

The Power and Importance of

Prayer

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I. Prayer is Communion with God Ending in Intimacy

A. IT IS THE **DESIRE** OF GOD'S HEART

1. Genesis 3:9 God the Father
2. Revelation 3:20 God the Son
3. Romans 8:15 God the Holy Spirit

B. PRAYER IS **DWELLING** IN HIS PRESENCE

1. John 15:4, 7-9 The Key to having all your prayers answered.
2. John 1:35-51 "What do you desire? COME and you will SEE."
3. Luke 10:42 One thing only! The Priority of Prayer.
4. Psalm 27:4-5 "One thing have I desired . . . "
5. Philippians 3:7-10 All things loss for . . . knowing Him.
6. Luke 19:46; Isaiah 56:6-8 Why did He clean house?
7. John 17:24 What is the desire of Jesus' heart?
8. Exodus 33:7-11 What was the desire of Joshua's heart?
9. John 13:23, 25 Some closer than others and the benefits.

C. THE TIME HE PREFERS - **EARLY MORNING** PRAYER

1. Song of Solomon 7:12 Let us get up early . . .
2. Mark 1:35 The time that Jesus prayed.
3. Luke 21:38 When the people listened to Him.
4. John 20:1 The first one to see the resurrected Lord.
5. Genesis 3:8 When did God walk with Adam?
6. Exodus 16:12-14, 18, 21 The lesson of the manna.
7. Exodus 30:7-8 Revelation 8:3-5 Incense as a type of prayer.
8. Leviticus 6:12-13 The priest brings the fire to full blaze.
9. Proverb 3:9 First fruits belong to the Lord.
10. Psalm 5:3; 57:8; 63:1; 90:14; 119:147 David knew the secret
11. Psalm 27:5; 31:19-20; 32:6-7; 61:1-4 The secret place.
12. Exodus 33:12-23 Ask for Commitment to Early Morning Prayer
13. Most Christians work all day, tired, sleepy and then try to pray.

D. HEARING HIS VOICE (Rhema) - HE IS STILL SPEAKING

1. Hebrews 3:7; 12:25
2. John 10:27
3. Habakkuk 2:1-2

- a) Have a Quiet Place Psalm 4:4
- b) Look for Vision as you Pray
- c) Wait for His Word Psalm 119: 74, 114, 123, 147
- d) Recognize His Voice 1Kings 17:2, 8; 18:1, 9-13
- e) Record the Vision

II. HOW TO PRAY

Matthew 6:5-13

- Vs. 5 Not to pray to impress others: Long - Loud - Change Voice.
Vs. 6 Have a quiet place.
Vs. 7 Meaningless repetition.
Vs. 9 Pray to "Our Father." Or To Jesus: Acts 7:59 Romans 10:13

Also told to pray in the name of Jesus. John 14:13-14

Depend on the guidance of the Holy Spirit Romans 8:26-27

We are to pray for His Name to be treated as HOLY.

This includes Praise & Worship

Deuteronomy 28:58 1 Samuel 17:45-47 1 Kings 8:41-43

Psalm 99:3; 111:9 Luke 1:49

- Vs. 10 We are to pray for the coming of His Kingdom.
In my life / my family / my church / my city / my nation

We are to pray for His will to be done in everything.

- Vs. 11 We are to pray for our daily necessities.

- Vs. 12 We are to pray for forgiveness
and practice forgiving everyone. Even my enemies.
We should be a source of grace and give grace to
everyone. This is done by: 1. "taking up our cross"
2. Praying: "Father forgive them . . ."

- Vs. 13 We are to pray for the leading of the Lord
and deliverance from evil. In areas of our weakness.

YOU CAN PRAY IN ANY POSITION / ANYTIME / ALL THE TIME:

- Kneeling three times a day: Daniel 6:10 Psalm 55:17; 95:6
- Stand and pray: Mark 11:25
- Sometimes barefoot: Acts 7:33
- Sometimes lift hands: 1 Timothy 2:8
- All the time: Ephesians 6:18
- Without ceasing: 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Pray in Faith: James 1:6

III. Mighty Prevailing Prayer. Thy Kingdom Come!

A. WHY PRAY?

1. **DOMINION** of the earth given to man.
 - a. Genesis 1: 28
 - b. Psalm 115:16
 - c. Psalm 8:4-8 and Hebrews 2:5-8
 - d. Revelation 5:10
2. Keys of **AUTHORITY** Given To Man: Matthew 16:19
 - a. Adam gave his authority to satan. Jesus took it back.
 - b. Keys:
 - Authority & Responsibility
 - Open gates & close gates
 - c. In giving us the keys, the Lord has limited certain of His activities to the prayers of His people.

OFTEN, IF WE DO NOT PRAY, HE WILL DO NOTHING.

Mark 6:45-52 Revelation 3:20

3. Heaven **Wills** Then **WAITS** . . . For Man To Become:

ANGRY ENOUGH / SICK ENOUGH / TIRED ENOUGH TO PRAY!!
TO CRY OUT TO GOD: **THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE.**

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B. FOR HIS KINGDOM AND WILL IN **OUR LIVES**. Luke 18:1-8

1. In Covenant with Jesus we have LEGAL RIGHTS.

- a) Protection John 17:15 Psalm 91
- b) Provision Matthew 6:25-33
- c) Health Matthew 8:17 1 Peter 2:24
- d) Baptism of the Holy Spirit Luke 11:13 Acts 2:39

These are "**give me**" prayers. The kind of prayer we most often pray.

