

“IF MY PEOPLE...” Practical Solutions to the World Order

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Today's message from God's Word deals with identifying solutions to major global problems, the kind of solutions which our eyes aren't seeing and our ears aren't hearing. If we want God to attend to our prayers, we improve our prayer power by learning to hear our neighbor in everyday life. "If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Second Chronicles 7:14. "If my people"... humility... prayer... repentance... pay attention to I AM face to face... then our land will be healed... Interesting! Here are the mechanics of success! Unfortunately, because the Bride drank too much of the harlot's wine of fornication during our spiritual births, we are spiritually retarded when it comes to carrying out these powerful and straight forward instructions of the living I AM. Prayer? How do we reach a God our minds can't comprehend and our eyes can't see? How do we pray to a God our senses can't perceive? We must cease praying with our minds and use our hearts. When prayers are from the mind and not the heart, they are merely lip service. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." Second Chronicles 16:9. When God tells us to serve Him with our entire heart, it was a call for us to pray to Him. Prayer is the language of the heart, not the mind (Deuteronomy 10:13). What is

interesting is that each part of these mechanics of success (genuine humility, prayers from the heart, repentance for disobeying I AM, and paying attention to our Lord and Creator) lead us to the other parts. Likewise, the Spirit leads us to the Word, which leads us to the Spirit, and then back to the Word, and so on. The parts work together and will be discovered together. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27 Mark 12: 28-33 [“And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love Yahuwah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”] Romans 13:9 [“For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”] Galatians 5:14 [“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”] When we repent from disobedience to God, that repentance translates into us loving God with all our heart. It will also mean we will follow His Golden Rule (to love our neighbor

as ourself). If one loves his neighbor that in itself stops theft, murder and other crimes of spiritual lawlessness. Loving God with all one's heart (means a good prayer life) and loving our neighbor as oneself will develop the social and communication skills to have that good prayer life with I AM. For if we can't communicate with and love our neighbor who we can see, how will we do so with I AM whom we can't see [entirely] or mentally understand or perceive with our senses? "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." While some of the spiritually blind mistakenly see prayer as a wish list for a heavenly Santa Claus, true prayer is about knowing I AM, which is a personal relationship with a living loving Creator. "No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us... And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him... If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen how can he love God whom he has not seen?" First John 4: 12, 16, 20 Let's examine some practical things we can do every day that will improve our prayer life with God, so we can have the power of I AM [Yahuwah] in our lives to challenge the Beast system. These practical everyday things will be seen to be relationship and communication skills with the people around us. If we want God to respond to our requests, then the Word of God says to ask in line with His will. Matthew 6:10 ["Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."] John 4:34 ["Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."] Colossians 1: 9-10 ["For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work,

and increasing in the knowledge of God”] “And this is the confidence we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.” First John 5:14 This is the same with our fellowman. We must appeal to our fellowman in terms of their own interests. When we talk to a person in authority, do we ask something that is meaningful enough for he or she to pay attention? I AM is interested in our spiritual growth (such as positive changes, holiness, and spiritual productivity). Do our prayers appeal to His interests such as our spiritual growth? We can improve our ability to appeal to God by learning the same skill when we learn to appeal to the needs of others in our requests. One vital ability displayed by popular socially-adept people-persons is the ability to let go and just be oneself. In order to do that, they must leave behind fears of who they are. A popular short person has probably come to accept his shortness and use it as an asset. Are we afraid to look at ourselves? If so, then our prayer life to I AM suffers from our shallow phoniness. I AM may not respond to us in hopes we will take an honest look at ourselves when we face Him. In fact, He may refuse our prayer requests in hopes our troubles motivate us to introspection. And this ties in with the next tip. I AM will draw near to us if we’re likeminded to Him. Have you ever noticed how two likeminded strangers at a party will hone in on each other like they had radar. Two rebellious teenagers will locate each other in a heartbeat. In nature, two similar animals (for instance rabbits) will locate each other in the midst of many other things. If we want to find I AM, we need to be like Him, and He’ll spot us instantly, and in turn we’ll spot the hand of God in our own lives. Yahuwah says He searches the world for hearts perfect toward Him. (Second Chronicles 16:9) A perfect heart is a praying heart. A praying heart is a communicating heart. A communicating heart is one that has the skills of communicating; and the people in our lives are the perfect

place to develop and practice those communicating skills of love. We nourish our relationship with our spouse, family and friends by having a grateful heart and showing appreciation for what they do. A typical side effect of poor communication and poor appreciation is a build-up of resentment. So, we learn from this that we nourish our relationship to I AM by a grateful heart and lavish lasting praise. People who don't communicate with each other often develop animosities and begin a cycle of being blind to the positive traits and good acts of the other party. People who don't have good prayer lives do the same to God. You probably know people who won't admit or notice the good things (blessings) of I AM. Did you realize that this is perhaps due to a quality of prayer-life? Trust is the foundation of all human communication. In First Corinthians 13 it tells us that in loving our neighbor we are to "believe all things, hope all things." In other words, extend trust to our neighbor. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that trust in I AM is essential to communicate with Him. We are created with a built-in need to communicate with people and I AM. Humanity has a universal need to worship. Humanity doesn't always find what it needs. At times, life quenches these natural desires until we are more comfortable in isolated silence and we prefer our comfort zones of misery rather than risk the pain of trying to get what seems unobtainable. We ourselves are the glory of I AM's creation. (Isaiah 43:7) We are His craftsmanship. We are like gold and silver ready to be refined for His glory (Proverbs 27:21) The ox knows his master, and the donkey his crib, but there are plenty of people who are lost on these issues, obviously blinded by the deceits of Satan, who under the disguise of enlightening us gives us spiritual poisons to sear our consciences (Romans 1:28). Humility is essential in human communication. A prideful person feels he has nothing of importance to learn from others. He dominates the conversation. For many reasons, humility is

vital if we are to pray to God Almighty. The Words of I AM are the exciting Words of a living God. People have questioned whether God was dead long before the twentieth century. As Psalms 94: 7-11 asks, "Do you question that the Creator of ears and eyes can see and hear? How silly." (paraphrase). The living God Yahuwah is seen in history when He took a small group of slaves, drove out all the various kingdoms in [Canaan], and established the Israelites there as His people. (Joshua 3:10). God is daily active in nature and mankind and is visible through these. (Psalms 104: 24-30). We are given a promise that God is aware of what happens, as well as a warning that the living I AM will punish the nations with His wrath (Matthew 10: 29-32 and Jeremiah 10: 10-13). It's always wonderful to get to know our heavenly Father. The road to knowing this great I AM is through loving and knowing our neighbor better.

[Editor's note (A.L.S.): I replaced some of Fritz Springmeier's original wording without using brackets, such as "neighbor" for fellow man, "I AM" for God, and "humanity" for fellow man. This has a little more nuance toward self-knowledge and the Kingdom of God within every soul, as we are interconnected with God's Creation and plan for development through our Lord Jesus Christ. "I AM" is the literal meaning of Yahuwah (Y-H-W-H) occurring over 6800 times in the Bible.]

