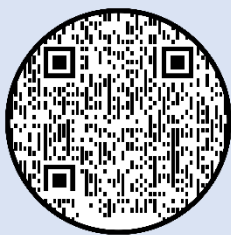
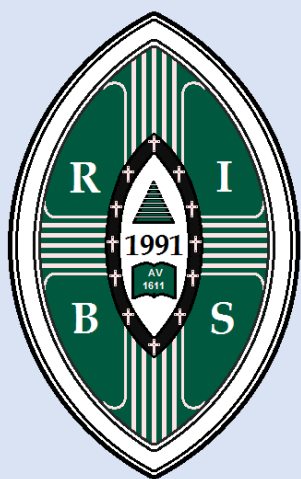


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Matthew 5

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Matthew 6

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Matthew 9

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 14

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

Matthew 17

21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Matthew 19

13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

Matthew 21

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 23

14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Matthew 24

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Matthew 26

36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup

pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Mark 1

35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Mark 6

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

Mark 9

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Mark 11

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

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24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mark 12

40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

Mark 13

18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

Mark 14

32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

39 And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

Luke 1

10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John

Luke 2

37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

Luke 3

21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

Luke 5

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

33 And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

Luke 6

12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

Luke 9

18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

Luke 10

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

Luke 11

1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Luke 14

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

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19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

Luke 16

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

Luke 18

1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

Luke 19

46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Luke 20

47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

Luke 21

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 22

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

John 14

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

John 16

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

John 17

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which

shall believe on me through their word;

Acts 1

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

Acts 2

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 3

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

Acts 4

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 6

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

Acts 8

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them,

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that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Acts 9

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

Acts 10

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went

up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 11

5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

Acts 12

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

Acts 13

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts 14

23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with

fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Acts 16

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Acts 20

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Acts 21

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

Acts 22

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

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Acts 23

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

Acts 24

4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.

Acts 27

34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

Acts 28

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

Romans 1

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

Romans 8

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 10

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Romans 12

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Romans 15

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

1 Corinthians 7

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

1 Corinthians 11

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

1 Corinthians 14

13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but

my understanding is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

2 Corinthians 1

11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

2 Corinthians 5

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 8

4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

2 Corinthians 9

14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.

2 Corinthians 13

7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

Ephesians 1

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

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Ephesians 6

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Philippians 1

4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Philippians 4

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Colossians 1

3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Colossians 4

2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ,

saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

1 Thessalonians 1

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

1 Thessalonians 3

10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

1 Thessalonians 5

17 Pray without ceasing.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

25 Brethren, pray for us.

2 Thessalonians 1

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

2 Thessalonians 3

1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

1 Timothy 2

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

1 Timothy 4

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

1 Timothy 5

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

2 Timothy 1

3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

2 Timothy 4

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

Philemon 1

4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

Hebrews 5

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

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Hebrews 13

18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

James 5

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

1 Peter 3

7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his

ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

1 Peter 4

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

1 John 5

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

Jude 1

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Revelation 5

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Revelation 8

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the

prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Romans 8

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Romans 11

2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

1 Timothy 2

1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

Hebrews 7

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

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Introduction

This class entitled *Prayer and Principles* is a very important class. Prayer does not just prepare a man for the great work – it is *the* Great Work.

Nothing else that is great for God is accomplished without prayer.

Believers rarely minimize the importance of prayer in their words, but in our deeds we all lack in this work of prayer. Prayer will calibrate the mind, lift the spirit, bring fellowship with God, help in all tasks, and overall make us better servants for the Lord.

The Necessity of Prayer

Prayer is necessary in the life of every believer. Too often, prayer is neglected or rushed through. However, prayer is never a waste of time. Because of the ability as believers to pray always, we can and should simply live every waking moment praying, or ready to prayer. God should always be in our thoughts (Psalm 10:4; Philippians 4:8).

There is no excuse *not* to pray. It comes down to the will and the heart of the individual. We have time in the mornings and during the day to take time to pray. We can also pray while travelling, working, resting, and playing.

Everything we do benefits from prayer.

Praying in the Holy Ghost

Jude 1:20 says: “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost....”

From this short verse we understand these things:

- “But” – we are not like the those who are sensual, not having the Spirit of God.
- We build up ourselves by praying.
- We build on our most holy faith – meaning salvation is a prerequisite to this kind of prayer.
- We pray in the Holy Ghost – meaning God leads in prayer and our prayers are inspired by God.

In this New Testament time, God desires people to first be saved, then pray in the Spirit. Those who are saved are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13). The Spirit makes intercession for the believer (Romans 8:26). Believers need to be sensitive to the Holy Ghost and prayer is a means to increase this sensitivity.

Building Up Oneself by Prayer

Jude 1:20 above speaks of building up oneself. We are to grow, mature, become stronger, and become better for the Lord as believers. To build up ourselves, we must be people of prayer.

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Paul said in Acts 20:32, when speaking to the elders from Ephesus: “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

Here, we see that the word of God also builds up a believer. Together, both prayer and the word of God are indispensable for believers if they are to grow, be strong, and be leaders in the faith.

God’ Work Requires God’s Power

The things we are to do as children of God are impossible to fake for any length of time. We are to be saved, holy, knowledgeable of the word of God, spiritually minded, and accomplish God’s work on earth.

Jesus taught us to pray thusly: “And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth” (Luke 11:2).

We pray *to do* God’s will on earth. We pray so that we *are able to do* God’s will on earth. We pray so we know *what is the will of God that we are to do* on earth. God’s will can only be done through God’s power. Paul said in Philippians 2:13: “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

Whether it be accomplishing the work of God, knowing the will of God, or understanding the word of God; we cannot accomplish these things without prayer.

The Example of Our Savior

Jesus knew the will of God, he is the Word of God, and he accomplished the work of God perfectly. We see Jesus praying throughout the Gospels. As we study this subject, we will analyze how, when, and why Jesus prayed. From instructing us in his first discourse in Matthew (the Sermon on the Mount), to his High Priestly Prayer, to his prayer in the Garden; we want to know how, why, and what for our Savior prayed. From his example we learn to emulate our Savior and be conformed to his image.

What Prayer is Like to God

God likens prayer to things we understand:

Incense

Luke 1:10 – And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Psalm 141:1 – LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Vials Full of Odors

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Revelation 5:8 – And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Fervent Labor

Colossians 4:12 – Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

God's Work Needs Laborers

In Matthew and Luke, our Savior specifically mentioned we should pray that he would send forth laborers:

- Matthew 9:38 – Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.
- Luke 10:2 – Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

One of the reasons we lack workers is we fail to pray what Jesus commanded us to pray. It should be clear to men in the ministry that we need helpers. The harvest is great. The fields are white. But the laborers are few. We should be obedient to Christ and pray often that he would send forth laborers.

The Scripture References

We ask that the student take the time to read the scripture references on pages 5 through 11 of this syllabus. These verses are those related to prayer in the New Testament. Reading these at one sitting will greatly help to saturate the mind and heart with the subject of prayer. It is a good exercise.

Prayer and its Relationship to Love Commandment Doctrine

The Savior said “when ye pray” in Matthew 6:7, Mark 11:24, and Luke 11:2. This assumes we are to pray. In Luke 6:28, the Savior said: “Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.” In Luke 21:36, our Savior said: “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” In Luke 22:46, Jesus said: “And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.”

It is clear the Lord commands us to pray.

The apostles understood the need for prayer. In Acts 6, they had the Jerusalem church select deacons so they could focus on what was most-important: “But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.”

Paul commanded this in Philippians 4:6: “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God”; and this is Colossians 4:2: “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving...”

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Furthermore, Paul commanded us to pray in the following passages:

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – Pray without ceasing.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:25 – Brethren, pray for us.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1 – Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:
- 1 Timothy 2:1 – I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- 1 Timothy 2:8 – I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

The other apostles also commanded us to pray:

- James 5:13-16
- 1 Peter 4:7
- 1 John 5:16
- Jude :20

If we love Jesus, we keep his commandments (John 14:15). Praying is an obvious commandment. Obedience in prayer is obedience to Christ.

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Lesson 1: The Definition of Prayer

I. Prayer

A. Definition:

- Prayer is a solemn request for help or an expression of thanks addressed to God.
- A devout petition to God
- A spiritual communion with God (as in supplication, thanksgiving, adoration, or confession).
- The act or practice of praying to God.
- Jesus shows that prayer should be a private time between God and the worshipper.
- Tradition says prayer has five *general* components:

Prayer of adoration, worship, adoration, or blessing

Prayer of confession, contrition, repentance, or asking for forgiveness

Prayer of thanksgiving or gratitude

Prayer of supplication, petition, or intercession.

