

Lesson 1

The Power and Importance of PRAYER

LESSON OBJECTIVE

Upon completion of the lesson, the student will be able to:

- Define the scriptural basis of prayer
- Use the methods and principles of prayer
- Give the various biblical examples of persistent prayer
- Explain what hinders our prayers

LESSON OUTLINE

- I. PRAYER IS COMMUNION WITH GOD RESULTING IN INTIMACY
 - A. It is the desire of the LORD God's heart
 - B. Prayer is dwelling in His presence
 - C. The time He prefers - Early Morning Prayer
 - D. Hearing His Voice (Rhema) - He is still speaking

- II. HOW TO PRAY
 - A. Pray to "our Father" in the name of Jesus depending on the guidance of the Holy Spirit
 - B. Pray for His Name to be treated as holy
 - C. Pray for the coming of His Kingdom
 - D. Pray for His will to be done in everything
 - E. Pray for our daily necessities
 - F. Pray for forgiveness and practice forgiving
 - G. Pray for the leading of the Lord and deliverance from evil
 - H. Pray in faith for "without faith it is impossible to please Him"

- III. MIGHTY PREVAILING PRAYER
 - A. For His will in our Government.
 - B. For His will in OUR LIVES and Others.

- IV. INTERCESSION
 - A. His work and ours.
 - B. The meaning of intercession.

- V. PRAYER RELEASE ANGELS AND BINDS DEMONS
 - A. Angels serve the Lord Jesus and us.

Ask for Commitment to Early Morning Prayer

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**
 - b) Look for **Vision** as you pray
 - c) Recognize His **voice**
 - d) **Record** the Vision

II. HOW TO PRAY

“But when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you need before you ask him. This is how you should pray:- “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Matthew 6:5-13

- A. We are not to pray to impress others: Long - Loud - Change Voice vs. 5**
- B. Have a quiet place vs. 6**
- C. Meaningless repetition vs. 7**

- D. **We are to pray to “Our Father.” vs. 9**
Also instructed to pray in the name of **Jesus** (John 14:13-14)
Depending on the guidance of the **Holy Spirit** (Romans 8:26-27)

- E. **We are to pray for His Name to be treated as holy/awesome** (Psalm 99:3; 111:9; Luke 1:49, Deuteronomy 28:58; 1 Samuel 17:45-47; 1 Kings 8:41-43)

- F. **We are to pray for the coming of His Kingdom**

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

- H. **We are to pray for our daily necessities**

- I. **We are to pray for forgiveness and practice forgiving**

- J. **We are to pray for the leading of the Lord and deliverance from evil**

- K. **Kneeling three times a day** (Daniel 6:10; Psalm 55:17; 95:6)

- L. **Stand and pray.** (Mark 11:25) Sometimes barefoot (Acts 7:33)

- M. **Sometimes lift hands** (1 Timothy 2:8)

- N. **All the time** (Ephesians 6:18) **without ceasing** (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

- O. **Pray in Faith**(James 1:6)

III. MIGHTY PREVAILING PRAYER

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Ephesians 6:18

- A. **For His will in our government** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

- B. **For His will in our lives and others** 1 John 5:14-15
 - 1. We must be **PERSISTENT** and **BOLD**. Luke 11:5-10

 - 2. In Covenant with Jesus we have **LEGAL RIGHTS**. Luke 18:1-8
 - a) Protection John 17:15; Psalm 91
 - b) Provision Matthew 6:25-33
 - c) Baptism of the Holy Spirit Luke 11:13; Acts 2:39
 - d) Health Matthew 8:17; 1 Pet 2:24
 - e) The Nations Psalm 111:6; 2:8

 - 3. We must have **DESIRE** and **ZEAL** to PRAY EFFECTIVELY.
 - a) Ezra Ezra 7:23
 - b) The Paralytic Matt 9:2, Luke 5:18-19
 - c) The Woman Matthew 9:20-22
 - d) The Two Blind Men Matthew 9:27-29
 - e) The Possessed Daughter Matthew 15:21-28

 - 4. The Example of **Jesus** in Prayer 1 Peter 2:21
 - a) Early Morning Prayer Mark 1:35

- b) The Anointing of the Holy Spirit Luke 3:21-22
 - c) More Work - More Prayer Luke 5:15-16
 - d) Prayed all night to select the Twelve Luke 6:12
 - e) Only did what He learned in Prayer John 5:19, 30; 8:38
 - f) Entered the Glory of Heaven Luke 9:28-36
 - g) His Prayer was Different Luke 11:1
 - h) Prayed for Others Luke 22:31-32
 - i) Expects us to Pray More Matthew 26:36-46
5. We must **PREVAIL** (Continue Until Victory Comes) OVER:
- a) Ourselves
 - b) Situations
 - c) People
 - d) Time
 - e) Satan
6. **FASTING** is often required with Prevailing Prayer.
- a) For **Insight** and **Understanding** Daniel 9:3-5; 20-23
 - b) **Victory** in Warfare 2 Chronicles 20:1-3, 14-15, 17
 - c) To **Defeat** evil and Set Prisoners Free Isaiah 58:6-12
 - d) Casting Out **demons** Matthew 17:21
Mark 9:29
 - e) To help bring **revival** Nehemiah 9:1-3
 - f) **Safety** in traveling Ezra 8:21-23
 - g) Power and **Anointing** in Ministry Luke 4:1-2, 14, 18

- h) For the **Calling & Sending of Missionaries** Acts 13:2-4

7. **Hindrances** to prayer

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

8. Does God **Answer** all prayer?

- a) Sometimes **Immediately** Matthew 14:22-31
- b) Sometimes **Delayed** John 11:1-44
- (i) Testing your **desire** Jeremiah 29:13
- (ii) Testing your **motive** James 4:3
- c) Sometimes **NO!** Moses - Deuteronomy. 3:23-27
Paul - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- d) 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;
4. Expanding the **Kingdom**. Matthew 12:28
Psalm 2:7-8
5. Establishing **Boundaries** Josh 6:2; 19:11, 22, 26, 27, 34
6. Being on the **Alert** Ephesians 6:18; 1 Pet 5:8
Matthew 24:43
1 Corinthians 16:13
Colossians 4:2

V. PRAYER RELEASES ANGELS AND BINDS DEMONS

- A. **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. **Elisha** surrounded by the enemy 2 Kings 6:17
 4. **Daniel** Daniel 6:22; 8:15-16;
9:3, 20-23; 10:2, 13
 5. **Jesus** Matthew 4:11
 6. Luke 1:11-13
 7. Acts 1:10-11; 5:19-20; 8:26; 12:5-10
 8. Acts 27:23-24

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