

GIG258 – Pray from Fulfillment

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I wanted to just jump in this morning. This has been a very difficult time. Suffice it to say that for me, I can only define it as a new level of demonic assault against myself. And I never take things as being just against me, I take it as being against God's people, against the body of Christ; and so, I would assume that many of you here are going through difficulties also during this time. But anyway, I do not want to magnify that, I definitely want to get out of it. The only thing I have that is an answer, and it may not be the right answer or a complete answer, I am not sure, but I am just going to give you the thoughts that have been coming to me only in the last twelve hours or so, and see if this is an assistance to us.

I feel personally like the reason for this is because of what I have been reaching into for a new level of prayer. I know that we have talked about it on some of our calls together. I am looking for a new level of prayer and intercession that is changing the way we approach the Lord and that we approach the spirit world, the quantum world, whatever you want to call it; but God Himself. I know there are a lot of other things out there and people talking about things. I personally always take everything back to a biblical stance and a biblical approach, and have to find something scriptural that it is confirming or relating to, rather than just somebody's lecture on the quantum field. But there are some good people out there who are speaking of this level of what we call the spirit world, and functioning within the spirit world, that I would say is significantly different than the way I feel we have related in the past. I have been talking for a long time about the fact that we know, but we must know how, not just know. I think we have a lot of understanding, biblical understanding, scriptural understanding, teaching that we have had in our life that has come from John Stevens and from others; but I feel like the drive is to know how to move in those things – not just know a truth, but know how to move in that truth or execute that truth.

When I look at the Scriptures, I see prophets like Elijah and Elisha and others who obviously knew how to move in the Spirit so that things resulted from that. That has always been my understanding of what we in this day and age, as God's people moving as prophets and prophetesses, are to be able to do, is to manifest the reality of what the Scriptures are saying. So if somebody would say, "Well, what are you saying? Are you saying you are a prophet?" I would say, "Probably not in the way you would interpret that." But from the sense of having a revelation of the prophecies and the Scriptures, and understanding that we are to be the mouthpiece of faith and we are to be the spiritual vibration that brings that into manifestation in this moment of time, yes, that to me is what it means to be a prophet today. I do not have to make up prophecies or reach in for new prophecies or go find prophecies; and I am not saying that cannot happen. But to me the greater level is to take what has been spoken already and realize that

if it was spoken, and if it is a Word from God, then it is. It is not to be, it is. And I think that is cutting between joints and marrow where the Word of God is concerned.

This is something that I have been doing, especially surrounding Israel and my understanding of the Scriptures. As you know, several of us are just back from this solidarity tour to Israel, and the tour itself – or the trip, it was not a tour – the trip was born out of the common faith that we all share regarding Israel and what the Word of God says about Israel and the prophecies over Israel, so that we are encouraging them, we are strengthening them. But we are also believing that what we are doing and what we are saying is manifesting those words today, not just saying they will happen at some point. We are saying that they have been spoken and they do therefore exist in the world of spirit, if you want to call it that, in the universe, whatever terminologies you relate to in that. I relate to it in the terminology of Genesis, that God finished His work; and when He created all of creation and everything, that included all that did happen, was happening, and will happen through eternity. Therefore, when He rested, He rested because, honestly, it was done. And Christ confirmed that on the cross when He said, "It is finished," and what He walked out was what was finished. He understood it was finished, but He did it to manifest that finished work, and therefore a host of captives were taken captive.