Spiritual warfare

- We can add other *specific* components to prayer:

Salvation or request for help

Submission

Claiming a promise

Crying or an overflow of emotion

Groanings from the Spirit

Ordination of a servant (laying on of hands)

Anointing (in cases of sick brethren)

Asking for wisdom

Prayer for enemies (Matthew 5:44)

B. Root word for Prayer

Original Word: προσεύχομαι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: proseuchomai

Phonetic Spelling: (pros-yoo'-khom-ahee)

Definition: to pray

Usage: I pray, pray for, offer prayer.

4336 proseúxomai (from 4314 /prós, “towards, exchange” and 2172/euxomai, “to wish, pray”) – properly, to exchange wishes; pray – literally, to interact with the Lord by switching human wishes (ideas) for His wishes as He imparts faith (“divine persuasion”).

C. Prayer is an expression of faith

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II. Supplication

A. Definition:

- An earnest or urgent request: appeal, entreaty, imploration, plea, prayer.
- Ask or beg for something earnestly or humbly.
- An act or instance of supplicating; humble prayer, entreaty, or petition.

- B. Acts 1:14 – These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.
- C. Ephesians 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- D. Philippians 4:6 – Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- E. 1 Timothy 2:1 – I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- F. 1 Timothy 5:5 – Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.
- G. Hebrews 5:7 – Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

III. Thanksgiving

- A. Daniel 6:10 – Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.
- B. 2 Corinthians 9:11 – Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.
- C. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;
- D. Philippians 4:6 – Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- E. Colossians 2:7 – Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- F. Ephesians 5:4 – Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
- G. 1 Timothy 2:1 – I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- H. Colossians 4:2 – Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
- I. 1 Timothy 4:3 – Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.
- J. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving;
- K. Revelation 7:12 – Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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IV. Entreaty (KJV: Intreaty)

A. Definition:

- To ask earnestly; beseech; implore; beg: to entreat the judge for mercy.
 - An entreaty is a very polite , serious request.
 - An entreaty is the kind of request you make to King Kong when he's dangling you from the top of the Empire State Building.
- B. "Entreaty" in the KJV is how one is treated: Deuteronomy 26:6 – And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:
- C. "Intreaty" in the KJV is to ask earnestly.
- D. Note: In the New Testament, *intreaty* is used toward men, not God. In the Old Testament it is used toward God and man (see Genesis 25:21)
- E. Proverbs 18:23 – The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.
- F. Proverbs 19:6 – Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
- G. 2 Corinthians 8:4 – Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.
- H. Philippians 4:3 – And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.
- I. 1 Timothy 5:1 – Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

V. Ask, Seek, and Knock

- A. Matthew 7:7 – Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
- B. 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- C. Luke 11:9 – And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- D. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- E. Luke 12:29 – And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
- F. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
- G. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- H. Luke 19:10 – For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

VI. Intercession

A. Definition:

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- The action of saying a prayer on behalf of another person.
 - The action of intervening on behalf of another.
 - To attempt to reconcile differences between two people or groups; mediate.
 - The act of using your influence to make someone in authority forgive someone else or save them from punishment.
- B. Romans 8:26 – Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- C. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- D. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
- E. Romans 11:2 – God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,
- F. 1 Timothy 2:1 – I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- G. Hebrews 7:25 – Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

VII. Petition

A. Definition:

- To make or present a formal request to an authority with respect to a particular cause.
 - A request made for something desired, especially a respectful or humble request, as to a superior or to one of those in authority
- B. 1 Samuel 1:17 – Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.
- C. 27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:
- D. Esther 5:6 – And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.
- E. Daniel 6:7 – All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.
- F. 1 John 5:14 – And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- G. 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
- H. 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

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VIII. Confessing Sin

A. Definition of Confess:

- To tell or make known
- To admit or state that one has committed a crime or is at fault in some way.
- To acknowledge or avow (a fault, crime, misdeed, weakness, etc.) by way of revelation.
- To own or admit as true

- B. Daniel 9:3 – And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
- C. 4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;
- D. 5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:
- E. 6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
- F. Ezra 10:1 – Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.
- G. Matthew 3:6 – And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.
- H. Matthew 10:32 – Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
- I. Luke 12:8 – Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:
- J. John 1:20 – And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
- K. Acts 23:8 – For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.
- L. Romans 10:9 – That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- M. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- N. Romans 14:11 – For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.
- O. Philippians 2:11 – And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- P. 1 Timothy 6:13 – I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;
- Q. James 5:16 – Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- R. 1 John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- S. 1 John 4:2 – Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
- T. And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
- U. 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

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IX. Laboring Fervently

- A. Colossian 4:12 – Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

X. Making Requests unto God

- A. Philippians 4:6 – Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- B. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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Lesson 2: Five Components of Prayer

I. Acknowledging Jesus Christ

- A. John 14:13 – And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- B. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.
- C. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- D. John 15:16 – Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
- E. John 16:23 – And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
- F. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- G. 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

II. Praise and Worship

- A. John 4:20 – Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.
- B. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.
- C. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.
- D. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
- E. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

III. Confession of Sins

- A. Luke 11:4 – And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
- B. 1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
- C. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- D. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- E. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- F. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- G. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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IV. Intercession for Others

- A. Romans 8:26 – Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- B. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- C. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
- D. 1 Timothy 2:1 – I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- E. Hebrews 7:25 – Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

V. Asking

- A. Matthew 6:8 – Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
- B. Matthew 7:7 – Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
- C. 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- D. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?
- E. 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
- F. 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?
- G. John 15:7 – If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

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Lesson 3: The Commandments to Pray

I. Pray Without Ceasing

- A. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 – See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
- B. 16 Rejoice evermore.
- C. 17 Pray without ceasing.
- D. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- E. 19 Quench not the Spirit.

II. Praying Always

- A. Ephesians 6:10 – Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- B. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- C. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- D. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- E. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- F. 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- G. 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- H. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- I. 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- J. 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
- K. 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
- L. Colossians 1:1 – Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,
- M. 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- N. 3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

III. Being Instant in Prayer

- A. Romans 12:10 – Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
- B. 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- C. 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
- D. 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- E. 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

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IV. In Every Thing Give Thanks

- A. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – Rejoice evermore.
- B. 17 Pray without ceasing.
- C. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- D. Verse 18 says “In every thing”; not “For Everything.”
- E. What ever situation you find yourself “in,” find things for which to give God thanks.

V. When One is Sick

- A. James 5:13 – Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.
- B. 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
- C. 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
- D. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- E. 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.
- F. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.
- G. 19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;
- H. 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.
- I. 1 John 5:14 – And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- J. 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
- K. 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.
- L. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.
- M. 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

VI. Men With Head Uncovered

- A. 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- B. 2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.
- C. 3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.
- D. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.
- E. 5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

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- F. 6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.
- G. 7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.
- H. 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.
- I. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.
- J. 10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.
- K. 11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.
- L. 12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of god.
- M. 13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?
- N. 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?
- O. 15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.
- P. 16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Note: In many of our Baptist churches the women do not lead in prayer in a mixed congregation. Men lead in prayer. Accordingly, there is no need for women to cover their heads (since they are not prophesying or praying).

However, when praying at a prayer meeting, silently or softly, while others are praying, we do not see this as an usurpation of authority, and her head need not be covered.

In foreign churches, women are often always with head coverings while in church service. This is perfectly honoring to God because it shows a voluntary humility to the preachers (powers, men, angels, preachers, etc.). Often, women who teach children's class or other women have their head covered showing they are not the authority in the church.

Lastly, men should never have their heads covered in church – either by hats or longhair – as it is a dishonor to Christ.

VII. Lifting Up Holy Hands

- A. 1 Timothy 2:1 – I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- B. 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
- C. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
- D. 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
- E. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
- F. 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.
- G. 7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.
- H. 8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- I. Observations from above text:

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- God wills for saved men to pray for all men
- God wills all men to be saved
- Jesus gave himself a ransom for all
- Men to pray everywhere
- Lifting up holy hands
- Without wrath and doubting

VIII. When Not to Pray

- A. We are instructed to pray always, continually, in every thing give thanks, and every where.
- B. There is never a time not to pray.
- C. John does say in 1 John 5:16-17:

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

- D. This text is **not** saying that we should withhold prayer for those who sin unto death.
- E. John is clarifying that he is **not** saying we should pray for the sin unto death.
- F. This means, God punishes some sin not with death, and other sin with death. We can pray for those who sin not unto death and God will give them life. We do not know what sins are unto death, and which are not. We pray for all men, but we do not pray for them to be punished with death. John is showing us God will forgive most sins in the life of a believer, except in extreme cases. God may end the life prematurely of our brethren who sin to a point where God says enough. But we should not pray for God end a brother's life.

