

BETHEL...A CHURCH FOR ALL NATIONS

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We are reminded in Acts 17:26 *“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and **HAS DETERMINED THEIR PREAPPOINTED TIMES AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR DWELLINGS.**”* Father, we declare we are a blessed people and we thank you that this is the place you to which you have called for such a time as this. With one voice we release the **sound of blessing** over the Brazos River Valley and especially over Bryan and College Station.

PRAYER FOR BETHEL:

“Father, I thank you for Bethel, the church to which I have been called. Thank you that the presence of the Lord is in this place and that this place is to be none other than the house of God, and a gate of heaven. I pray that you would cause Bethel to be a Godly Stronghold of truth, love and freedom. May the Father be worshipped, Jesus be exalted, and the Holy Spirit obeyed in this place. May all the families of the earth be blessed through this house, and may this church for all nations be a lighthouse to the community of Bryan-College Station. May we bear fruit that will remain to bless this generation and the next. You are our dwelling place, and we ask that you would dwell in us. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.”

PRAYER FOR THE CITY:

“Father, I thank you for the Brazos River Valley and the city to which I have been called. We release the unified sound of intercession as we open the gates of this area to The King of Glory. We, the church, bend our knee, lifting you above all else. May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have your way in us and in this city. Reclaim, Restore, and Revive, and Reign over this city. Cause us to hunger and thirst for You. We thank you for the Arms of God that surround us and we embrace the ever-rising river of God that runs through this valley. May it be said, “The Presence Of The Lord is surely in This Place.” In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.”

Date	Day	Prayers of Blessing for the City	And for Bethel
08	One	I BLESS YOU (Brazos River Valley, Bryan, College Station, Navasota, Hearne etc.) IN THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT OF DAYS. You, the One who created the land, the valley, the rivers, we declare You were first, You are Now and You will forever be over the land, the valley, the river, you Oh Ancient of Days. We praise you Holy Spirit that you inspired the name for the natural water source for this valley, the Brazos River, Brazos de Dios, translated as The Arms of God. We say we are a blessed city, surrounded by the arms of our loving God and Father. We speak to the lost, the lonely and hurting people of this city, there is room enough for you in the Arms of God. We the church welcome you just as our Father does.	That God would give Bethel favor with The City of Bryan Department of Planning And Development and the Utility Companies The Prison Ministry

09	Two	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR PURPOSE AND DESTINY. The book, BRAZOS COUNTY HISTORY-Rich History-Bright Future, pg.49 states: "The Handbook of Texas relates three legends explaining the reason for the name Brazos de Dios -the Arms of God-. A well-known one tells the soldiers of the Coronado expedition were dying from thirst when an Indian led them to the stream. Another relates that sailors of a storm-tossed Spanish ship on the Gulf were guided by a muddy streak to the fresh water stream where they replenished their exhausted supply of drinking water. The third attributes the name to San Saba miners who, driven by severe drought in 1760 to seek a new water source, reached a Waco Indian village on the stream."</p> <p>We pray, AWAKE CITY, called Bryan and College Station, awake to your purpose and destiny of God. We agree with you God, that from the beginning, you purposed this city that is surrounded by the Arms of God to be a place for the dying and the thirsty and the storm-tossed to find LIFE. We the church of Bryan and College Station offer them Fresh, Living water from the well that never runs dry and His Name is Jesus. We pray for all those "digging" for hope and a future, those searching for meaning and spiritual truth, those exhausted from well-doing we say, COME TO A NEW SOURCE, COME TO LIFE BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD , embrace the EVER-RISING RIVER OF GOD. We declare Psalms 46:4 "There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God."</p>	<p>That Missionaries, both short-term and long-term, would continue being sent out from Bethel</p> <p>The Usher Ministry</p>
10	Three	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH KNOWING HOW GREAT IS GOD'S LOVE. We pray for the inhabitants of this city, who are surrounded by the Arms of God, may you know that your Abba, Papa-God loves you with an everlasting love. For God so greatly loved and deeply prized the people of this city that He even gave up His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish or come to destruction, but have eternal life. He is a Father to the fatherless, and sings over us with joy. Our Father bears all our burdens because He cares for us and guards us as the apple of His eye. Father, we pray for the churches and ministries of this city, enlarge our heart to demonstrate the GREAT LOVE OF OUR FATHER GOD to those that are easy to love and to those that the world has given-up on.</p>	<p>That Bethel would be a House of Mercy, Grace and Love</p> <p>The Internet Coffee Bar Ministry</p>
11	Four	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH AN AWARENESS OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD. Father, awaken our spiritual senses. Let the saved and the lost HEAR YOUR VOICE, FEEL YOUR TOUCH, SMELL THE FRAGRANCE OF YOUR PRESENCE, TASTE YOUR GOODNESS, AND SEE YOUR GLORY. Lord, we speak over this city that the GREATEST JOY IS TO KNOW YOU AND TO MAKE YOU KNOWN. We pray for those that worship other gods, that the Lord our God is the one True God, manifest your presence to them in dreams and visions. We call you out of the Darkness into the marvelous Light of Christ's truth and love. We bless this city in the name of Jehovah Shammah, God who is always there for you. Ezekiel 48:35 "The distance around the city shall be 18,000 measures; and the NAME OF THE CITY FROM THAT DAY AND EVER AFTER SHALL BE, THE LORD IS THERE."</p>	<p>That Bethel would be a Prophetic Voice in Bryan and College Station</p> <p>Velocity Youth Ministry</p>