2. We also need to Pray "**make me**" Prayers.

Psalm 39:4; 51:6-8; 119:27, 35

3. We MUST have **DESIRE** and **ZEAL** to PRAY EFFECTIVELY.

- a) Ezra 7:23
- b) Matthew 9:20-22 The Woman
- c) Matthew 9:27-29 The Two Blind Men

C. FOR HIS KINGDOM AND WILL **FOR OTHERS**. Ephesians 6:18

1. The **Motivation: Love** Luke 22:31-32 Matthew 9:35-38

2. We Will Pray for **OTHERS** If we **CARE**.

- Isaiah 59:16; 63:5
- Ezekiel 22:30
- Psalms 142:4
- Joel 2:12-13, 15-17
- Galatians 6:2
- John 15:12-13

3. Love Never Gives Up Praying for **OTHERS**.

- Luke 5:18-20
- Luke 11:5-10
- James 5:14-18
- 1 John 5:16; John 20:23 Matthew 16:19

Example: Moses for the people: Exodus 32:7-14, 30-34

Moses for Miriam: Numbers 12:13

Job for his friends: Job 42:7-9

4. Love Never Gives Up Praying for our **CITIES** and **NATIONS**.

- 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- Genesis 18:26; Matthew 5:13 (Lot "thrown out"
Gen.19:8,14,16 No prayer, No witness, No converts)
- Jeremiah 29:7
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 14:7
- Psalm 2:8; 111:6

5. Push Back the Darkness - **Expand** the Kingdom of God.

- Isaiah 9:7 "*..no end to the increase of His kingdom.*"
- Establish Boundaries: Numbers 33:50-55;
Joshua 1:3; 6:2
- Prayer Walks

6. The Prayer of **Agreement** Matthew 18:19-20

- Establish a "Lighthouse of Prayer." Matthew 18:19-20

D. The Example of Jesus in Prayer	1 Peter 2:21
1. Early Morning Prayer	Mark 1:35
2. The Anointing of the Holy Spirit	Luke 3:21-22
3. More Work - More Prayer	Luke 5:15-16
4. Prayed all night to select Twelve	Luke 6:12
5. Only did what He learned in Prayer	John 5:19, 30; 8:38
6. Entered the Glory of Heaven	Luke 9:18, 28
7. His Prayer was Different	Luke 11:1
8. Prayed for Others	Luke 22:31-32
9. Expects us to Pray More	Matthew 26:36-46

E. We **MUST PREVAIL** (Continue Until Victory Comes) OVER:
Ourselves / Situations / People / Time / Satan

F. **FASTING** is Often Required with Prevailing Prayer.

1. For Insight and Understanding: Daniel 9:3-5; 20-23
2. Victory in Warfare: 2 Chronicles 20:1-3, 14-15, 17
3. To Defeat evil and Set Prisoners Free: Isaiah 58:6-12
4. Casting Out demons: Matthew 17:21 Mark 9:29
5. To help bring revival: Nehemiah 9:1-3
6. Safety in traveling: Ezra 8:21-23
7. Power and Anointing in Ministry: Luke 4:1-2, 14, 18
8. For the Calling and Sending of missionaries: Acts 13:2-4

G. **HINDRANCES** TO PRAYER

1. Husband and Wife Relationship 1 Peter 3:7
2. Selfishness James 4:3
3. Unforgiveness Matthew 5:22-24
4. Unbelief James 1:6-7; Mark 11:23
5. Known Sin in your life Isaiah 59:1-2 Psalm 66:18
6. Pride Luke 18:10-14
7. A Hard Uncaring Heart Proverb 21:13
8. The Secret for Answered Prayer 1 John 3:22-24

H. DOES GOD **ANSWER** ALL PRAYER?

1. Sometimes Immediately: Matthew 14:22-31
2. Sometimes Delayed: John 11:1-44
 - a. Testing your desire: Jeremiah 29:13
 - b. Testing your motive: James 4:3
3. Sometimes NO!

Moses	Deuteronomy. 3:23-27
Jesus	Luke 22:40-46
Paul	2 Corinthians. 12:7-10
4. Sometimes Different Romans 5:3

IV. INTERCESSION

A. HIS WORK AND OURS

1. He Intercedes for us: Hebrews 7:25
2. He now reigns by Intercession: Luke 22:31
3. Our work: Ephesians 6:18
4. Priestly Ministry: Revelation 1:6; 5:10

B. THE MEANING OF INTERCESSION

1. Intercede, Entreat, Supplication: Isaiah 59:16
2. To come between and receive what was due the other: Isaiah 53:6, 12
3. Standing in the gap for others:
Ezekiel 22:30; 34:4-10 Isaiah 59:16
Psalm 142:4 Joel 2:12-13a, 15-17
4. Expanding the Kingdom: Matthew 12:28 Psalm 2:7-8
5. Establishing Boundaries:
Joshua 6:2; 19:11, 22, 26, 27, 34
6. Being on the Alert:
Ephesians 6:18 1 Peter 5:8 Matthew 24:43
1 Corinthians 16:13 Colossians 4:2

V. PRAYER RELEASES ANGELS and BINDS DEMONS

ANGELS SERVE THE LORD JESUS and US. Hebrews 1:4, 6-7, 14

1. Abraham prays for Lot: Genesis 19
2. Jacob fleeing Laban: Genesis 32:1-2
3. Elijah fleeing Jezebel: 1 Kings 19:5, 7
4. Elisha surrounded by the enemy: 2 Kings 6:17
5. Daniel 6:22; 8:15-16; 9:3, 20-23; 10:2, 13
6. Jesus: Matthew 4:11 Luke 23:43
7. Luke 1:11-13
8. Acts 1:10-11; 5:19-20; 8:26, 39-40; 12:5-10
9. Acts 12:17-24; 27:23-24