

The Power of Unity in Prayer

Devotion for Pre-Service Prayer

Exodus 25:19-20 AMPC

19] Make one cherub on each end, making the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat, on the two ends of it.
[20] And the cherubim shall spread out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, facing each other and looking down toward the mercy seat.

This is a powerful verse showing us God's ways and will towards focused corporate prayer we should take note of and practice.

- ❖ **The people's attitude and expectations are in one accord.**[19] Make one cherub on each end, making the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat, on the two ends of it. There is no other agenda but to give God glory and magnify his supremacy.
- ❖ **There was a corporate harmony when coming together.** They touch each other's wings.
- ❖ **Their resources all work together for God's kingdom.** Verse 20, And the cherubim shall spread out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings.
- ❖ **There is transparent unity with each other; and looking down toward the mercy seat.** This is total focus on God's voice and God's will and God's ways. There is a fear of God here. They paid attention to no other distractions. They face each other in vulnerability. All to behold and entertain the glory and the intimate presence of God in prayer.

Exodus 25:22 AMPC

[22] **There I will meet with you** and, from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are upon the ark of the Testimony, **I will speak intimately with you** of all which I will give you in commandment to the Israelites.

God's glory always precedes His presence. Let us seek Him for His presence and face and not just for His glory and miracle working power amongst us. We need both but these verses reveal the priority of unity in prayer first and in a corporate way. It shows us the need for pursuing Him first for this kind of intimacy together.

Let us boldly come before the throne of grace right now for mercy in the time of need corporately. Let us lay aside every weight and distraction that easily besets us corporately. Let us focus on the power of His glory that requires our undistracted attention. God prefers transparency more than He does just my talents, gifts, and cultural refinement for the body of Christ. Like Moses we want God to show us His glory BY encountering His intimate presence in prayer and worship according to **Exodus 34**.

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