

We can either live by the eternal, unshakable Word of God Almighty or build on the shifting sands of culture and current events.

You can't solve a problem with the same level of thinking that created the problem.
— Albert Einstein

Matthew 4:17 Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand . . .
Repent = Greek - change your way of thinking
Higher Perspective: Get out of your mind and into His!

Noah was on a path 100 years in the making - not one day of it looked rational to the logical mind.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Don't Limit Your Prayers to What You Can See, Think or Feel

The answer to the impossible is outside our current frame of reference:

W/O revelation we go in circles like a lost hiker.
Revelation = heaven's perspective on your situation
Revelation gives us that point to walk toward . . .

Hebrews 11:7 (ESV) By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning **events as yet unseen**, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

(AMP) events of which as yet there was no visible sign . . .

Warned - Gk. "to answer those asking advice." (Thayer)

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (KJV) But **as it is written**, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. [10] But God hath revealed them unto us **by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

The only way we ever produce beyond our frame of reference is by revelation.

As it is written . . . by his Spirit

If we ask God about the future, He will reveal things about the future.

Reactionary Prayers vs Spirit Led Prayers

Noah building the Ark: This was totally outside his frame of reference!

- There had never been an ark before.
- There has never been a flood before.
- There had never even been rain!

If my prayers are limited to *what I think* and *what I want*, what are the chances that I will have God's highest and best? (Psalms 106:13-15, KJV)

PRAYING WHAT YOU KNOW COULD BE YOUR GREATEST LIMITATION

Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. [6] In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Prayer is Partnership with God

The most effective prayers originate in God's heart not man's

- The goal in prayer should be cooperating with God.
- Noah didn't tell God that he wanted an ark; God told Noah he needed one.
- The Head initiates, the body responds. He is the head and we are the body.
- PRAYER IS OUR RESPONSE TO HIS PROMPTING

Prayer is cooperation with the divine plan.

John 14:10, 13-14 (ESV) Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? **The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.**

Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV) Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

John 16:13 (ESV) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

The key to effective prayer is "Not my will but thine be done." Luke 22:41-42

Not all prayer is asking

James 5:17-18 (ESV) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

1 Kings 17:1 (ESV) Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

Part of prayer is hearing and part is prophetic declaration.

Romans 8:26-27 (ESV) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27] And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We can pray by the Spirit what would have never occurred to us.
It's time to color outside the lines.

You've Got to be out of your mind and into His mind.