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EXCERPTS FROM *HIGHWAYS OF HOLINESS*

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HIGHWAYS *of* HOLINESS

Preparing the way for the Lord

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INTRODUCTION TO HIGHWAYS OF HOLINESS

1. Invention of the Highway in the 8th Century B.C.

- The highway was a breakthrough in civil engineering.
- Isaiah 40:3-5 – Every valley shall be raised up.
- Isaiah 11:2,3,9,16 – There is a highway for God’s people.
- Isaiah 35:8 – This spiritual highway is called the “Way of Holiness”.
- Isaiah 19:23 – A spiritual highway will extend from Egypt through Israel to Assyria.
- Isaiah 62:10 – We are instructed to “build up the highway”. When we do so, our community will be called “Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted”.

2. Why to Pray for Highways

- Jesus’ instructions for what to do when we enter a city: Luke 10:1
- The Kingdom of God will be advanced: Luke 10:8
- You usher in the “spirit of adoption” (Romans 8:15)
- The city’s spiritual climate will change: Isaiah 62:10-12
- The city will be united in a Concert of Prayer: Zechariah 8:20-21
- You will receive personal blessings: Psalm 84:5

3. The Word “Highway” can be translated 2 ways in English:

- *Autopista* – a freeway or thorofare
- *Calle* – a street

4. Six Benefits of Praying for Highways/Streets

- Links together Kingdom-minded people in different communities: Isaiah 35:8, Zechariah 8:20-21
- Facilitates the flow of people and materials that are needed to rebuild decaying cities: Isaiah 61:4
- Infuses hope into seemingly hopeless human situations: Isaiah 61:7
- Enables the people of God to reclaim land that has been stolen by the enemy: Luke 10:17
- Changes the spiritual climate by inviting the Kingdom of God into the present situation: Luke 10:9
- Prepares the way for Jesus to minister to the needs of those on the highway/street: Isaiah 62:11

5. Evidence from Newark

- 43 days without a homicide began the month PrayForNewark was launched (January 2008)
 - A 33% drop in murders occurred when 33% of streets were prayed for (2008).
 - Homicide-free month occurred (March 2010) after 100% of streets were adopted
- See “Transformation in Newark, New Jersey” DVD from www.transformourworld.org. You can also contact me at HighwaysOfHoliness@verizon.net



***“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.”
– Luke 10:1 (NASB)***

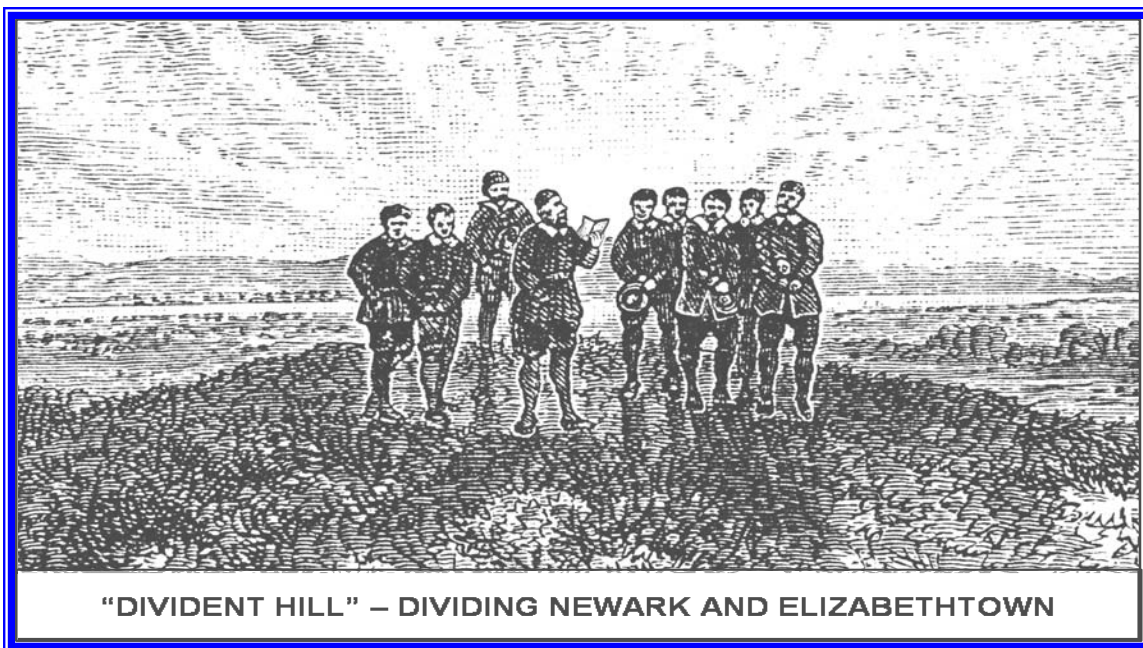
Each marker on this map represents a street that is adopted for daily prayer in Newark. Each adopted street is a “place” that is prepared for Jesus to visit!