12	Five	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH A HUNGER FOR GOD. Lord, today we ask you to pour out a HUNGER FOR YOU over this city called Bryan and College Station. It is written in the history of Brazos County, p.65 "this area was often described as a land of milk-and-honey" because of the fertile land and abundant wild game. The pioneer settled his family here because he knew he could feed his family from the abundance of the land. Biblically, milk and honey are both symbols of abundance and plenty. We thank you that you have fed us well in the past. We Honor the "Spiritual Pioneers" of the Brazos River Valley, thank you for these men and women of God, pastors, worship leaders and city leaders. They prayed, worshipped and built giving honor to your name. We declare today, oh God, raise- up again the Spiritual Pioneers of the Brazos River Valley, we confess WE ARE HUNGRY FOR YOU GOD. We ask for the blessing of experiencing a fresh taste of the PRESENCE and GLORY of God in our churches, homes, schools, hospitals, businesses and pouring out into the streets. WE CRY TO YOU IN ONE VOICE... MAKE THIS YOUR DWELLING PLACE.</p>	<p>That Bethel would have an ever-growing Hunger for God</p> <p>The Praise and Worship Teams</p>
13	Six	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH FAITH. Brazos River Valley, I bless you with FAITH, you are being made strong by Jesus. He alone is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Know that God is keeping His word over you and this city; He is fully able to Keep His Word. We are assured and understand that the trial and proving of our faith have brought us endurance, steadfastness and patience. We praise you for your Faithfulness over this city and over us your people. Isaiah 40:8 BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD STANDS FOREVER.</p>	<p>That Bethel would be A House of Healing</p> <p>AWANAs For Kids (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed)</p>
14	Seven	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH LIFE-GIVING LEADERS. Thank you God for sending life-giving Pastors, Prophets, Teachers, Evangelists, and Apostles to this YOUR CITY. You have been so faithful to us and richly blessed and caused us to be favored as these men and women have poured out your word and truth. They have made a path, giving us encouragement to move forward into your will and destiny. We incline our ear, to HEAR what The Spirit Of The Lord is saying to the church TODAY. We do pray to be a city that knows the TIMES and THE SEASONS, like the sons of Issachar. Continue to KEEP US ON THE CUTTING EDGE, as we lean-in to You. Give us a unified STRAGEDY AND RESPONSE to OBEY you our God. We ask for the blessing of Christian City Government leaders, give them favor and make them a bold witness to the love and goodness of the Lord.</p> <p>"A loving Personality dominates the Bible, walking among the trees of the garden and breathing fragrance over every scene. Always a living Person is present, speaking, pleading, loving, working, and manifesting himself whenever and wherever his people have the receptivity necessary to receive the manifestation." -A.W Tozer</p>	<p>That God would lead the Pastors and Leaders who lead Bethel</p> <p>The Leaders of Our 2008 Capital Campaign</p>