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Lesson 4: The Lord's Teaching on Prayer

I. Ask Believing

- A. Ask in faith
- B. Knowing God can and will
- C. Matthew 21:22 – And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
- D. John.16:24 – Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- E. Matthew 9:29 – Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.
- F. James 1:5 – If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- G. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- H. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
- I. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

II. Two Men Went into the Temple to Pray

- A. Luke 18:9 – And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:
- B. 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.
- C. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.
- D. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.
- E. 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.
- F. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

III. Gods House is a House of Prayer

- A. Matthew 21:13 – And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- B. Mark 11:17 – And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- C. Luke 19:46 – Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

IV. Pray Not as Hypocrites

- A. Matthew 6:5-15

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5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

V. **Pray In a Closet**

- A. Matthew 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- B. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

VI. **Pray Without Vain Repetition**

- A. Matthew 6:7 – But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
- B. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

VII. **Pray Forgiving Others**

- A. Matthew 6:9 – After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
- B. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
- C. 11 Give us this day our daily bread.
- D. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
- E. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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- F. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
- G. 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

VIII. Pray With Importunity

- A. Luke 11:5 – And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
- B. 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
- C. 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
- D. 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
- E. 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- F. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- G. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
- H. 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
- I. 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

IX. Pray That Ye Enter Not Into Temptation

- A. Matthew 6:13 – And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
- B. Matthew 26:41 – Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- C. Mark 14:38 – Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

X. Pray and Not Faint

- A. Luke 18:1 – And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
- B. 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:
- C. 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.
- D. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;
- E. 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.
- F. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.
- G. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

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- H. 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

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Lesson 5: The Lord's Model Prayer

I. The Lord's Prayer

A. Jesus Taught How to Pray in Matthew 6:9-15 and in Luke 11:1-4

Luke 11:1 – And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.
2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Matthew 6:9 – After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

II. The Example of Jesus Praying Provoked Others to Learn How to Pray

- A. And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.
- B. John the Baptist taught his disciples, but the details are not recorded in the New Testament.
- C. Jesus' instructions are recorded twice.
- D. Jesus has preeminence over John the Baptist

III. Jesus Starts with Calling upon God as Our Father and Acknowledging God's Holy Name

- A. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
- B. We are told to "say"
- C. OK to quote the Lord's Prayer if done with the heart and mind – not just vain repetition
- D. God is our Father
- E. God's name is holy
- F. Honor God in prayer
- G. Telling God you love him.
- H. Thanking God for his goodness
- I. Thanking God for salvation.
- J. Thanking God for giving his Son Jesus Christ.

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IV. We Are to Pray for God's Will to be Done on Earth

- A. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
- B. We should obey God as if his kingdom is here now.
- C. We are part of the kingdom of God
- D. We are part of the kingdom of heaven
- E. James 4:15 – For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

V. We Are to Ask for Day's Needs

- A. Give us day by day our daily bread.
- B. Know that God is the source of everything we need.
- C. We need God's help with everything that the day requires, not just food.

VI. We Are to Ask for Forgiveness of Sins

- A. 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.
- B. Confession of sins
- C. Knowing only God can forgive sins against God

VII. Forgiving Others is Very Important

- A. We forgive those who are indebted to us
- B. Be merciful to expect mercy
- C. Be forgiving to expect forgiveness
- D. Matthew 6:14 – For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
- E. 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
- F. 2 Corinthians 2:9 – For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.
- G. 10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;
- H. 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

VIII. We Are to Ask for God's Leadership for the Day

- A. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
- B. Acknowledging God can and will lead in the paths of righteousness for his namesake.
- C. James 4:13 – Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
- D. 14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

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- E. 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.
- F. 16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.
- G. 17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

IX. We Are to Acknowledge God's Greatness Forever

- A. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
- B. God retains the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.
- C. Ending the prayer in praise of God.

X. Notice Alignment of Prayer with David's Prayer

- A. 1 Chronicles 29:10-19
 - 10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.
 - 11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.
 - 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.
 - 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.
 - 14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.
 - 15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.
 - 16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.
 - 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.
 - 18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:
 - 19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.
- B. Calling Upon and Praising God – v. 10-13
- C. Humbly acknowledging God's will – v. 14-16
- D. A desire to do right – v. 17-18
- E. Interceded for others – v. 18-19

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Lesson 6: How and When Jesus Prayed

I. Feeding the 5,000

- A. Matthew 14:19 – And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
- B. Mark 6:41 – And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.
- C. John 6:11 – And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

II. Revealed to Babes

- A. Matthew 11:25 – At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.
- B. Luke 10:21 – In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

III. Raising Lazarus

- A. John 11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?
- B. 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
- C. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.
- D. 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

IV. Triumphal Entry

- A. John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
- B. 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
- C. 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
- D. 27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.
- E. 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

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- F. 29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.
- G. 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

V. The Last Supper

- A. Matthew 26:26 – And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.
- B. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;
- C. 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
- D. Mark 14:22 – And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.
- E. 23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.
- F. 24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.
- G. Luke 22:19 – And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.
- H. 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

VI. Jesus' High Priestly Prayer

- A. John 17:1-26

1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.
7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.
9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

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12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

VII. The Garden of Gethsemane

- A. Mark 14:32 – And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.
- B. 33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;
- C. 34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.
- D. 35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.
- E. 36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

VIII. Prayers from the Cross

- A. Matthew 27:45

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

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46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

B. Mark 15:34-37

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

C. Luke 23:33-34, 45-47

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

D. Jesus' last recorded prayer is Luke 23:46

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Lesson 7: The Apostles Praying

I. Praying While Tarrying

A. Acts 1:13-26

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

II. Praying in Soul-Winning

A. Acts 2:41-43

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

B. Acts 4:19-33

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19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.
20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.
21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.
22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.
23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.
24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:
25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?
26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.
27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,
28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.
29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,
30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.
31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.
33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

III. Praying in Serving

A. Acts 6:1-7

1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.
2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

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7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

IV. Prayer of a Lost Man Answered

A. Acts 10:1-6

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,
2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.
3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.
4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.
5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:
6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

V. Praying in Persecution

A. Acts 12:1-6

1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.
2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)
4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.
5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

B. Acts 16:23-31

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:
24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.
25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.
26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.
27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.
28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

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- 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,
30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

VI. Praying in Laboring for Jesus Christ

A. Acts 13:1-3

- 1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

B. Acts 14:21-24

- 21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,
22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.
23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
24 And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

C. Acts 20:17-38

- 17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.
18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,
19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:
20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:
23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.
24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.
25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.
26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.
27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

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28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

D. Acts 21:1-5

1 And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:

2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.

3 Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

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Lesson 8: Praying in the Holy Ghost

I. **Builds on Faith**

- A. Jude 1:20 – But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
- B. 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

II. **Helps Our Infirmities**

- A. Romans 8:26 – Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- B. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- C. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
- D. 1 Corinthians 12:5 – Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.
- E. 6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.
- F. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
- G. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.
- H. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- I. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

III. **The Holy Spirit Makes Intercession According to the Will of God**

- A. Romans 8:27 – And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- B. 1 John 5:13 – These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
- C. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- D. 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

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IV. **Praying in the Holy Ghost Brings Peace**

- A. Romans 8:28 – And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

V. **Praying in the Holy Ghost Brings Power**

- A. Acts 4:31 – And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
- B. 32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.
- C. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

VI. **Praying with Perseverance and Supplication in the Spirit**

- A. Eph 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

VII. **The Love of the Spirit and Striving Together in Prayer**

- A. Romans 15:30 – Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;
- B. 31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;
- C. 32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

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Lesson 9: Prayer and Fasting

I. Fasting is Expected

- A. Matthew 6:16 – Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
- B. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;
- C. 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.
- D. Matthew 17:21 – Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.
- E. Mark 2:18 – And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?
- F. 19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.
- G. 20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.
- H. Luke 5:33 – And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?
- I. 34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?
- J. 35 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

II. Fasting for Ordination

- A. Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- B. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- C. Acts 14:23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

III. Fasting in Difficult Times

- A. 1 Corinthians 7:5 – Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.
- B. 2 Corinthians 6:5 – In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;
- C. 2 Corinthians 11:27 – In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

