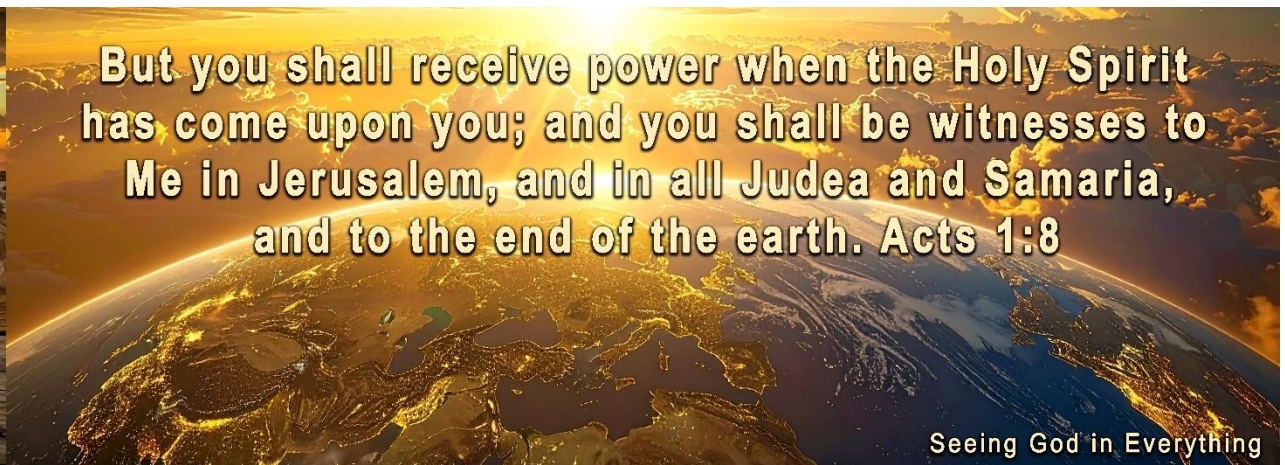




In 1975, my family and I moved into a fixer-upper bungalow. One of our improvement projects was to convert the old, squeaky, dark, and cobweb-filled attic into additional living quarters. We hired a contractor named Mr. Hatchet to complete the renovations. He was a talented, God-fearing man known for the quality of his work.

One day, Mr. Hatchet brought his son along to help with the remodeling. As we listened to the usual sounds of hammering and drilling, a sudden silence fell. We then heard Mr. Hatchet tell his son, *"My man, you can hit the nail now. Don't just stand there with the hammer in your hand, gazing in the air, get busy."* This prompted a big laugh from my family and me.

This moment was more than just amusing—it reminded us that sometimes we spend too long waiting or watching and need a reminder to begin the work set before us.

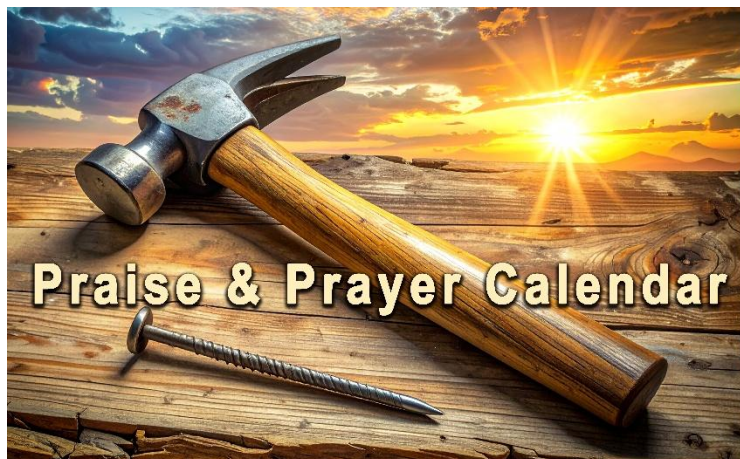
In the book of **Acts 1:9-11**, it is written: *Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven?"*

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He commissioned His disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be His witnesses, share the gospel, and introduce the world to the love of God. As the disciples looked up, two angels appeared and asked them why they were gazing toward heaven. They were advising the disciples that it was time to stop gazing and get ready for the work Jesus had entrusted to them.

Gazing up to heaven is a spirit-filled experience during moments of prayer, praise, and worship. But once we finish, it is time to carry out God's mission: to evangelize, teach, and encourage others to join God's kingdom.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us not just gaze, but let us hit the nail and get busy.

Dear Father, we thank You for Your Son Jesus, who, with every strike to the nails on the cross He endured, paved the way for us to be His ambassadors to the world.



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Praise & Prayer Calendar

Seeing God in Everything

Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew 28:18-20 Acts 1:8	In our faith we leave footprints to guide others. It's the principle of discipleship. Max Lucado			1 Praise Jesus for His sovereign power and authority over heaven and earth	2 Pray that we realize that Jesus has given us the power to reach and teach others about Him	3 Pray we will be obedient to Jesus' command and witness to others	4 Pray that we will confidently share the truth about the Gospel with the world
	5 Give praises, Jesus is with us as we take His message to the world	6 Give praises, Jesus promises to be with us until the end	7 Praise God for using us as His messengers of His grace and mercy	8 Give praises to The Holy Spirit, who is our guide and teacher	9 Pray that we realize that it is the Holy Spirit who gives us the power to witness for God	10 Pray we realize we can be effective witnesses through the power of the Spirit.	11 Praise God for the day we became His disciples
Colossians 4:5-6 1 Peter 3:15	12 Pray we will make the most of every opportunity to witness to others	13 Pray we will be sensitive, loving, and patient when we witness to others	14 Pray that we realize that each person has a unique situation when we share the Gospel	15 Give praises, The Holy Spirit helps us with the words to say as we witness to others	16 Pray that we realize that the Holy Spirit empowers us to spread the good news of God	17 Pray that we will live a life where people would want to know God	18 Pray we will know and understand what we believe so we can tell others about Jesus
	19 Give praises, Jesus is The Light of the world	20 Pray that we will be a living example of the light of Jesus	21 Pray that we will be a living example to our family and friends	22 Pray we will be a living example to our youth	23 Pray that we will be a living example to our neighbors	24 Pray we will strive to be a light to others wherever we go	25 Pray that our good works will draw others to God
Mark 10:45 1 John 2:6	26 Pray we will be imitators of Christ	27 Pray that we will display the characteristics of Christ	28 Pray we will serve others with humility and compassion	29 Pray we will take an interest in the salvation of others	30 Praise Jesus for coming to this world to serve us	31 Praise Jesus for the love, compassion, and devotion He has shown the world	