

A Fragrant Flame

The Indisputable “First” Requirement for the Release of Revival in These Challenging Times!

1. Prayer Path

Revelations (A Journey to the Word)

Scripture:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

John 1:1, 14 (NIV)

Voices from the Past:

“What is the incarnation but [Christ’s] heavenly humility, His emptying Himself and becoming man? What is His life on earth but humility, His taking the form of a servant? And what is His atonement but humility? ‘He humbled himself and became obedient unto death.’”

—Andrew Murray

“Christ is the humility of God embodied in human nature.”

—Andrew Murray

Scripture:

...In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade. Through us, he

brings knowledge of Christ. Everywhere we go, people breathe in the exquisite fragrance. Because of Christ, we give off a sweet scent rising to God, which is recognized by those on the way of salvation—an aroma redolent with life.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15 (MSG)

Who, being in very nature God... made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV)

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)

Voices from the Past:

“Humility is simply the sense of entire nothingness, which comes when we see how truly God is all, and in which we make way for God to be all.”

—Andrew Murray

Scripture:

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:6 (NIV)

(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

Numbers 12:3 (NIV)

Voices from the Past:

“The life God bestows is imparted not once for all, but each moment continuously, by the unceasing operation of His mighty power. Humility, the place of entire dependence on God, is, from the very nature of things, the first duty and the highest virtue of man. It is the root of every virtue.”

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2. Prayer Path

Reflections (A Journey to the Past)

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An Invaluable Touchstone: A Prayer for Humility

Voices from the Past:

“Here I will give you an infallible touchstone. It is this: retire from the world and all conversation, only for one month. Neither write, nor read, nor debate anything with yourself. Stop all the former workings of your heart and mind. And, with all the strength of your heart, stand all this month, as continually as you can, in the following form of prayer to God. Offer it frequently on your knees. But whether sitting, walking, or standing, be always inwardly longing and earnestly praying this one prayer to God: That of His great goodness He would make known to you, and take from your heart, every kind and form and degree of pride, whether it be from evil spirits, or your own corrupt nature; and that He would awaken in you the deepest depth and truth of that humility which can make you capable of His light and Holy Spirit.”

—Andrew Murray

3. Prayer Path

Realities (A Journey to Understanding)

Scripture:

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Psalm 25:9 (NIV)

Voices from the Past:

“Humility is the only soil in which the graces root; the lack of humility is the sufficient explanation of every defect and failure. Humility is not so much a grace or virtue along with others; it is the root of all, because it alone assumes the right attitude before God and allows him as God to do all.”

—Andrew Murray

Scripture:

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)

Voices from the Past:

“Jesus the holy One is the humble One. The holiest will always be the humblest. There is none holy but God. We have as much of holiness as we have of God.”

—Andrew Murray

Scripture:

The high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, the Holy One, says this: “I live in that high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I refresh the humble and give new courage to those with repentant hearts.”

Isaiah 57:15 (NLT)

The Principle of Fragrant Worship

Humility is the foundation and touchstone to the _____ of all God's best for His _____. Humility is, in and of itself, an act of fragrant _____, for all true worship decentralizes _____ and humbles the worshiper before God. Humility thus is the first and primary _____ for the release of revival and awakening that both _____ God's people and _____ the land (see 2 Chronicles 7:14).