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IV. **Fasting Increases Power**

- A. Matthew 4:2 – And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.
- B. Mark 9:29 – And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

V. **Effects of Fasting**

- A. Psalm 3:13 – But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
- B. Psalm 69:10 – When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.
- C. Psalm 109:24 – My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

VI. **Fasting in Old Testament**

- A. Judges 20:26 – Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.
- B. 1 Samuel 7:6 – And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.
- C. 2 Samuel 1:12 – And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.
- D. 1 Kings 21:9 – And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:
- E. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.
- F. 27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.
- G. 2 Chronicles 20:3 – And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
- H.
- I. Ezra 8:21 – Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.
- J. 23 So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.
- K. Nehemiah 1:4 – And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,
- L. Nehemiah 9:1 – Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.
- M. Esther 4:3 – And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.
- N. 16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

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- O. Esther 9:31 – To confirm these days of Purim in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.
- P. Daniel 9:3 – And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
- Q. Joel 1:14 – Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,
- R. Joel 2:12 – Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:
- S. 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:
- T. Jonah 1:5 – Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.
- U. Jonah 3:5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

VII. David Fasting for His Child's Life

- A. 2 Samuel 12:16 – David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.
- B. 21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.
- C. 22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?
- D. 23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

VIII. Fasting in New Testament Days

- A. Luke 2:37 – And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.
- B. Luke 18:12 – I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.
- C. Acts 10:30 – And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

IX. Fasting by John Baptist

- A. Matthew 9:14 – Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?
- B. 15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.

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Lesson 10: Praying Always

I. Commanded to Pray Always

- A. Ephesians 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- B. 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

II. Praying Always

- A. Continuing instant in prayer
- B. Always being mindful of God
- C. God is always in your thoughts
- D. Continually talking to God

III. All Prayer and Supplication

- A. Pray about everything
- B. Communication with God
- C. Asking God for things
- D. Humility

IV. Pray in the Spirit

- A. Being filled with the Spirit
- B. Singing spiritual songs
- C. Proper prayers

V. Watching

- A. Watch and pray
- B. Avoiding temptation
- C. Looking for opportunities and reasons to pray
- D. Be aware of your surroundings
- E. Pray for things that you experience

VI. With Perseverance

- A. Effort
- B. Purpose
- C. Overcoming hindrances to prayer
- D. Pray when you do not feel like praying

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- E. Praying until the answer comes

VII. Praising God for All things

- A. Be mindful of the little blessings
- B. God is always good
- C. Things can always be worse – thank God for his goodness in your life

VIII. In Everything Giving Thanks

- A. Being always thankful
- B. “In,” not “for”
- C. In good or bad give thanks
- D. For all things work together for good – Romans 8:28

IX. Always Asking God for Help and Wisdom

- A. James says if any man lack wisdom he can ask of God
- B. Even in small things
- C. Nothing is too small or too big for God
- D. Nehemiah prayed before answering the king

X. Praying when the opportunity allows

- A. “Let’s pray now”
- B. Praying when things come to mind
- C. Praying when asked
- D. Volunteering to pray

XI. Confessing Evil Thoughts When You Think Them

- A. Just in time 1 John 1:9
- B. Keep list short
- C. Asking forgiveness during the day

XII. Superlatives Always and All

- A. Always — all the time
- B. Always — in every case
- C. Always — for every person
- D. All — all types of prayer
- E. All types of supplication

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XIII. Pray For Bold Evangelism

- A. To open the mouth with the gospel
- B. To be mindful of souls
- C. To have a love and compassion for the lost

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Lesson 11: Prayers in the Bible

I. There are Over 100 Prayers Recorded in the Bible

- A. Prayers by over 50 people
- B. Jesus' prayers are most recorded

II. Prayers in the Bible – Alphabetically Arranged by Person (Not Exhaustive)

101 Prayers in the Bible		
1	Abijah's army prayed for victory	2 Chronicles 13:14
2	Abraham prayed for a son	Genesis 15:1-6
3	Abraham prayed for Ishmael	Genesis 17:18-21
4	Abraham prayed for Sodom	Genesis 18:20-32
5	Abraham prayed for Abimelech	Genesis 20:17
6	Abraham's servant prayed for guidance	Genesis 24:12-52
7	Antioch church prays over Barnabas and Saul	Acts 13:3
8	Apostles prayed for Judas' replacement	Acts 1:24-25
9	Apostles pray for deacons	Acts 6:6
10	Asa prayed for victory	2 Chronicles 14:11
11	Cain prayed for mercy	Genesis 4:13-15
12	Centurion prayed for his servant	Matthew 8:5-13
13	Christians prayed for Peter	Acts 12:5-12
14	Christians prayed for kings in authority	1 Timothy 2:1, 2
15	Church in Jerusalem prays for boldness	Acts 4:24-41
16	Corinthians prayed for Paul	2 Corinthians 1:9-11
17	Cornelius prayed for enlightenment	Acts 10:1-33
18	Criminal prayed for salvation	Luke 23:42, 43
19	Daniel prayed for the Jews	Daniel 9:3-19
20	Daniel prayed for knowledge	Daniel 2:17-23
21	David prayed for blessing	2 Samuel 7:18-29
22	David prayed for blessing	2 Samuel 7:18-29
23	David prayed for help	1 Samuel 23:10-13
24	David prayed for guidance	2 Samuel 2:1
25	David prayed for grace	Psalms 25:16
26	David prayed for justice	Psalms 9:17-20
27	Disciples prayed for boldness	Acts 4:24-31
28	Elijah prayed for drought and rain	James 5:17, 18
29	Elijah prayed to raise the widow's son	1 Kings 17:20-23
30	Elijah prayed for triumph over Baal	1 Kings 18:36-38

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31	Elijah prayed for death	1 Kings 19:4
32	Elisha prayed for blindness and sight	2 Kings 6:17-23
33	Elisha prays for Shunamite's son	2 Kings 4:32-36
34	Ezekiel prayed for un-defilement	Ezekiel 4:12-15
35	Ezra prayed for the sins of the people	Ezra 9:6-15
36	Gideon prayed for proof of his call	Judges 6:36-40
37	Habakkuk prayed for deliverance	Habakkuk 3:1-19
38	Habakkuk prayed for justice	Habakkuk 1:1-4
39	Hagar prayed for consolation	Genesis 21:14-20
40	Hannah prayed for a son	1 Samuel 1:10-17
41	Hezekiah prayed for deliverance	2 Kings 19:15-19; Isaiah 37:15
42	Hezekiah prayed for health	2 Kings 20:1-11
43	Holy Spirit prayed for Christians	Romans 8:26, 27
44	Isaac prayed for children	Genesis 25:21, 24-26
45	Israelites prayed for deliverance	Exodus 2:23-25; 3:7-10
46	Jabez prayed for prosperity	1 Chronicles 4:10
47	Jacob prayed all night	Genesis 32:24-30
48	Jacob prayed for deliverance from Esau	Genesis 32:9-12
49	Jehoahaz prayed for victory	2 Kings 13:1-5
50	Jehoshaphat prayed for protection	2 Chronicles 20:5-12, 27
51	Jehoshaphat prayed for victory	2 Chronicles 18:31
52	Jeremiah prayed for Judah	Jeremiah 42:1-6
53	Jeremiah prayed for mercy	Jeremiah 14:7-10
54	Jesus prayed Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:9-13
55	Jesus prayed praise for revelation to babes	Matthew 11:25-26
56	Jesus prayed at Lazarus' tomb	John 11:41-42
57	Jesus prayed for the Father's glory	John 12:28
58	Jesus prayed for the Church	John 17:1-26
59	Jesus prayed for deliverance	Matthew 26:39, 42, 44; 27:46
60	Jesus prayed for forgiveness for others	Luke 23:34
61	Jesus prayed in submission	Luke 23:46
62	Jesus teaches to pray for enemies	Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28
63	Jews prayed for safe journey	Ezra 8:21-23
64	Job prayed for his friends	Job 42:10
65	Jonah prayed for deliverance from the whale	Jonah 2:1-10
66	Joshua prayed for help and mercy	Joshua 7:6-9
67	Leper prayed for healing	Matthew 8:2-3
68	Manasseh for deliverance	2 Chronicles 33:12-13
69	Manoah prayed for guidance	Judges 13:8-15
70	Moses prayed for Pharaoh	Exodus 8:9-13

