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Daniel 9:2 – 4

“During the first year of Darius’ reign, I, Daniel, was studying the writings of the prophets, I learned from the Word of the LORD, as recorded by Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years. So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and fasting...” Daniel 9:2 – 4 NLT

We are “labourers together with God.” (1 Corinthians 3:9a). The usual understanding of this idea of “being labourers together with God” is the notion that we are His hands extended to those who are in need. “Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me.” (Matthew 25:40) What a life changing, city changing, nation changing truth!

However, there is an often overlooked call and demand of the Spirit for us to be “labours together with God” in our believing as well. It is a believing with His Spirit’s praying through us for the fulfillment and completion of His purposes in the earth. It is an entering into the yoke, not only of Christian service but the yoke of Spirit enabled faith! John Wesley said, “God will do nothing but in answer to prayer!” Astounding, but it appears the Lord has handicapped Himself to the prayers of the believing Church!

If you were asked, “What is it that I must do to work the works of God?”, how would you answer? No doubt most good Christians would discuss the need for the Gospel to have a social conscience – feeding the poor, helping the underprivileged, educating the ignorant, lifting up the downtrodden. Many would say we need to proclaim the Good News with passion and sacrifice. All of these would be acceptable answers. Yet, when Jesus was asked this same question, His response may surprise and even upset more than a few folks! “Then said they unto Him, “What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said unto them, “This is the work of God that you believe on Him whom He hath sent.” (John 6:28 – 29).

Never get so caught up in Christian service that you forget to believe with God for His purposes to be fulfilled! “Whatever is not of faith is sin.” (Romans 14:23).

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