SEEKING THE SPIRITUAL DESTINY OF YOUR CITY

God has a *perfect will* (His order) and a *permissive will*. Oswald Chambers wrote, “There is a difference between God’s order and God’s permissive will. . . . The point of praying is not that we get things from God, but that we learn by prayer to detect the difference between God’s order and God’s permissive will.”

- During the 20th Century Newark was like Israel in the Judges 21:25 – “[E]veryone did what was right in his own eyes.” The results were disastrous, both from a human perspective and also from a spiritual point of view.
- Today the spiritual leaders of Newark are praying in agreement with Newark’s spiritual destiny – to be “as nearly as possible a kingdom of God on earth” (1666).
- In Genesis 26:18 Isaac needed to redig the wells his father Abraham had dug. He had a practical need – water for his crops and family. The Philistines had stopped up the wells, but the water continued to flow at the bottom of the well. We must do the same thing today.
- **We redig the wells of revival (Genesis 26:18) by establishing a “synergy of the ages”—coming into agreement with God’s perfect will as revealed in past generations.**
- Reading from *Highways of Holiness*: pp. 9-12.

Pray: That we would know and seek God’s perfect will for our city.



In 1668 the founders of Newark and Elizabeth(town) declared a covenant of peace during a prayer meeting at Divident Hill.⁴

STONES OF REMEMBRANCE

Stones of remembrance (Joshua 4:1-9, 20-24) held us to discover how God has operated in the past, as well as the unanswered prayers from past generations.

- New Jersey has countless historical markers that provide clues to significant events that happened in the past. Many of these have spiritual significance.
- Our Christian faith begins with historical facts—the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus—not with philosophy or scientific discoveries. We would do well to become acquainted with God’s amazing deeds and covenants with past generations.
- **Revelation 5:8 tells us that the bowls in heaven contain the prayers of the saints. These are the unanswered prayers from past generations. When we come into agreement with these unanswered prayers, God provides powerful answers to our prayers (see Revelation 8:2-5).**
- Exercise: Study the history of past revivals in your city and region. What did God do? What did people pray for? Which of these prayers are yet to be unanswered?
- Example: Francis Asbury’s prophecy for New Providence: That 400 souls would come to Christ in one season in our community (1806).
- Reading from *Highways of Holiness*: pp. 20-25, 103-106

Pray: “Lord, show me the unanswered prayers for my city!”



There are many “stones of remembrance” in New Jersey that remind us of spiritually significant people, places or events in the past. This marker, which is posted on the Old Tennent Church in Freehold, reminds us that political and religious affairs were closely linked during the Colonial period of American history.

DAVID BRAINERD: AFLAME FOR GOD

- Brainerd was born in Connecticut in 1717 and died in Jonathan Edwards' home in Massachusetts in 1747.
- After being expelled from Yale College, he was ordained as a Presbyterian pastor and was commissioned in Newark in 1744 as the first Presbyterian mission to the American Indians.
- During the last 3 years of his life he was used by God to lead a powerful revival among the Delaware Indians. Brainerd is still precious to the memory of American Indian tribes and students of world missions. His *Life and Diaries* were compiled by Edwards and have been continuously in print since 1747. They have inspired countless people, including William Carey and Henry Martyn.
- **His constant prayer was that he would be “aflake with God”—totally dedicated to God’s purposes and an instrument of spiritual renewal. His passion was to see souls to come to Christ.**
- If Brainerd were alive today, I believe he would see Newark and other U.S. cities as important mission fields.
- He was a pioneer who turned down jobs in prominent established churches in order to minister to the Indians, who had no knowledge of Jesus Christ and His saving grace.
- **Today most of the Christians in America have become settlers. Many of the problems in today’s church come from having a “settler” orientation rather than a “pioneer” one.**
- Reading from *Highways of Holiness*: pp. 13-17, 72-74.