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71	Moses prays to stop fire	Numbers 11:1-3
72	Moses prays for removal of serpents	Numbers 21:7
73	Moses prayed for water	Exodus 15:24-25
74	Moses prayed for Israel	Exodus 32:31-35
75	Moses prays for God's grace toward Israel	Exodus 34:9
76	Moses prayed for Miriam	Numbers 12:11-14
77	Moses prayed to see the Promised Land	Deuteronomy 3:23-25; 34:1-4
78	Moses prayed for a successor	Numbers 27:15-17
79	Nehemiah prayed for the Jews	Nehemiah 1:4-11; 2:4
80	Paul and Silas pray in Philippian jail	Acts 16:25
81	Paul prayed with elders	Acts 14:23
82	Paul prays for Colossian church	Colossians 1:9
83	Paul prayed for the healing of Publius' father	Acts 28:8
84	Paul prayed for the Ephesians	Ephesians 3:14-21
85	Paul asks prayer for word to have free course	2 Thessalonians 3:1
86	Paul asks for prayer	Hebrews 13:18
87	Paul prayed with the Ephesian elders	Acts 20:36
88	Paul prayed for grace	2 Corinthians 12:8-9
89	People of Judah prayed for a covenant	2 Chronicles 15:12-15
90	Peter prayed for the raising of Dorcas	Acts 9:40
91	Priests prayed for blessing	2 Chronicles 30:27
92	Prophet prays for king's hand	1 Kings 13:6-7
93	Rebekah prayed for understanding	Genesis 25:22-23
94	Reubenites prayed for victory	1 Chronicles 5:18-20
95	Samson prayed for water	Judges 15:18-19
96	Samson prayed for strength	Judges 16:29-30
97	Samuel prayed for Israel	1 Samuel 7:5-12
98	Solomon prayed for wisdom	1 Kings 3:6-14
99	Tax collector prayed for mercy	Luke 18:13
100	We are told to pray for the peace of Jerusalem	Psalms 122:6
101	Zechariah prayed for a son	Luke 1:13

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Lesson 12: Interesting Prayers in the Old Testament

I. Job Prayed for His Children and His Friends

- A. Job 1:1 – There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.
- B. 2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.
- C. 3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.
- D. 4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.
- E. 5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.
- F. Job 42:10 – And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

II. David's Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

- A. 1 Chronicles 17:16-27:

16 And David the king came and sat before the Lord, and said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

17 And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O Lord God.

18 What can David speak more to thee for the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant.

19 O Lord, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

20 O Lord, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, Lord, becamest their God.

23 Therefore now, Lord, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and let the house of David thy servant be established before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee.

26 And now, Lord, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

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27 Now therefore let me please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever.

III. Ahab Received Judgment and Mercy of the Lord

- A. 1 Kings 21:17 – And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
- B. 18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.
- C. 19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.
- D. 20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.
- E. 21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,
- F. 22 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.
- G. 23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.
- H. 24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.
- I. 25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.
- J. 26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.
- K. 27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.
- L. 28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
- M. 29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

IV. Hezekiah Prayed for Healing

- A. 2 Kings 20:1 – In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.
- B. 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,
- C. 3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
- D. 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,
- E. 5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

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- F. 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

V. **Daniel Prayed with Open Window**

- A. Boldness
- B. Confidence
- C. Faith
- D. No fear of man
- E. God protected Daniel
- F. Daniel 6:1-11:

1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

VI. **Nehemiah's Prayer**

- A. Nehemiah 1:1-11:

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,

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2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

VII. Elijah on Mount Carmel

- A. Showed true God
- B. Victory over false prophets
- C. Great boldness shown
- D. Elijah prayed a short prayer with confidence and faith (v. 36-37)
- E. God answered immediately
- F. 1 Kings 18:20-40:

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

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24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

VIII. Elisha Prayed for Eyes to be Opened and Closed

A. 2 Kings 6:12-20:

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

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14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

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Lesson 13: Things to Pray

I. Confession of Sin

- A. 1 John 1:7 – But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- B. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- D. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

II. Pray That We Are Not Deceived

A. Six Areas of Self-Deception

John 4:20 – Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

B. Not Confessing Sin

1 John 1:8 – If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

C. Not Doing the Word

James 1:22 – But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

D. Not Bridling the Tongue

James 1:26 – If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

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E. Thinking One is Something He is Not

Galatians 6:3 – For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

F. Thinking Not Reap What is Sown

Galatians 6:6 – Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

G. Thinking Communications Do Not Affect Good Manners

1 Corinthians 15:33 – Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

III. That We Enter Not into Temptation

A. Matthew 6:13 – And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

B. Matthew 26:41 – Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

C. Mark 14:38 – Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

D. Luke 11:4 – And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

E. Luke 22:40 – And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

F. 46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

G. 1 Timothy 6:9 – But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

IV. For the Lord to Send Laborers

A. Matthew 9:38 – Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

B. Luke 10:2 – Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

C. John 20:21 – Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

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- D. Acts 13:1 – Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
- E. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- F. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

V. **Boldness to Preach the Gospel**

- A. John 7:26 – But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?
- B. Acts 4:13 – Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.
- C. 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,
- D. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
- E. Acts 9:27 – But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.
- F. 29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.
- G. Acts 13:46 – Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.
- H. Acts 14:3 – Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.
- I. Acts 18:26 – And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.
- J. Acts 19:8 – And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.
- K. Ephesians 6:19 – And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
- L. 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
- M. Philippians 1:14 – And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
- N. 1 Thessalonians 2:2 – But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.
- O. Hebrews 13:5 – Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
- P. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

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VI. For the Word of God to Have Free Course

- A. 2 Thessalonians 3:1 – Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:
- B. 2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.
- C. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.
- D. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

VII. For Enemies Who Despitefully Use You

- A. Matthew 5:44 – But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
- B. Luke 6:28 – Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.
- C. Romans 12:18 – If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
- D. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.
- E. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.
- F. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

VIII. That Flight Not Be In the Winter

- A. Matthew 24:20 – But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
- B. Mark 13:18 – And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

IX. Government Officials to be Saved

- A. 1 Timothy 2:1 – I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- B. 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
- C. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
- D. 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
- E. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
- F. 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

X. Israel to Get Saved

- A. Romans 10:1

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- B. Romans 11:25 – For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
- C. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
- D. 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.
- E. 28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.
- F. 29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.
- G. 30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:
- H. 31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.
- I. 32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

XI. Healing

- A. James 5:15-16
- B. 3 John 1:2 – Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
- C. Acts 27:33 – And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.
- D. 34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.
- E. 35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.
- F. Philippians 2:25 – Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.
- G. 26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.
- H. 27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.
- I. 28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.
- J. 29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:
- K. 30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

XII. Needs

- A. Matthew 6:11 – Give us this day our daily bread.
- B. Luke 11:3 – Give us day by day our daily bread.

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Lesson 14: Giving of Thanks

I. Giving of Thanks Practiced by Jesus Christ

- A. Mark 14:23 – And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.
- B. Luke 22:19 – And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.
- C. John 6:11 – And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.
- D. 23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)
- E. 1 Corinthians 11:24 – And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

II. Giving of Thanks Practiced by the Apostle Paul

- A. Ephesians 1:16 – Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;
- B. Colossians 1:3 – We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
- C. 1 Thessalonians 1:2 – We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;
- D. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 – But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

III. Giving of Thanks Practiced by the Churches

- A. Romans 14:6 – He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.
- B. Romans 16:3 – Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:
- C. Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.
- D. 1 Corinthians 14:16 – Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

IV. Giving of Thanks is a Commanded Activity

- A. Ephesians 5:4 – Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
- B. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

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- C. 1 Timothy 2:1 – I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

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Lesson 15: Food is Sanctified by Word and Prayer

I. We Are Taught to Pray for Our Daily Bread

- A. Matthew 6:11 – Give us this day our daily bread.
- B. Luke 11:3 – Give us day by day our daily bread.
- C. Matthew 6:26 – Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
- D. 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
- E. 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
- F. 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- G. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- H. 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- I. 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- J. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- K. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

II. It is Good to Pray Over and Thank God for Food

- A. Matthew 14:19 – And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
- B. Matthew 15:36 – And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.
- C. Matthew 26:26 – And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.
- D. Mark 6:41 – And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.
- E. Mark 8:6 – And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people.
- F. Mark 14:22 – And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.
- G. Luke 9:16 – Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.
- H. Luke 22:19 – And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

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III. Food is Sanctified by Prayer and the Word of God

- A. 1 Timothy 4:1 – Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- B. 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
- C. 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.
- D. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:
- E. 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
- F. Acts 10:9 – On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:
- G. 10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,
- H. 11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:
- I. 12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.
- J. 13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.
- K. 14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.
- L. 15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.
- M. 16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