15	Eight	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH FREEDOM TO OVERCOME FEAR OF THE FUTURE. We your people know that you God have not given us a spirit of fear, but of POWER, and of LOVE and a SOUND MIND. 2 Timothy 1:7. The world comes to bring fear over our future, but we come in the Opposite Spirit to declare, "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself " Proverbs 11:28. We the churches of this city live knowing that you God are our Source, our Provider, our Sufficiency, we say to this city, Jehovah-Jireh, is your provider. We declare we are a generous city, giving unto God our tithes and offerings and moving with a heart of compassion to care for the needy.</p>	<p>That EVERY financial need of Bethel would be met as we lengthen and strengthen the ministry of Bethel</p> <p>Supernatural Provision for every ministry</p>
16	Nine	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH THE JOY OF THE LORD. Today we bless each intercessor, past and present, who has prayed for this city. We bless them with Joy. Like Nehemiah who wept when he heard about the broken walls of the city called Jerusalem, you have responded to the call and burden of the Lord to pray for the broken walls around Bryan and College Station. As men and women of destiny may you be strengthened with the Joy of the Lord, to SEE GREAT WORKS COMPLETED IN THIS CITY. May your Joy know no bounds. There is fruit in your travail and we say your pain is not fruitless, THERE ARE SPIRITUAL CHILDREN ON THE WAY. Lord, call the intercessors into your house of prayer, bring them to your holy mountain and make them joyful in your house of prayer. Isaiah 56:7</p>	<p>That Bethel Would be a House of Joy</p> <p>Women's Ministry</p>
17	Ten	<p>I BLESS THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THIS CITY WITH NEW STRENGTH IN YOUR SPIRIT EACH DAY. At the breaking of this NEW DAY, ARISE AND BE REFRESHED, STRENGTHENED, RENEWED for the divine opportunities ahead of you today. May you be led by the Spirit of the Living God today, you carry God's word, His love, and His healing is in your hands. Jesus tells us ..."the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21 We declare THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST IS TO ENLARGE THE PLACE OF YOUR TENT. CLEAR LOTS OF GROUND. MAKE YOUR TENTS LARGE. SPREAED OUT! THING BIG! USE PLENTY OF ROPE, DRIVE THE TENT PEGS DEEP. YOUR GOING TO NEED LOTS OF ELBOW ROOM FOR YOUR GROWING FAMILY. Isaiah 54:2-3 (The Message). By the power of the Holy Spirit may the Body of Christ in Brazos River Valley be Strengthened and Lengthened, In Jesus Name.</p>	<p>That the new facility would be a Ministry Center that makes an impact on this city</p> <p>Men's Ministry</p>
18	Eleven	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH HOPE. We pray for all those within this city that have lost hope. We lift them out of the Valley Trouble (Hosea 2:14-17) and open for them the door of HOPE. You are a God that redeems situations. YOU bring present HOPE into the place of previous trouble. Arise church of the city with an UNSHAKEABLE hope, when everything else is being shaken we can STAND on a SOLID ROCK of God's FAITHFULNESS. HOPE ...is hearing the Melody of the Future and Dancing to that Melody Now. Let the Dance of Hope Begin.</p>	<p>That Bethel would be a House of Hope</p> <p>The Weekly Outreach Service and Lunch for 55 and over</p>