Pray: That God would cause us to be “aflake for God”; that we would be filled with “streams of living water” (John 7:37-39). Pray that we would become pilgrims and pioneers to advance the Kingdom of God in needy communities in our country and abroad.

JEREMIAH LANPHIER: PRAYER EVANGELIST

Four steps in Prayer Evangelism from Luke 10:1-8

- o Bless
- o Fellowship
- o Pray for felt needs
- o Proclaim that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

• The “Businessman’s Prayer Revival” of 1857-58 was a powerful move of God that brought a million people to Christ in the U.S. and another million people globally in subsequent years. Jeremiah Lanphier was a businessman that God used powerful to ignite this move of God.

• In September 21, 1857, Lanphier began a “Noon-Prayer Meeting” at the North Dutch Reformed Church at Fulton and Williams Street in New York City.

• Within 2 months thousand of people were attending Noon-Prayer meetings in New York City and Brooklyn, and the move spread from there to Jersey City, Newark, and the rest of the U.S.

• In the summer of 1858 a man attending a Charles Finney revival meeting in Boston declared that there was a “2000 mile prayer meeting extending from Omaha to Boston”.

• Sailors coming into the New York harbor were reported to be saved as their ships experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in New York. (See Samuel Prime’s classic book, *The Power of Prayer* and Dr. J. Edwin Orr’s 1981 video messages on The History of Revival (at <http://www.jedwinorr.com/video.htm>).

• Prime lists “*systematic visitation of the poor*” in 1856-1857 as an antecedent of this powerful move of God.

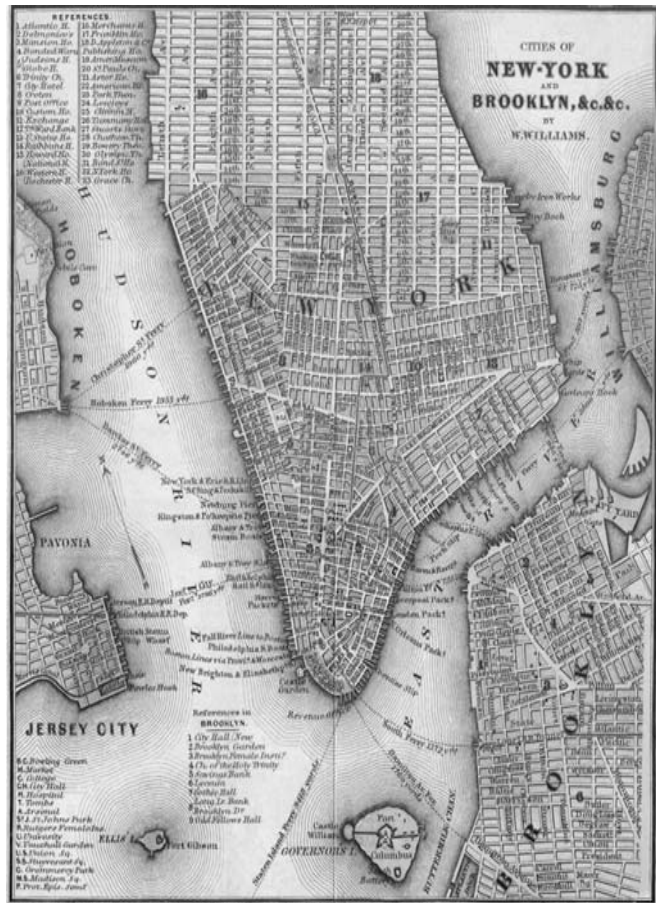
• What most people don’t realize is that Lanphier was hired as a prayer evangelist— to do personal evangelism on Wall Street and door-to-door visitation of unchurched people.

• 2000 unnamed volunteers prayed for each block in New York, and a similar number prayed for the blocks of Brooklyn in the period leading up to Fulton Street Noon-Prayer meetings. Many of these “visitors” continuing to attend to the needs of need persons for years after the revival ended.

• The idea of “systematic visitation of the poor” originated with Dr. Thomas Chalmers, who visited 10,000 parishioners in Glasgow, Scotland, during the 1820’s. Through his parish visitations, Chalmers reported that social welfare expenditures in his St. Johns Parish in Glasgow declined by 80% (See my article, “The Kingdom of God: A Transformational Perspective”, at <http://www.transformourworld.org/en/blogs/4866-the-kingdom-of-god-a-transformational-perspective>).