IV. A Man May Not Always Be Sure What He is Eating

- A. 1 Corinthians 10:24 – Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.
- B. 25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:
- C. 26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.
- D. 27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.
- E. 28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:
- F. 29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?
- G. 30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?
- H. 31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

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Lesson 16: How God Answers Prayer

I. God May Answer Yes

- A. 1 John 5:14 – And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- B. Acts 10:30 – And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,
- C. 31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.
- D. 2 Kings 20:1 – In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.
- E. 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,
- F. 3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
- G. 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying,
- H. 5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.
- I. 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

II. God May Answer No

- A. Closed doors are just as good as open doors
- B. Paul was forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach in
- C. Acts 16:6 – Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,
- D. 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.
- E. 8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.
- F. 2 Corinthians 12:7 – And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
- G. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.
- H. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- I. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.
- J. God's grace is always sufficient.
- K. Luke 22:42 – Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

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III. God May Say Wait (Silence)

- A. Silence is God's Prerogative
- B. Time to pray for wisdom and direction
- C. Opportunity to not faint
- D. Opportunity to pray with importunity
- E. Time to wait on God
- F. Time to learn patience
- G. James 1:2 – My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
- H. 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- I. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
- J. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- K. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- L. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
- M. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

IV. Unanswered Prayer May Lead to a Better Answer

- A. Second answers to prayers are often better
- B. Proverbs 13:12 – Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

V. God May Answer Your Prayer Differently than Expected

- A. God always knows what is best for his children
- B. Peter's release from prison – Acts 12:1-15
- C. Jesus raising Lazarus – John 11:1-45
- D. Hebrews 12:4-13:

Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

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11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

VI. Accept God's Answers Cheerfully

- A. Luke 22:42 – Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.
- B. Psalm 40:8 – I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.
- C. Psalm 143:10 – Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
- D. Hebrews 10:7 – Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.
- E. 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

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Lesson 17: Factors that Affect Prayers Being Answered

I. We Must Pray According to God's Will

- A. 1 John 5:13 – These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
- B. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- C. 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

II. Delight Thyself in the Lord

- A. Psalm 37:4 – Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

III. Obedience

- A. 1 John 3:18 – My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
- B. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.
- C. 20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
- D. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.
- E. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.
- F. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.
- G. 24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

IV. Importunity

- A. Luke 11:5 – And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
- B. 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
- C. 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.
- D. 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
- E. 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- F. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

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V. Faith

- A. Matthew 21:21 – Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
- B. 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
- C. Mark 10:52 – And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.
- D. James 1:5 – If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- E. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- F. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
- G. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

VI. Perseverance

- A. Luke 18:1 – And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
- B. 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:
- C. 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.
- D. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;
- E. 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.
- F. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.
- G. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?
- H. 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

VII. Humility

- A. Luke 18:9 – And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:
- B. 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.
- C. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.
- D. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.
- E. 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.
- F. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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VIII. Boldness

- A. Ephesians 3:10 – To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
- B. 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
- C. 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.
- D. Hebrews 4:14 – Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.
- E. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- F. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.
- G. Hebrews 13:5 – Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.
- H. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

IX. Specificity

- A. Luke 11:9 – And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- B. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
- C. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?
- D. 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?
- E. 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

X. Fasting

- A. Matthew 17:21 – Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.
- B. Acts 13:2 – As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- C. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- D. Acts 14:23 – And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
- E. 1 Corinthians 7:5 – Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

XI. Asking in Jesus' name

- A. Matthew 18:20 – For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

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- B. John 14:13 – And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- C. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.
- D. John 15:16 – Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
- E. John 16:23 – And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
- F. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- G. 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

XII. Praying in the Spirit

- A. John 14:16 – And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- B. 1 Corinthians 14:15 – What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.
- C. Ephesians 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

XIII. The Relationship of Spouses – 1 Peter 3:7

- A. 1 Peter 3:5 – For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:
- B. 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.
- C. 7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

XIV. Unforgiveness

- A. Matthew 6:14 – For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
- B. 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
- C. Matthew 18:23 – Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
- D. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.
- E. 25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.
- F. 26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

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- G. 27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.
- H. 28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.
- I. 29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
- J. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
- K. 31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
- L. 32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:
- M. 33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
- N. 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
- O. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

XV. Covetousness

- A. Romans 7:7 – What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.
- B. James 4:1 – From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?
- C. 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
- D. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
- E. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
- F. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?
- G. 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
- H. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- I. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
- J. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
- K. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

XVI. Giving and Generosity

- A. Luke 6:36 – Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
- B. 37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

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- C. 38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.
- D. Galatians 6:6 – Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.
- E. 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
- F. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
- G. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- H. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.
- I. 2 Corinthians 9:6 – But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
- J. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
- K. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

XVII. Unconfessed Sin

- A. Psalm 66:16 – Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
- B. 17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.
- C. 18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:
- D. 19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
- E. 20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

XVIII. Self-will

- A. Matthew 6:10 – Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
- B. Matthew 26:42 – He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.
- C. Luke 11:2 – And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

XIX. Doing Things Pleasing in God's Sight

- A. 1 John 3:22 – And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

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Lesson 18: Jesus' House is Called a House of Prayer

I. God's House is Called a House of Prayer

- A. Isaiah 56:7 – Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.
- B. Matthew 21:13 – And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- C. Mark 11:17 – And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- D. Luke 19:46 – Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

II. Jesus Rebuked Those Using God's House for Merchandise

- A. They made God's house a den of thieves
- B. This showed people had used religion for money making purposes
- C. Be careful not to use the church to make money
- D. 3 John 1:5 – Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;
- E. 6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:
- F. 7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.
- G. 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.
- H. Avoid yard sales, fund raisers by selling stuff, Bingo, etc.
- I. God's work is supported by God's people giving God's way.

III. The New Testament Church is a House of God

- A. 1 Timothy 3:15 – But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
- B. Hebrews 10:19 – Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
- C. 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;
- D. 21 And having an high priest over the house of God;
- E. 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

IV. Speak Wisely in the House of God

- A. Ecclesiastes 5:1 – Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

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- B. 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.
- C. 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.
- D. 4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.
- E. 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.
- F. 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

V. **God's House is a Place of Sacrifice**

- A. 2 Chronicles 7:12 – And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.
- B. 13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;
- C. 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
- D. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.
- E. 16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
- F. Preach Christ's sacrifice – the gospel
- G. Present your bodies a living sacrifice – Romans 12:1-2

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Lesson 19: Always Pray and Not to Faint

I. Continually Come to God for Your Request

- A. Luke 18:1 – And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
- B. 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:
- C. And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.
- D. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;
- E. Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.
- F. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.
- G. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?
- H. I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?
- I. Crying often shows faith.

II. God's Grace Needed to Persevere

- A. Matthew 9:36 – But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.
- B. Matthew 15:32 – Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.
- C. Mark 8:3 – And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.

III. God Renews Day by Day

- A. 2 Corinthians 4:1 – Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
- B. 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.
- C. Galatians 6:9 – And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- D. Ephesians 3:13 – Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

IV. Consider Jesus to Endure

- A. Hebrews 12:3 – For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

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- B. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
- C. Revelation 2:3 – And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

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Lesson 20: Interceding for Others

I. Jesus Ever Lives to Make Intercession for Us

- A. Hebrew 7:17 – For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.
- B. 18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.
- C. 19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.
- D. 20 And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:
- E. 21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)
- F. 22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.
- G. 23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:
- H. 24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.
- I. 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
- J. 26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
- K. 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.
- L. 28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

II. The Holy Spirit Makes Intercession for Us

- A. Romans 8:26 – Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- B. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- C. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

III. The Commandment to Make Intercession for Others

- A. 1 Timothy 2:1 – I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- B. 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
- C. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
- D. Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

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IV. Elijah Made Intercession for Israel

- A. Romans 11:1 – I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.
- B. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,
- C. Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.
- D. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

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Lesson 21: Coming Boldly to the Throne of Grace

I. **The Word of God Discerns a Man's Thoughts and Intent**

- A. Hebrews 4:12 – For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

II. **God Knows All Things We Do or Think**

- A. Hebrews 4:13 – Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

III. **Based on God' Knowledge, He Has Compassion upon Us**

- A. Hebrews 4:14 – Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.
- B. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