I hope this is making sense, because it is sort of a stream of consciousness going here, and I am looking at you, not my notes, which is much nicer to see you than the notes. I think this is what we are reaching for. And to me, moving into a new way of praying is, I think, difficult – speaking for me, not about you. It is difficult because I am conditioned in what I have been taught and what I have gone through in the past that has maybe given me a way that when I pray, I am separated from the fulfillment of that prayer rather than standing in the fulfillment of that prayer. I think there is a huge difference between prayer from fulfillment and prayer looking to fulfillment. And I think that is what Christ did – "It is finished." When He says, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do," it is finished because He is praying from the fulfillment of who and what He was as the Son of God, as the Lamb of God. He was in that moment, and it was finished. He was not looking for salvation to happen, He was sealing it as the current present reality for Himself; and at that moment, He says, "Father forgive them." Forgive them is present tense; it is not, "Someday, Lord, when they die and they stand before You in the throne, please forgive their sin." And I think that is where we have to come into a different kind of thought process. I think especially our subconscious that has been so imprinted with a futuristic faith has to change; and I know that it can change. So, we can live and are living in the moment when we are able to change that.

I want to read a few Scriptures, because again, I think you have to tie Scriptures around this. You say, "What's different in your prayer?" What I have been doing is getting into the spirit world where all things exist, all things are possible, all things are finished. There is a place. There is a place where all things are finished, all things are done. That is why it says of God, nothing is impossible to Him. Why? Because it is all possible. Why? Because it is already done. It already exists. In Him it already exists. He already created it. When He sat down on that first Sabbath and said, "I am finishing My work, and here I am now creating a Sabbath rest," I think Hebrews says that we are supposed to enter into a Sabbath rest. Why? Because we stop striving for what is, and we enter into, we actually come to the place where we are in fulfillment – not knowing that there is fulfillment, not understanding that biblically and theologically there is a fulfillment and that someday this and that will happen, but knowing it has already happened, it is finished. And we are going to get to the place, as Christ was on the cross, "It is finished," and realize that we are immersed in that. So we need a few Scriptures. I have been doing that with Israel. I have been not praying, "Lord bless Israel," I have been picking Israel up from where they are now, in the current reality they seem to be in, picking them up and putting them in the reality of the prophecies, because I believe those prophecies exist. I do not want to pray anymore, "Lord, bring peace, bring the peace of Jerusalem." The very name of Jerusalem is peace. It is peace. It is the peace of the world. And I know that is hard. You say, "I don't see that." Well, that is where we can get really hung up and say, "Is this like a fantasy world? Are you just trying to believe things, but they aren't really there?" And I am saying, "No, they are really there." And what I am trying to do is stand in the spot where they are and move from that place of what I am declaring.

Colossians the first chapter, verses 13-14, says, "For He rescued us" past tense, rescued us, "from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." So that is a done deal. He did that. Christ did that. He literally picked us up. He picked you up from where you were, living as a sinner. He did not just forgive you of your sin and give you the ability to take Communion every day and re-wipe away those sins every day, and to go sin again and re-wipe. No. He picked us up and He transferred us out of the domain of darkness that we did exist in, and He planted us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son. It is done, and we can live in the Kingdom now; or, our minds can convince us otherwise, our subconscious mind or maybe our conscious mind that is seeing everything: "Well, my eyes are seeing this, my ears are hearing that."

I agree that every one of our senses that we have, every sense that we live by, ties us to the material world that surrounds us. It ties us into that. And that is why when we are told to wait on the Lord and to walk in the Spirit, if you walk in the Spirit, your ears are not in the Spirit. If you move into the spirit realm, your eyes are not in the realm of spirit. Your sense of touch is not in the realm of spirit. I am not saying that there are not sensory things in the world of spirit, there are; but I am saying that is not where we walk. So whenever we are waiting on the Lord and our consciousness is still connected to the material world around us, we are not in the spirit world yet. We are not walking in the Spirit. If we walk in the Spirit, we do not fulfill the lust of the flesh; we do not fulfill the lock-in, the awareness. When we try to wait on the Lord, it is the big thing we fight, right? It is, "What is your mind doing? Where is your mind going? What is it in touch with?" It is in touch with your to-do list, and are you comfortable? Is your butt itching on the chair? The awareness is still so tied in to the material world that it is really not right for us to say, "Oh, I was waiting on the Lord and I was in the Spirit, and yada, yada." I believe there is a being in the spirit realm, but I think we are very used to calling "being in the spirit realm" something that is not really that; and I think that we have to change that reality.

