

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 44

The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of Our Prayers

And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

Revelation 5:8 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: One of the most difficult challenges in the life of the Christian is the fact that we do not always see the direct affects of our prayers. Yes, there are those times when an answer to our prayers come by God's grace in a timely way, but more often than not, we may wait what seems to us to be a long time to see the answer to our prayers, or maybe never at all in our lifetime. Revelation 5:8 gives us a heavenly perspective on the affectiveness or timeliness of our prayers. We see here a glimpse into the majestic throne room of God. Here, the prayers of the saints are described as incense that is kept in golden bowls before the throne of God. These prayers are stored there until the correct time for them to be poured out in answer (Rev. 8:3-4). What an encouragement to know that our prayers are not lost before God. The prayers that are prayed in the will of God are precious to Him. Incense is often used to signify prayer in the Bible. Be encouraged! The fruit of your prayers prayed in His will, are not lost into the atmosphere, they are kept by God for the proper time of His choosing to bear the fruit that He has designed. Rather than give up, this truth should encourage us to continue to pray, even though we do not see the fruit of our prayers in the time of our choosing. Trust in the faithfulness of God to bring forth the fruit of your prayers in the right time, and in the right way. We are to always pray and not give up, because the time for the answer may be just ahead of us.

Day 1: Meditate on how precious your prayers are to God that He likens them to precious incense.

Day 2: Are there some things that you have given up praying for because you have become discouraged?

Day 3: Ask the Lord to renew your faith that He holds your prayers before His throne they are not lost.

Day 4: What would you pray if you knew your prayers were being kept before God's throne?

Day 5: Pray that your church would have a vision of how precious your prayers are to God.

Day 6: Pray for a sense of unity among the churches in your city to pray until those bowls are poured out over your city.

Day 7: Pray that your missionaries from your church would be encouraged in their praying.