IV. **Based on God's Knowledge and Compassion, We Can Come Boldly to Him**

- A. Hebrews 4:16 – Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

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Lesson 22: Watch and Pray

I. Commandments to Watch

- A. Matthew 24:42 – Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
- B. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
- C. Acts 20:31 – Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.
- D. 1 Corinthians 16:13 – Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.
- E. 1 Thessalonians 5:6 – Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.
- F. 1 Peter 4:7 – But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.
- G. Revelation 3:2 – Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.
- H. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

II. Watching and Praying

- A. Matthew 26:38 – Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.
- B. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?
- C. 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- D. Mark 13:33 – Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.
- E. 34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.
- F. 35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:
- G. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.
- H. Mark 14:37 – And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?
- I. 38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.
- J. Luke 21:36 – Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.
- K. Colossians 4:2 – Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
- L. Ephesians 6:18 – Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

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III. What to Watch For

- A. Matthew 25:13 – Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.
- B. 2 Timothy 4:5 – But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
- C. Hebrew 13:17 – Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

IV. Blessings for Those Who Watch

- A. Luke 12:37 – Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.
- B. 38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.
- C. 39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.
- D. Revelation 16:15 – Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

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Lesson 23: Seek the Giver More than the Gift

I. Jesus Christ is Always to be Preeminent

- A. Colossians 1:10 – That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- B. 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;
- C. 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
- D. 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
- E. 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
- F. 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
- G. 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
- H. 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- I. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
- J. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;
- K. 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

II. The Supply is Not and Indicator of the Supplier

- A. Philippians 4:10 – But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.
- B. 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
- C. 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
- D. 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- E. 14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.
- F. 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.
- G. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.
- H. 17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.
- I. 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.
- J. 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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III. God is Faithful to His Word

- A. Matthew 6:24 – No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- B. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
- C. 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
- D. 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
- E. 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
- F. 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- G. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- H. 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- I. 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- J. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- K. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

IV. God is Faithful to His Children

- A. Luke 2:22 – And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
- B. 23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.
- C. 24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?
- D. 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?
- E. 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?
- F. 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- G. 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?
- H. 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
- I. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.
- J. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- K. 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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Lesson 24: Overview and Summary of Prayer

I. How To Pray:

New Testament

- A. Forgiving Others First (Mark 11:25, 26)
- B. As Jesus Taught (Matthew 6:9-15; Luke 11:1-13)
- C. Alone (Matthew 14:23; 26:36) and Alone Among Others (Luke 9:18)
- D. In a Group (Acts 12:12) or Together with Others (Acts 4:31) or with Others (Acts 20:2) or with One Accord (Acts 1:14)
- E. In a Closet (Matthew 6:6)
- F. In the Spirit (Ephesians 6:18) or in the Holy Ghost (Romans 8:20, 27)
- G. In Faith (Mark 11:22-24)
- H. Men with Heads Uncovered (1 Corinthians 11:4)
- I. Exceedingly (1 Thessalonians 3:10)
- J. Not for Pretense (Mark 12:40; Matthew 23:14) and Not for Show (Luke 20:47)
- K. Serving God and Fasting (Luke 2:37; 5:33)
- L. Continuing in Doctrine (Acts 2:42)
- M. Steadfastly (Acts 2:42)
- N. Mentioning Others (Ephesians 1:16; 1 Thessalonians 1:2)
- O. With Crying and Tears (Hebrews 5:7; Psalm 126:6)
- P. With Thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6)
- Q. With Joy (Philippians 1:4)
- R. With Fasting (1 Corinthians 7:5)
- S. Without Pride (Luke 18:11)
- T. Without Wrath and Doubting (1 Timothy 2:6)
- U. Without Ceasing (Romans 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:17) or continually (Acts 6:4)
- V. Kneeling Down (Luke 22:41)
- W. Ask in Jesus Name (John 16:23-24)
- X. Believing (Matthew 21:22)
- Y. Watching (Colossians 1:2; 1 Peter 4:7)

Old Testament

- A. For Others (Job 42:10)
- B. Weeping Sore (1 Samuel 1:10)
- C. Not Out of Feigned Lips (Psalm 17:1)
- D. Sat, Wept, Mourn, Fast, Pray (Nehemiah 1:4)
- E. Silent Words (1 Samuel 1:12) From the Heart
- F. Kneeling With Hands to Heaven (1 Kings 8:54)
- G. Quickly (Nehemiah 2:4)
- H. In Your Heart (2 Samuel 7:27)

II. Where To Pray:

- A. Before The Lord (1 Samuel 1:12)
- B. Before Altar of Lord (1 Kings 8:54)
- C. Turning Face to Wall (2 Kings 20:2)

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- D. Before Throne of Grace (Hebrews 4:16)
- E. Before God (Daniel 6:11; 1 Chronicles 17:25)
- F. Without The Temple (Luke 1:10)
- G. Among Others (Luke 9:18)
- H. In a City (Acts 11:5)
- I. In a Fish (Jonah 2:1)
- J. In a Solitary Place (Mark 1:35)
- K. In a Wilderness (Luke 5:16)
- L. In a House (Acts 10:30)
- M. In the Temple (Acts 22:17)
- N. In the House of God (2 Chronicles 6:29)
- O. Toward House of God (1 Kings 8:38)
- P. By a River Side (Acts 16:13)
- Q. Toward Jeru. (1 Kings 8:48; 2 Chronicles 6:34-38)
- R. In a Mountain (Luke 9:28)
- S. On a Housetop (Acts 10:9)

III. **Why Pray:**

- A. God Answers Prayer (Psalm 66:19-20)
- B. To Work with Together with Others (Romans 15:30)
- C. God's Ears Open (1 Peter 3:12; Psalms 115:6)
- D. God Keeps Our Prayers – A Sweet Smelling Savor (Revelation 5:8; 8:3-4)
- E. To Know God Is God (2 Chronicles 32:13)
- F. We Are Poor and Needy (Psalm 86:1)
- G. That Your Joy Be Fill (John 16:24)
- H. Prayer of Upright Is God's Delight (Proverbs 15:8)
- I. Prayers Enter the Holy Temple (Jonah 2:7)
- J. Because It Is Commanded

IV. **What To Pray:**

- A. Confessing Sin (1 John 1:9; Daniel 9:20)
- B. Stand Perfect in Will Of God (Colossians 4:12)
- C. Mentioning Others (Philemon 1:4)
- D. Others Be Delivered (Philemon 1:22)
- E. Joy To God (1 Samuel 2:1)
- F. Faithfulness (Matthew 26:39-44)
- G. Requesting For Others (Philippians 1:4)
- H. One For Another (James 5:18)

V. **What To Pray For:**

New Testament

- A. For Others (Colossians 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:3; Philemon 1:4)
- B. That God Would Open a Door of Utterance (Colossians 4:3)

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- C. The Perfection of Others (1 Thessalonians 3:10)
- D. Deliverance Of Others (Philemon 1:22; Daniel 9:20, 26)
- E. Others' Healing (Genesis 20:17; Numbers 11:2; 21:7; James 5:16; 1 Kings 13:6; 17:21)
- F. Cast Out Demons (Matthew 17:21)
- G. 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- H. 2 Thessalonians 1:11
- I. Faith Not Fail (Luke 22:32)
- J. Weather Changes (James 5:17)
- K. Needs ("Bread") (Luke 11:3)
- L. Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation of Knowledge (Ephesians 1:17; James 1:5-6)
- M. Stand Perfect and Complete in Will of God (Colossians 4:12)
- N. Others' Benefit (Philippians 1:19)
- O. Israel To Be Saved (Romans 10:1)
- P. 2 Corinthians 13:7
- Q. 2 Thessalonians 3:1
- R. Colossians 1:9
- S. Philippians 1:9

Old Testament

- A. Self-Healing (2 Chronicles 32:24)
- B. Opening Of Others' Eyes (2 Kings 6:17) Compare 2 Corinthians 4:4
- C. Enemy Smitten with Blindness (2 Kings 6:18)
- D. Salvation from Enemy (Judges 10:15; 2 Kings 19:20)
- E. Pardon From the Lord (2 Chronicles 30:18; 1 Samuel 12:19)
- F. Mercy Before Others (Nehemiah 1:11)
- G. Preservation Of Life from Fear of The Enemy (Psalm 64:1)
- H. Forgiveness (Acts 8:22; 1 Kings 8:30-35; Exodus 32:32; Job 42:10)
- I. Defeat Of Enemy (2 Samuel 15:31)
- J. For Life of King (Ezra 6:10)
- K. Peace Of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)
- L. Grace Of God (Malachi 1:9)
- M. Life Of Others (Genesis 20:7; 2 Samuel 24:17)
- N. Good Speed in Work (Genesis 24:12)
- O. Four Things (Exodus 33:13)
- P. Removal of Judgment (Numbers 21:7)
- Q. Show the Will of God (Judges 6:39)
- R. Strength (Judges 16:28)
- S. A Child (1 Samuel 1:12-26)