It is like this: if you would turn off every physical sense that you have, you would still be aware, you just would not be aware of the material world. Your awareness would not go away, because our awareness exists as part of our life, and that awareness can be focused where we want it. We can focus our awareness; that is why it is called awareness. I can be aware of whatever I want to. I can stop being aware of you. I can simply turn off my screen and I am not aware of you anymore; and I can look over here and be aware of this picture on the wall and focus on that. I can control my awareness.

We talk a lot about controlling our mind and our thinking, but I think it is a little clearer when we talk about having to get control of our awareness, and demanding that our awareness be focused on something. It is where our focus is. And so, I have been focusing on Israel living in the prophecies about Israel – not living in the twelve-day war, not living in everything that I saw when I was there, but living in the prophecies, because I believe those prophecies are the fact. But I believe they are the fact now. I do not just believe, "Faith means that someday this will happen." It is the reality. And first of all, I just want to solidify to us that in the spirit world this can be done.

Colossians is a good one. It says, "We have been rescued out of this dominion of darkness, and transferred." Yeshua picked you up by the hair of your head and moved you into a different world, into a different box, if you will. Like the Lord said, "In My Father's house there are many dwelling places." We can dwell in many places. One of the places we can dwell is this created, natural, physical world. We can dwell here, we can have our attention here, we can have everything about what we are and our life all focused and locked into this. We can do that, because there are many dwelling places, and this is one of them. You can dwell in the flesh. Even the Scripture says you can dwell in the flesh, but it also tells what happens when you live according to the flesh. So I think what we have to see is that there are these many dwelling places, and we literally have the right, the ability, to dwell in any dwelling place that we can fix our focus upon.

Healing can happen this way. You try to explain instantaneous healings; well, I will give you an explanation for it. If you change from where you are in your disease into another place where that disease does not exist, then it can go away. It goes away. Why? Because it does not dwell there. You say, "Well, that sounds weird." Okay, so you believe in the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is. If you believe it is going to be, fine, you believe it is going to be. Okay, there will be no satan in the Kingdom of God; he will not be there. Right now, when we talk about heaven, according to Revelation 12 he is not there either, he is thrown out; he cannot be in that place, he was thrown out of that place. If we are in heaven, if we are in the heavenly place, there is no satan there with us; he is cast out. When we talk about the fact that "in My Father's house there are many dwelling places," we believe the whole creation is the Father's house, isn't it? The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. The universe, every created thing, God dwells in it. It is His, He is the King of it all. It is divided into regions just like the earth is, and there are places that we can go. Colossians is talking about that. We were transferred from one place, one dwelling place, into another dwelling place.

I will give you an example physically of that being able to happen. Acts the eighth chapter, verses 37-40.

And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself in Azotus [which is, by the way, Ashdod, which is right on the border of Gaza; so he was taken to Gaza], and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

Here is a physical example in the Scriptures of somebody being picked up out of one geographic location and being planted in another geographic location. Now, those two geographic locations exist simultaneously; but unless your awareness and your senses are there, you basically do not really relate to that, you are not living in it. So here is a physical example that this happened biblically, that somebody was picked up and put into another place. We see this in other places in the Scripture, so we know that it is true.

We know that this happened with Paul, right? First Corinthians 3, verses 18-23. "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God." See, in this box of the world, the physical world, it may be wisdom; but before God, where God dwells, it is foolishness. "'He is the one

who catches the wise in their craftiness'; and again, 'The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless.'" They are useless to Him in that place. "So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God."

Here we see this reality of the coexistence of all things in the moment. They are all ours and they are all available to us – that is what he is saying: "Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world, or life." What life? Life in this world, life in the after world, "death, things present, or things to come." See, now we are relating to where we really tap into. You say, "Well, I relate to the past, I relate to the present, and I relate to the future." No, all of those things exist and they are all available to you: "Things present or things to come, all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God." It all exists in this moment, in this now, and we have to learn that it is ours and there is an access to it that has been created, which I think has gone by and large dormant because it has not been used by us. But I think it can be brought back to life, so that our awareness, our spiritual awareness, is something alive.