19	Twelve	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH PEACE. We speak peace over this city today. We pray that as it is written in Isaiah 26, we release a Song of Salvation, a song over the land of the Brazos Valley. "We declare we have a strong city. God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. Open the gates. That the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You. Trust in the Lord forever." Cause us to walk in Perfect Peace drawing strangers and friends alike to the Prince of Peace, reconciling them with God. Let evangelism become a part of our daily walk, carrying the Gospel of Peace with us wherever we go. We join together as a city to pray for the Peace of Jerusalem, peace be within you. Psalm122</p>	<p>That Bethel would be a House of Peace</p> <p>Pillar Ministry To Young Adults 18-30</p>
20	Thirteen	<p>I BLESS YOU IN THE NAME OF JEHOVAH-NISSI, the Lord our Victory. We declare this day, that you are the banner over the Brazos River Valley, O God. Teach us how to war, when it is time to war. Let us be quick to lift up our hands to you the Banner over us when you Jehovah-Nissi want to WAR FOR US. YOU ARE THE MIGHTY WARRIOR. Release your WARRING ANGELS and release the HOLY SPIRIT to do warfare against our enemies. SET THIS CITY FREE; ESTABLISH YOUR RULE AND REIGN IN THIS CITY. Rally us as ONE under your banner, quick in response with the PRAISES OF GOD LEADING THE WAY. We pray Psalm 91 over the city. Bryan and College Station shall know the SAFETY of ABIDING in the PRESENCE of GOD.</p>	<p>That the Banner of God's Victory would be lifted up over the Leadership and People of Bethel</p> <p>The Spanish Ministry</p>
21	Fourteen	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING. "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give to you the SPIRIT of WISDOM and REVELATION and KNOWLEDGE of HIM, the EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING being ENLIGHTENED; that you may know what is the hope of HIS Calling , what are RICHES of the glory of His Inheritance in the saints, and what is the EXCEEDING GREATNESS of HIS POWER TOWARD US WHO BELIEVE, according to the working of HIS MIGHTY POWER." Ephesians 1:17-19 Flood this city with spiritual wisdom and let your people be filled with complete understanding of God's will and His ways. Cause us to be a living demonstration of the power of Our God. THE PEOPLE OF THE BRAZOS RIVER VALLEY WHO KNOW THEIR GOD SHALL BE STRONG, AND CARRY OUT GREAT EXPLOITS. Daniel 11:32</p>	<p>That Bethel would be a House of Life</p> <p>The Nursery Ministry (Babies and Toddlers)</p>
22	Fifteen	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH THE SONG OF SONGS, THE BEST OF SONGS. Let the love song of the Bridegroom sing over His Bride within the gates of Bryan and College Station. Remove our fear of intimacy, Draw us, and we will Run to You. Day-by-day, month-by-month we are changing into YOUR PURE and SPOTLESS BRIDE, you are removing every spot and wrinkle. We have eyes only for our Beloved and His Love is better than wine. "Come, My Beloved, Let us go forth to the field; let us lodge in the villages. Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine has budded...Make haste my beloved." Song of Solomon 7:11-12,8:14</p>	<p>That Bethel would grow in an understanding of what it means to walk in intimacy with God</p> <p>The Ministry of Prayer and Intercession</p>