• Reading from *Highways of Holiness*: pp. 44-46, 119-128.

Pray: That God would “show me what thou wouldst have me to do today.”



AFTERWORD (2011): PRAYFORNEWARK AS THE POINT OF INCEPTION FOR THE GLOBAL STREET ADOPTION MOVEMENT

- The public launch of PrayForNewark at the MLK Urban Convocation in January 2008 received early signs of favor from the Lord—43 days with no murders (mid-January to late February), a 33% drop in murders when 33% of the streets were adopted for daily prayer, and a completely murder-free month (March 2010) when 100% of the streets were adopted for daily prayer. Harvest Evangelism used the Newark experience to launch a global Adopt-Your-Street initiative on www.TransformOurWorld.org in 2010. You can register your city and adopt any city in the world at this website.
- Today more than 250 cities around the world are registered on TOW. This includes 6 continents, 29 nations, and 23 states in the U.S.
- I am the Prayer Initiatives global leader for Adopt-Your-Street and have posted several video clips, whitepapers, and a radio interview with WATV in Tampa, FL, on this website. Additional materials and video clips are available at www.PrayForNewark.org website.
- *Jesus is waiting today for you to invite Him into your city. When you adopt a highway or street for daily prayer, He will set up an appointment to visit that place. With this kind of offer, don't you want to see all the highways and streets in America adopted for daily prayer?*
- Reading from *Highways of Holiness*: pp. 141-152.

Pray: That God would inspire us to “build up the highway; that Jesus would come into our cities and regions as we pray for streets and highways; and that through our prayers “the earth would be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God, as the waters cover the seas” (Habakkuk 3:14, Isaiah 11:9); and that the spiritual climate of our cities and nations would be changed through God’s answers to these prayers.

STREET ADOPTIONS

Click one of the links on the right to start your search. Then click an adoption to see its details. Click and drag the map to explore, pray for adoptions, and adopt your own street!

Continent	Number of Adoptions
North America	217
South America	4
Europe	3
Africa	11
Asia	15
Australia	9



Discover your Highway of Holiness!

The Prophet Isaiah instructs us to “Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway!” (62:10). A Highway of Holiness is a path of salvation that takes believers to Zion—where they will be in the presence of God. The Highways of Holiness model is an extension of Prayer Evangelism, which has been successfully used in city, marketplace, and national transformation around the world. By adding generational and geographical dimensions to Prayer Evangelism, Highways of Holiness can:

- ✱ *Link together Kingdom-minded people who live in different communities.*
- ✱ *Facilitate the flow of people and materials that are needed to rebuild decayed cities.*
- ✱ *Infuse hope into situations that appear hopeless from a human perspective.*
- ✱ *Enable the people of God to take back land that has been stolen by the enemy.*
- ✱ *Change the spiritual climate by inviting the Kingdom of God into the present situation.*
- ✱ *Help to prepare the way for Jesus’ return to earth.*

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Intriguing, informing, engrossing, inspiring, provocative, promise-filled, motivational—those are just a few words to describe my dear friend Lloyd Turner’s breakthrough book. He raises Christ’s glory high, and invites us to walk His high-way of revival with brand new eyes. Lloyd’s template will help you, too, to better pursue Christ for a spiritual awakening in the communities where you live.

DAVID BRYANT

*Author of CHRIST IS ALL! A Joyful Manifesto
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I am convinced that God is doing a special thing as we see Highways of Holiness being raised across the globe. Across Africa, from Cape to Cairo, and in places around the world, I am excited about this great challenge, which is to put to us in Isaiah 62:10. Lloyd has taken this challenge, and I pray that God will raise a Highway of Holiness over the Northeast as the marketplace leaders “humble themselves and pray...” (2 Chronicles 7:14). May we see a great revival emanate from this region in the foreseeable future.

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Be forewarned: What you are about to read will convict, inspire, and convince you to rededicate yourself to do whatever it takes to birth revival. Anything less may mean the demise of our nation.

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If your spiritual calling is to reach cities and nations for Jesus Christ, you will want to study and pray through this book carefully. The principles revealed in this book will lead you confidently to build your own Highway of Holiness.

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