We have the Holy Spirit, and that is an awareness that I do not think we have that much of a current reality with, that the Holy Spirit is in me; Christ is in me; the Father. Christ said, "The Father and I will take up Our abode with you." And for me, the loss of power that we have because we do not live in that reality now, we cannot plant ourselves in it, is a big issue; because I realize that the prayers that I pray are always separating me from the thing that I am praying for. When I am praying for it as though I am looking in the future for it, then I am automatically separating myself from it. Christ said, "When you pray, believe that you have the thing that you prayed for." You have it. Done. We are in it, we are living in it now, that is all there is to it. And when we look at the Scriptures, we see again that this is so absolutely possible, that we can move ourselves into another realm. We can have this experience of being moved into another realm that seems to be non-existent when all of our awareness is on this realm that we are in.

In Second Corinthians 12:2-5, Paul says, "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body, I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven." So there is a place called the third heaven; and Paul did not know if he was still in his fleshly body or not in his fleshly body, but he knew one thing: he was in the third heaven. He was there, and he was experiencing everything that was available in the third heaven. If you think of it as a place – again, "In My Father's house there are many dwelling places" – what is it that I need today? Well, go to the dwelling place, go to that room in the Father's mansion. It should not be confusing to us. Right now I am sitting in my house. If I need to go to the bathroom, I know exactly which room to go to; there is a room in my house for that. And in the Father's house there are all of these things. He has given us all things – think about that. He has given us all things pertaining to life and godliness. All of those things exist in His house, and in every room there exists what you need. And at the moment, Paul needed something, and God put him in the room where he would get it.

So it says, "Such a man was caught up to the third heaven. And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak. On behalf of such a man I will boast; but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to my weaknesses." Paul, as we know, even says, "We are looking for spiritual words to convey spiritual thoughts." Why? Because he knew them – he heard them, things that were inexpressible. He is like hearing this and saying, "How do I get that across in the natural world? How do I give expression to things I am seeing and hearing back in the land of the

material world?" Because there are no words for it back there. I think that is what we have to recognize. There are things we are believing for that have no way of existing in this box. In this room that we are in right now, there are some things that cannot be, they have to be manifest from another place. And again, as I understand what has been spoken over us and what we have been taught, we are to manifest those things. That is what being a prophet is – we bring out of the spirit world that which exists on another plane, until we make this plane one with that plane and we stop living in all these separated boxes. And that is spiritual oneness, where there is a spiritual oneness that exists.

So, I believe that I can move Israel and proclaim Israel into what exists in the Word of God over Israel. Not pray for it in the future, but somehow literally go, "This is now." It is what the Scripture said, all these things in the past, whatever they are, whether the world, life, death, things present, things to come. If I say, "These are things to come, these prophecies are things to come," it says that I have access to them now. They are mine now. I have the availability of this now. And so, I need to put myself, and then everything I am aware of and focused upon with me, into this area. And you can say, "Whether in the body or out of the body, I know not," but the point is that you are still manifesting and living in that which is spoken. And when we look at Israel, there is so much of this that exists.

I will give you some scriptural references, then I will go back and read some things. Jeremiah 23, verses 3 to 8. Jeremiah 33, verses 14 through 16. Jeremiah 32, verses 37 through 42, and I will start there: "Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and make them dwell in safety." It is interesting to me about this because one thing we see in anti-Semitism is that people keep God's anger alive. In other words, they want to keep that being the present reality: "God is mad at Israel. God is looking at Israel in their violation, or their sin." Whoa, whoa, whoa, stop! Why is that your focus? Why is that your awareness of Israel? That is a choice that you have, because God very clearly goes on to say something different. He goes on to say,

"I will bring them back to this place and make them dwell in safety. They shall be My people, and I will be their God; and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for the good of their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me. I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in this land with all My heart [what is God doing right now with all of His heart? He is planting His people in the land] and with all My soul. For thus says the Lord, 'Just as I brought all this great disaster on this people, so I am going to bring on them all the good that I am promising them.'"