VI. When To Pray:

- A. After Baptism (Luke 3:27)
- B. Always (Ephesians 6:18; Acts 10:2)
- C. Night and Day (1 Thessalonians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:5)
- D. Day and Night (Nehemiah 1:6)
- E. 3 Times Per Day (Daniel 6:10; Psalms 55:17)
- F. In Trouble (Jonah 2:1)
- G. Early In the Morning (Mark 1:35)

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- H. In Agony (Luke 22:42)
- I. Without Ceasing (Romans 1:9; 2 Timothy 1:3; Acts 12:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- J. When In Bitterness of Soul (1 Samuel 1:10)
- K. In Distress (Ps 118:5)
- L. In the Morning (Psalm 5:3)
- M. When Chastened by God (Isaiah 26:16)
- N. In an Acceptable Time (Ps 69:13)
- O. When Afflicted (Ps. 102:1)
- P. When Destitute (P. 102:17)
- Q. All Night (Lk. 6:12)
- R. Continually (Acts 6:4)
- S. Cont. Instant in Prayer (Romans 12:12)
- T. Continue in Prayer (Col. 4:2)
- U. When God May Be Found (Psalm 32:6??)
- V. Sixth Hour (Acts 10:9)

VII. **Commandments To Pray:**

- A. Always (Ephesians 6:18)
- B. We Are Exhorted to Pray (1 Timothy 2:1)
- C. Without Ceasing (Romans 1:9; 2tim. 1:3)
- D. Be Instant in Prayer (Romans 12:12)
- E. Luke 18:1
- F. Colossians 4:2
- G. For Users (Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28)
- H. Matthew 6:5-15
- I. Matthew 9:38
- J. Temptation (Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38; Lk, 22:46)
- K. Mark 11:24
- L. Mark 13:33
- M. Luke 11:1-13
- N. Luke 21:36
- O. Luke 22:41
- P. 1 Thessalonians 5:25
- Q. Hebrews 13:18
- R. 1 Timothy 2:8

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Lesson 25: Being Careful for Nothing

I. Some Believers are Careful About Many Things

- A. Luke 10:41 – And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:
- B. Martha was careful and troubled about many things
- C. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to hear the word of God
- D. Matthew 11:29 – Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- E. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

II. God Would Have Us Without Carefulness in Worldly Things

- A. 1 Corinthians 7:32 – But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:
- B. The more things you possess the more time and care they take
- C. Luke 12:15 – And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
- D. Strive to be a “minimalist”
- E. Having few possessions means one can travel and move easily.

III. Steps to Not Be Full of Care in this Life

- A. Philippians 4:4 – Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.
- B. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
- C. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- D. Learn to rejoice in Christ – not in things that disappoint or that are short-lived
- E. Be moderate in all things
- F. In everything let your requests be made known unto God
- G. Do this by:
 - Prayer
 - Supplication
 - Thanksgiving

IV. Be Careful About Spiritual Things

- A. Philippians 2:28 – I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.
- B. 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.
- C. Titus 3:8 – This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

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- D. Hebrews 12:17 – For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

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Lesson 26: The Effectual and Fervent Prayer

I. A Review of James 5:7-20

- A. Be Patient – v. 7-11
- B. Grudge not – v. 9-11
- C. Example of the faithful – v. 10
- D. Be happy to endure – v. 11
- E. Do not swear – v. 12

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

II. Those Who are Afflicted are to Pray

- A. 13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

III. Those Who are Sick are to Call for Elders to Pray

- A. 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
- B. 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

IV. Those Who are sick are Also to Confess their Faults to be Healed

- A. 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

V. The Example of Elijah

- A. 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

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- B. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

VI. Some Error from the Truth Leads to Death

- A. 19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him;
- B. 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

VII. Paul Prayed for Conversion of His Brethren

- A. Romans 10:1 – Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- B. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
- C. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- D. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

VIII. John Spoke of a Sin unto Death

- A. 1 John 5:12 – He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
- B. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
- C. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:
- D. 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.
- E. 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.
- F. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.
- G. 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

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Lesson 27: Praising God in Prayer

I. Praise is Part of Prayer

- A. Matthew 6:9 – After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
- B. Luke 11:2 – And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

II. Praise is Individual

- A. Psalm 56:4 – In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
- B. 118:19 – Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:
- C. 118:28 – Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

III. Praise is Immediate

- A. Psalm 145:1 – I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
- B. 2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
- C. 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.
- D. 34:1 – I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.35:28
- E. 71:6 – By thee have I been holden up from the womb; thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.
- F. 8 – Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.
- G. 14 – But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.
- H. 104:33 – I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
- I. 146:1 – Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
- J. 2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
- K. Psalm 115:18 – But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.
- L. 54:6 – I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good.
- M. Psalm 119:164 – Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.
- N. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – Pray without ceasing.

IV. Praise is Intense

- A. Psalm 150:4 – Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
- B. Psalm 119:7 – I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

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- C. 57:7 – My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.
- D. 9:1 – I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
- E. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

V. **Praise is Involved**

- A. Psalm 22:22 – I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- B. 25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
- C. Psalm 35:18 – I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.
- D. Psalm 111:1 – Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.
- E. Psalm 149:1 – Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

VI. **Praise is Impartial**

- A. 119:164
- B. Psalm 108:3 – I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
- C. Psalm 117:1 – O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
- D. Psalm 109:30 – I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

VII. **The Last Three Psalms**

- A. Psalm 148:1-14:

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.
2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.
3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.
4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.
7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:
8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:
9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:
10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:
11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:
12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

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14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

B. Psalm 149:1-9

1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.
5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;
7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;
8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

C. Psalm 150:1-6

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

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Lesson 28: Miscellaneous Thoughts for Discussion

I. Miscellaneous Thoughts

1. The definition of prayer
2. What are the commandments in respect to prayer?
3. Parts of prayer
4. God's grace is always sufficient
5. How did Jesus teach us to pray? (Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:5-15)?
6. Praying the Lord of the Harvest for laborers (Luke 10:2)
7. Praying in the holy Ghost
8. Prayer and Fasting (Mark 9:29; Acts 14:23; 1 Corinthians 7:5)
9. Praying all night (Luke 6:12)
10. Example of prayers (Luke 18:10-14)
11. Prayer and Supplication (Acts 1:14; Philippians 4:6)
12. Fellowship and prayer (Acts 2:42)
13. Prayer and ministry of the word (Acts 6:4)
14. Prayer and singing (Acts 16:25)
15. Praying with the Spirit (Romans 8:26)
16. Praying for souls to be saved (Romans 10:1)
17. Instant in prayer (Romans 12:12)
18. Praying and prophesying (1 Corinthians 11:4-5)
19. Prayer and thanks (Ephesians 1:16)
20. Prayer and requests Philippians 1:4)
21. Payer without wrath and doubting (1 Timothy 2:8)
22. Prayer and the word of God (1 Timothy 4:5)
23. Prayer night and day (1 Timothy 5:5; 2 Timothy 1:3)
24. Prayer and faith (James 5:15)
25. Answers to prayer
26. Being specific
27. Prayer closet
28. Prayer and fasting

II. All About Prayer

- A. Whom to pray to
- B. Where to Pray
- C. How to pray
- D. When to pray
- E. Why we pray
- F. How to pray effectively
- G. Praying with importunity

III. Jesus Showed Us How to Pray

- A. Praying at his baptism – Luke 3:21-22

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- B. Praying early in the morning – Luke 4:42; Mark 1:35
- C. Praying in a solitary place
- D. Praying as a rest from the crowd
- E. Praying as an escape from public – Luke 5:15-16
- F. Praying after a hard day – Mark 6:30-31
- G. Praying with his disciples – Luke 9:18
- H. Praying on the mount – Luke 9:29
- I. Praying after a day of success – Luke 10:21
- J. Praying as a habit – Luke 11:1
- K. Praying at the grave – Luke 11:41-42
- L. Praying on the mountain – Mark 6:46
- M. Praying in anguish – John 12:27-28
- N. Praying against backsliding – Luke 22:31-32.
- O. Praying as the Great High Priest – John 17:1-26.
- P. Praying in the garden – John 18:1; Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46
- Q. Praying on the cross – Matthew 27:46; Luke 23:34, 46.