

# Weekly Prayer Strategy

18 Mar – 23 Mar

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled:

## What Every Believer Needs To Know About False Ministries Pt 1.

### Prayer Point 1

#### 2 Peter 2:1-22

<sup>1</sup> But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup> Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. <sup>3</sup> In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping. .... <sup>10</sup> This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings; <sup>11</sup> yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not heap abuse on such beings when bringing judgment on them from the Lord. <sup>12</sup> But these people blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like animals they too will perish. <sup>13</sup> They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. <sup>14</sup> With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood! <sup>15</sup> They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Bezer, who loved the wages of wickedness. <sup>16</sup> But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—an animal without speech—who spoke with a human voice and restrained the prophet's madness. <sup>17</sup> These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. <sup>18</sup> For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. <sup>19</sup> They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.” <sup>20</sup> If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. <sup>21</sup> It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. <sup>22</sup> Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.”

## **Prayer Point 1 - False ministry is not limited to one type of ministry gift**

**False Apostles: Rev 2:2** - I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them false.

**False Prophets: Mt 7:15** - "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

**False Teachers: Mt 16:11-12** – <sup>11</sup> How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

<sup>12</sup> Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

- Pray that you would be so diligent in studying the Word of God and asking the Holy Spirit for revelation of the things of God that you would not be a victim of the schemes of false apostles, false prophets, false teachers and false shepherds.

## **Prayer Point 2 - False ministries will be judged by God**

### **Ezekiel 13:9**

My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will not belong to the council of my people or be listed in the records of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Sovereign LORD

### **2 Cor 13:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> This is the third time I am coming to you. "Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." <sup>2</sup> I already warned you the second time I was with you. So now in my absence, I warn those who sinned earlier and everyone else: If I return, I will not spare anyone,...

### **1 Tim 5:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> Do not entertain an accusation against an elder, except on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <sup>20</sup> But those who persist in sin should be rebuked in front of everyone, so that the others will stand in fear of sin. <sup>21</sup> I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels to maintain these principles without bias, and to do nothing out of partiality....

- Pray that we would be a Church that does not preach anything that is outside the parameters of the Word of God.
- Pray that we would be a Church that is not afraid to warn the sheep of every falsehood.

### **Prayer Point 3 - All ministries are to be tested**

#### **1 John 4:1**

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

- Pray that we would be a Church that consistently equips the congregation with tools to test false prophets and everything that comes with them.
- Pray that we would be those that remain spiritually alert so that we do not fall into deception.

### **Prayer Point 4 - All ministers must go through the character test**

#### **Titus 1:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. <sup>8</sup> Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. <sup>9</sup> He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. . . . They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

#### **Daniel 5:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. <sup>16</sup> Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.” <sup>17</sup> Then Daniel answered the king, “You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.

- Pray for the leaders of our Church that they would be ministers of character with healthy accountability frameworks.