23	Sixteen	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH THE FAVOR OF GOD. Father, I ask for your favor over the city you have called me too. Let it be over the Brazos River Valley just as it was over Israel in Psalm 44:3. "For they got not the land of (Canaan-The Land of Milk and Honey) in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; BUT YOUR RIGHT HAND AND ARM AND THE LIGHT OF YOUR COUNTENANCE DID IT, AND BECAUSE YOU WERE FAVORABLE TOWARD AND DID DELIGHT IN THEM." We are humbled by your favor by your AMAZING GRACE and stand in awe of who you are NOW and FOREVER.</p>	<p>That Bethel would have favor with Blinn College and Texas A & M University</p> <p>Media Ministries</p>
24	Seventeen	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH VICTORY OVER THE ENEMY. Lord, we ask to see the blessing of seeing the destructive plans of the enemy TURNED UPSIDE DOWN, in the name of JESUS. Thank you for preserving our life and equipping us for this season. Psalm 30:2-5 is our prayer, "O Lord my God, I cried out to You and You healed me. O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; YOU HAVE KEPT ME ALIVE, that I should not go down to the pit. Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night. But joy comes in the morning." IT'S A NEW DAY !! The enemy has taken his best shot, AND WE ARE STILL STANDING. YOU BRING GOOD OUT OF PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCES. WE RELEASE THE SHOUT OF VICTORY OVER THE BRAZOS RIVER VALLEY.</p>	<p>That Bethel would walk in the Power of God</p> <p>Ministry to Internationals</p>
25	Eighteen	<p>I BLESS THIS CITY WITH THE GLORY OF GOD. WE YEARN NOT FOR RELIGION BUT CONTINUALLY CRY OUT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD TO FILL THIS CITY. COME MANIFEST PRESENCE AND FILL THIS COMMUNITY. WE ARE PREPARES OF THE WAY, PREPARING A DWELLING PLACE FOR THE LORD. WE WILL SETTLE FOR NOTHING LESS. As it is in Heaven, let it be said on earth, in Psalm 132: 13-18. "For the Lord has chosen The Brazos River Valley; He has desired it for His Dwelling place: THIS IS MY RESTING PLACE FOREVER; HERE WILL I DWELL, FOR I HAVE DESIRED IT. I WILL ABUNDANTLY BLESS HER PROVISION; I WILL SATISFY HER POOR WITH BREAD. I WILL CLOTHE HER PRIESTS WITH SALVATION, AND HER SAINTS SHALL SHOUT ALOUD FOR JOY. THERE WILL I MAKE THE HORN OF DAVID GROW; I WILL PREPARE A LAMP FOR MY ANOINTED. HIS ENEMIES I WILL CLOTH WITH SHAME, BUT UPON HIMSELF HIS CROWN SHALL FLOURISH. In the strong name of Jesus we pray.</p> <p>"Much of our difficulty as seeking Christians stems from our unwillingness to take God as He is and adjust our lives accordingly. We insist upon trying to modify Him and bring Him nearer to our own image." –Oswald Chambers</p>	<p>That God would continue to pour out His Presence and Anointing over Bethel</p> <p>The Gatekeepers Greeters Ministry</p>

26	Nineteen	<p>I BLESS YOU TO DREAM WITH GOD. Father, we know that these are the days spoken in Joel 2:28, "That you will pour out Your Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters in this city shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. God we know you have a dream for this city, you have spoken many of your dreams through your prophets. Let the dreamers arise in this city who will not only talk of the things to come, but will LIVE THE DREAM OF GOD. COMFORT IS OUR ENEMY. We are a city that WILL NOT SETTLE for the MUNDANE and the ORDINARY, THE SPIRIT OF THE RESURRECTED CHRIST LIVES IN US.....THIS QUALIFIES US FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE. Lord, give us prophetic vision to see this city as you see it. WE SAY WE AGREE WITH YOUR DREAM FOR THE BRAZOS RIVER VALLEY. We remember "death and life are in the power of the tongue..." Proverbs 18:21. Our words are building the world (CITY) we live in, we build up or tear down, we speak life or death. Let us be like Joseph, the dreamer, through whom God prepared and provided for the nation and his own family.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">That Bethel would hear and experience and be The Dream God has designed us to be.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wacky Wednesdays Summer Ministry to Kids</p>
27	Twenty	<p>I BLESS YOU WITH A HOLY PASSION. Let it be said of the people of The Brazos River Valley... We are a people of passion for God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --passion for seeking God's face, not just His hand --passion for praise --passion for prayer --passion for the word of God --passion for holiness --passion for grace --passion for love --passion for truth --passion to be finishers, to finish the race --passion for the whole body of Christ—blessing the people of God --passion for the POWERFUL ONE TO COME IN POWER. <p>"A generation of Christians reared among push buttons and automatic machines is impatient of slower and less direct methods of reaching their goals. We have been trying to apply machine-age methods to our relations with God. We read our chapter, have our short devotions, and rush away, hoping to make up for our deep inward bankruptcy by attending another gospel meeting or listening to another thrilling story told by a religious adventurer lately returned from afar. The tragic results of this spirit are all about us. Shallow lives, hollow religious philosophies, the preponderance of the element of fun in gospel meetings, the glorification of men, trust in religious externalities, quasi-religious fellowships, salesmanship methods, the mistaking of dynamic personality for the power of the Spirit; these and such as these are the symptoms of an evil disease, a deep and serious malady of the soul."-A.W. Tozer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">That Bethel would grow in PASSION for Jesus Christ as we run the race God has called us to Finish!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special Bible Studies and home groups</p>