You can say, "When you look at this prophecy, it is future tense – 'I am going to do this." That is where we come in. Now you begin to see our part. Yes, it was; when it was prophesied, it was being prophesied that it would happen. But once it was spoken as the Word of God, then it is. So we can now look at that and say, "Yes, that is where we are right now. God is planting them on the land. God is giving them security." So when we talk about getting rid of the war and bringing security, getting rid of anti-Semitism, getting rid of the prejudice, getting rid of the violence, getting rid of the injustices, we can live in that place. I want to live in that world. I will tell you the truth, I am really tired of this one. I am tired of this room in the house. And I know that it is all around us, and maybe people want to choose to live there, but I do not want to live in that place. I want to pray for Israel in fulfillment.

So to pray for Israel in fulfillment, do I pray, "Lord, You said that You were going to plant them in this land"? No. When something is done, your prayer has to completely shift, and this is where I think we have this confusion by our conditioning. Consider if I would set a plate of food in front of you, and let's say it is good food and it is a food you like, and you want it and you are really hungry. So I put this plate of food in front of you, what is your response? Do you say, "Lord, give me food. Gary, bring me something to eat. I loose the food! You promised me food, bring the food. Where is the food?" No, true prayer is not that. It is not an ask, it is a gratitude. "Thank you. I receive this. Thank you for this." And how do you feel that that food is in front of you? How do you feel that your hunger is being satisfied as you eat it? How do you feel with the wonderful tastes that are in your mouth and the odors that you are smelling from this plate, and the textures in your mouth as you chew? All of these senses are feelings that you have, and they create these emotions in you that are confirming you having it.

Prayer should not confirm to me that I do not have it - "Lord, look at what they are facing in Gaza! Lord, look at the war! Lord, look at this Khomeini, look at the missiles coming in!" You know, "Look at this and look at that, and that is my awareness and that is my focus." And God is saying, "Hey, check out the plate in front of you. I have given you all things pertaining to life and godliness. I have done this already. Why don't you live with them in safety?" Why don't we live in this? If we keep praying for the Kingdom of God in that manner, then we are going to be praying forever, because God's answer to the prayer of, "Fulfill Your Word," is, "Okay, I will fulfill My Word." "Okay, I will fulfill My Word. "Okay, I will fulfill My Word." He is going to give you what you ask for. Instead, how about, "Lord, I want pie on my plate." Who was it that taught us that one? "I do not want pie in the sky, I want pie in my plate." But we have to live pie in our plate now. You say, "Well, I look around and I don't see pie in my plate, I see all these problems." Okay, if that is where you want to affix your awareness, I understand that room exists in the Father's house. I know it is swallowed up by other things, but right now, I will go for the 23rd Psalm: "He sets a table before me in the presence of my enemies." Okay, the enemies may be running around us, doing all this stuff, but the plate is there in front of me. And my expression should not be, "God, give me this, and get rid of my enemies." No, what is on the plate? On the plate is already freedom from your enemies, already safety, already every promise that He has given to you is there. And so, we bring our awareness into that point, and our prayer is a prayer of gratitude: "Thank You, Lord. I am going to devour this meal, and my awareness is not going to be on enemies or on this or that," because whatever you are aware of, you are going to get.

What were we taught? Whatever you can think or imagine with faith behind it is what your spirit does. Let's just put it in this terminology: Whatever you are aware of is what your spirit is appropriating. "Well, I want to appropriate only these things of peace, safety, fulfillment. I want to see Israel as a people of one mind, with one voice, living with one heart, in the fear of the Lord doing His will now, now." This is not, "Someday there will be a people that live in the land of Israel that will do this." No. This is our reality now, and it can be.

