnipotence of God."

—E. M. Bounds		
Third Impact: A Supernatural		
Scripture: And when they had prayed they spoke the word of God with boldness  Acts 4:31 (NKJV)		
Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had		
been with Jesus.  Acts 4:13 (NKJV)		
Fourth Impact: A Supernatural		
Scripture: And when they had prayed the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul  Acts 4:31-32 (NKJV)		
May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6 (NIV		
Fifth Impact: A Supernatural		

### Scripture:

And when they had prayed... neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common...

Acts 4:31-32 (NKJV)

And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy. Those who owned fields or houses sold them and brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it.

Acts 4:34 (MSG)

Now, friends, I want to report on the surprising and generous ways in which God is working in the churches in Macedonia province. Fierce troubles came down on the people of those churches, pushing them to the very limit. The trial exposed their true colors: They were incredibly happy, though desperately poor. The pressure triggered something totally unexpected: an outpouring of pure and generous gifts.

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (MSG)

	Sixth Im	pact: A	Supernatural	
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### Scripture:

And when they had prayed... with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of Jesus...

Acts 4:31, 33 (NKJV)

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power...

1 Corinthians 2:1-4 (NIV)

### Timeless Insights

"Prayer is the power that wields the weapon of the Word."
—John Piper

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### Scripture:

And when they had prayed... great grace was upon them all...

Acts 4:31, 33 (NKJV)

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV)

But Noah found favor with the LORD.

Genesis 6:8 (NLT)

But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah. Genesis 6:8 (MSG)

### Timeless Insights

"Prayer is the conduit through which power from heaven is brought to earth."

-O. Hallesby

### AFTERTHOUGHTS... PONDER AND PRAY

### **Ponder Points:**

Discuss (or ponder) how you would define the difference between God's manifest presence and God's conscious presence. In what ways do you see God "shaking" up the status quo of His people in recent days and months?

Personal Afterthoughts:			

### **Prayer Points:**

Pray specifically for areas of your life (or the life of a friend, loved one or even your church) where you see the need for supernatural empowerment, courage, unity or any other qualities mentioned in this lesson.

**Additional Notes and Comments:**