28	Twenty-One	<p>I BLESS YOU AND CALL YOU RESTORED. We kneel before your throne of grace, Blessed Be Your Name, Oh Lord, We lift up this city to you. With the sound of praise we ask that the Brazos River Valley be RECLAIMED, RESTORED, REVIVED AND SET ON A PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. LIFT UP YOUR VOICE WITH STRENGTH OH CHURCH AND SAY TO THE CITY "BEHOLD YOUR GOD, BEHOLD YOUR GOD, BEHOLD YOUR GOD"</p> <p>We ask you to RAIN DOWN, you heavens, from above, Let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth Salvation, and let Righteousness spring up together. We ask for rain in the season of rain. We thank you for these DAYS OF PREPARATION. WE, YOUR DWELLING PLACE ARE BEING PREPARED TO SUSTAIN THE REIGN OF YOUR PRESENCE IN THIS YOUR CITY. IF OUR HUNGER HAS CAUSED YOU TO COME, THEN WE ASK FOR THE HUNGER TO ONLY INCREASE. WE WERE CREATED TO BE YOUR BURNING ONES. BURNING IN PASSION FOR THE ONE WE LOVE, BURNING FOR THE LOST TO FIND YOU AND TO KNOW YOU, BURNING WITH THE VISION OF YOUR KINGDOM ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. ARISE OH CITY AND TOUCH HEAVEN.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">That Bethel would be a House of Restoration and Repairer of the Breach</p> <p style="text-align: center;">That everything about Bethel would exalt Jesus Christ</p>
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The City Prayer Guide was written by Darlyne Beard and is dedicated to Dr. Terry Teykl, the pastor who taught a city to pray.

"The love of Christ both wounds and heals, it fascinates and frightens, it kills and makes alive, it draws and repulses. There can be nothing more terrible or wonderful than to be stricken with love for Christ so deeply that the whole being goes out in a pained adoration of His person, an adoration that disturbs and disconcerts while it purges and satisfies and relaxes the deep inner heart." A.W. Tozer

"O, Lord, bend me." Evan Roberts

"All God's revelations are sealed to us until they are opened to us by obedience. You will never get them open by philosophy or thinking. Immediately you obey, a flash of light comes. Let God's truth work in you by soaking in it, not by worrying into it. Obey God in the thing He is at present showing you, and instantly the next thing is opened up. We read tomes on the work of the Holy Spirit when... five minutes of drastic obedience would make things clear as a sunbeam. We say, "I suppose I shall understand these things some day." You can understand them now: it is not study that does it, but obedience. The tiniest fragment of obedience, and heaven opens up and the profoundest truths of God are yours straight away. God will never reveal more truth about Himself till you obey what you know already. Beware of being wise and prudent." -Oswald Chambers

"Hearts that are "fit to break" with love for the Godhead are those who have been in the Presence and have looked with opened eye upon the majesty of Deity. Men of the breaking hearts had a quality about them not known to or understood by common men. They habitually spoke with spiritual authority. They had been in the Presence of God and they reported what they saw there. They were prophets, not scribes: for the scribe tells us what he has read, and the prophet tells us what he has seen. The distinction is not an imaginary one. Between the scribe who has read and the prophet who has seen, there is a difference as wide as the sea. We are today overrun with orthodox scribes; but the prophets, where are they? The hard voice of the scribe sounds over evangelicalism, but the Church waits for the tender voice of the saint who has penetrated the veil and has gazed with inward eye upon the Wonder that is God." -A.W. Tozer