

**The Dream – 24/7 Prayer**  
**June 3, 2018 -NEW BRIDGE CHURCH**

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**I. Introduction**

- A. Over the last several weeks we've been discussing different facets of the dream we feel that God has for us as a spiritual family. We've talked about Revival, Unity, Mission, and Intimacy with God. This week we will look at 24/7 worship and prayer.
- B. We have an incredible gift from God in that, as a spiritual family, we host a live 24-hour-a-day worship and prayer meeting that has continued perpetually since February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- C. Night and Day worship and prayer isn't a novelty or a fad. Most believers don't realize that there is a well-established theology of ceaseless worship and prayer throughout the scripture.
- D. 24/7 prayer was never man's idea, it's something that originates from the throne room of God.

**II. Heavenly Pattern**

**Revelation 4:8** The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

- A. Around the throne of God there are an innumerable company of saints and angels who never cease to extol and worship the Most High God.
- B. Much may be said about the living creatures. They are known as seraphim (Isa 6:2). The word literally means, "burning ones." Those who stare at Him on the throne who is a consuming will themselves burn with the fire of God.
- C. These six-winged creatures lead an entire heavenly company in worship and adoration with a continual refrain, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

**III. Earthly Example**

A. Moses' Tabernacle

**Leviticus 6:12-13** The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it. 13 The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out.

1. In Moses' Tabernacle heavenly fire was kindled at the dedication of the tabernacle (Lev 9:23-24). It was this holy fire that was to be kept burning night and day.
2. The format of worship, as well as the instruments of worship, were all replicas of the worship that takes place night and day in the heavenly throne room (Heb 9:23-24)

B. David's Tabernacle

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1. David led a ceaseless tabernacle of worship throughout His kingship in Jerusalem. It was led by singers and musicians under the direction of a chief song leader, Asaph (1 Chron 16:27).
2. David had 288 trained prophetic singers along with musicians who carried out live worship and prayer before the Ark of the Covenant (1 Chron 25:6-7).
3. This expression of night and day worship and prayer continued to be the centerpiece of David's kingdom.

C. Solomon's Temple

1. When Solomon dedicated the Temple of the Lord He combined the Davidic worship that His father had instituted and the Mosaic sacrificial system from the Tabernacle into one central worship environment. (2Chron 7:1-3)
2. The temple worship was the centerpiece for the kingdom of Israel throughout the Old Testament.

D. Jesus' Day

**Matthew 21:12-13** Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you have made it a DEN OF THIEVES."

1. When Jesus showed up in the rebuilt temple He rebuked the elders and leaders because they had abandoned the ceaseless devotion for which the place had been established.
2. The people knew that God wanted worship and prayer at the center of the nation, yet they had turned the temple into a place of commerce and religious spectacle.

IV. **Modern Day Application**

**Isaiah 62:6-7** I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, 7 And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

- A. Before Jesus ever walked into the temple courts, Isaiah prophesied that the Lord would set watchmen in communities who would cry out the Lord night and day.
- B. Isaiah's prophecy is specific to the generation in which the Lord returns.
- C. All over the earth right now God is raising up night and day worship and prayer a means of preparing the earth for His return.
- D. We have a unique and beautiful calling to e babel to tend one of these night and day worship and prayer realities.