

... a challenge to believers



“Praying or Preying?”

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“Christian, are you praying or preying?”

“Bless them that curse you, and pray for them who despitefully use you.”
Luke 6:28

THE SPIRIT of the last days has caught up with many believers, that of wanting to get even with someone who has wronged them. Some have even reached the dangerous position of asking God to remove such wrong doers off the earth. There have also been those times of leveling a prayer horizontally at someone rather than vertically to God.

PERSONALITY CLASHES among church members are frequent, and the old nature in many cases takes over even to the point of praying someone out of existence. The Bible, as always, has the answer, and concerning the one who has maligned your character or committed some injustice to you, God says:

“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves but, rather, give place unto wrath; for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”
Romans 12:19

“And having in a readiness to punish all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”
2 Cor. 10:6

I BELIEVE GOD is saying, “I’ll take care of those who have wronged you when you prove yourself by keeping up your walk with Me.” The Bible speaks loud and clear on the subject:

“Wherefore, let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.”
1 Peter 4:19

MAY THE PRAYERS of “born again” ones be “fervent” (James 5:16) which means “red hot” with our love for God, and desiring the very best for those who oppose us. Someone aptly put it this way:

“If you must get even with someone, get even with those who have helped you.”

That will keep us busy and blessed.

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