This is what we have to face. I know it is a hard transition; it is hard for me, because our subconscious mind is conditioned to something else. And You are saying, "Are you playing games with me?" And your conscious mind is like, "Are you playing games with me? You are saying it is this, when it is that." No, you are trying to make it that. It is no longer that. So I say to my mind, "You are no longer creating my reality. I am allowing the Word of God to create my reality from now on, every day." That is what I want. I do not want my mind making up a reality that may have been past; maybe I am even fantasizing things that never were of problems and situations. It is interesting that it talks about the transformation. The renewing of our mind is transformation. So if this seems like a change of your mind, of your

subconscious, of your conscious mind, to see the Word of God in its fulfillment and to know it and to grasp it and lay hold of it right now in its fulfillment, I will tell you what you are going to be fighting. Everybody is worried about beasts and this kind of stuff out of the book of Revelation, but I will tell you where your enemy is: it is right between your ears. It is right in your thinking of not being able. Our prayers are an expression that we are not being able to believe that it is now, to believe that it was finished, and it is finished. It was finished in Genesis when He created it and He finished all His work. It says, "He finished all His work which He had to do, and He sat down and rested," and He told us to rest. Well, how do we rest? We rest when we can sit down in those finished works, and that is what this is about.

We have to be transformed from what we have been, transformed by the renewing of our mind. It says, "Bring every thought captive into the obedience of Christ." What is being captive to His obedience? It is the Word. If I am going to think, I have to think His thoughts. And God very clearly says, "You know what? Your thoughts are not My thoughts. Your ways are not My ways," and we have to change that. My thoughts have to be His thoughts. You say, "If my thoughts are not His thoughts, then how do I think His thoughts?" Go to the Word, it is right there. He already tells you what is in His Kingdom. All of these things are lined out so clearly, and we just have to start relating to them.

So Lord, we are going to win this war of our minds. We are going to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, and our prayer is going to change from asking to thanking, because it is done. It is done. So, if you ask, believe you have received. See, you say, "I thought you are not supposed to ask." No, you are to ask believing you received it. That is a different ask than asking for something you did not receive. "I am praying for it because I didn't receive it. I am praying for all this money because I didn't receive it." That is different than believing He has given you all things pertaining to life and godliness. And now, am I praying, asking? No, I am knowing I have it, because it is born out of believing, knowing that by His Word He has created it.

I know it can seem like a mental game. I am telling you it is not. Get into the Word of God, it is there over and over and over in the way He tells us to think, in the way He tells us to pray, in the way He tells us to walk. And so, Lord, we are going to do that. Our homework is the renewing of our minds. I have always looked at that Scripture and thought, "Boy, I can't wait! Lord, give me the renewing of my mind. I want my mind to be renewed." All of a sudden it hit me when I started getting into this and He is going, "Renew your own mind! I am not going to renew your mind, you renew your mind. You have everything you need to renew your mind. You renew your mind. Think like Me, think like the Word says." And I think that is what it amounts to. So Lord, we are doing that. We are going to do that. And we are going to put our finances, we are going to put our families, we are going to put our lives, we are going to put our country, into the now that is what His Word says.

We are certainly going to start it with Israel, because as they are blessed, we are blessed. Whatever we put them into, we have it, and that is what we are doing. So, Lord, help us with this. I hope it makes sense. Hopefully I will get this on the website and you can re-listen to it; I know I want to. But thank you for letting me just talk, because this has helped me more than I can tell you about. But I want it to be something that really helps you also. We are living in a new day, and we are the ones who are bringing the Word of God into reality now. It is our now.

So, I love you guys. Thank you so much for your support, for your faith, for your love, and we will see you soon. God bless you. Bless this word to your hearts. You guys are so special. Thank you so much for the atmosphere you always create for the word to flow and our spirits to soar.