



BATTLE PLAN FOR PRAYER

CHAPTERS 6 and 7

STUDY GUIDE – 10-21-20

CHAPTER 6 IDENTIFIES 4 TYPES OF PRAYER

- A ADORATION** – is praising and worshipping God for WHO & WHAT HE IS
- C CONFESSION** - prayer that gets honest about sin.
- T THANKSGIVING** - is God-directed, humbly expressed gratitude for the things God has done
- S SUPPLICATION** - is asking something from God

Which type of praying do you tend to do most? least?

How do they work together?

What is the place of “praise and worship” in the life of a Christian believer? (41)

Ephesians 1:3-6

Hebrews 13:15

Psalms 150 (the last chapter & verse in Psalms)

“hallelujah” = ‘hallel’ /praise

‘Yah’ / LORD

1. “Everyone of us is wired to worship.” (41) – What do you think?
2. “By worshipping God WHOLEHEARTEDLY with our lips and lives, WE GET TO DO THE GREATEST THING IN THE GREATEST WAY FOR THE GREATEST ONE.” (41)

What does “WHOLEHEARTED” worship look like?

3. ADORATION: (42)
 - * **A reminder of who God is:** You are our Creator; You are awesome; Lord of all
 - * **A recounting of what He’s done:** You rescued us; You saved us; You provided for us
 - * **A recognition of His holiness:** There is none like You; You are greater than ... better than ... higher than ... more powerful than ... anything else.
 - * **A rejoicing in His name:** We lift up Your name; I praise Your name; we honor Your name.
 - * **A relinquishing of control:** I love you and give You my life; I surrender to You; I surrender to You; all that I am and have is Yours.
4. “*Getting right and staying clean before God is necessary to remain close to God and be effective in prayer.*” (42)

What are your thoughts? Questions?

James 4:8 (a) Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...”

How do we ‘draw close to God’?

“God’s Word, His Spirit, and your conscience will reveal the ungodly things you and I have done OR the good things you should have done.” See James 4:17 (43)

Are there consequence to ungratefulness?

Romans 1:21

2 Timothy 3:1-5

Discuss:

How could Joseph be thankful while serving unjustly in prison?

How could Daniel feel thankful while in the lion’s den? Or Shadrach, Meshach & Abindigo?

How could Mary be thankful while watching Jesus to be crucified?

“Yet among these four types of prayer, there’s biblical wisdom in listing supplication last.” (46) What are your thoughts? Does it matter whether supplication occurs at the beginning or near the end of your prayer time?

How would you describe INTERCESSION? And Why is it important?

WHAT TYPE OF PRAYER DO YOU TEND TO DO MOST OFTEN?
WHAT TYPE OF PRAYER DO YOU NEED TO CULTIVATE?

PRAYER: *Father in heaven, I praise Your name as holy and to be honored. I worship You as my God and ask that You glorify Yourself in my life. Search me and cleanse me of anything that displeases You. Forgive me as I forgive others. Thank You for Your provision, protection, and faithfulness in my life. Thank you for inviting me into Your presence daily. Teach me to pray, O Lord. Train me to joyfully bow in worship, to freely confess any and all sin. I thank You with a humble heart, praying this for myself and also for those closest to me. All to Your Glory, O God! In Jesus’ name I pray, AMEN.*

CHAPTER 7 WHAT ARE GOD’S ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Describe a time when you saw a prayer answered immediately.

How may the experience of ‘parenting’ children (grandchildren) helped you imagine the ways that God may answer prayer?

Illustration of needing to order my closet:

Today’s chapter will help give us some structure that may help us to order the closets of our lives.

The authors list 5 ways they’ve seen God answer prayers. What are your thoughts? Are there other ways?

1. YES, IMMEDIATELY (49)
2. YES, IN DUE TIME (49)
3. YES, SO YOU’LL LEARN FROM IT (50)
4. NO, BECAUSE YOUR HEART’S NOT RIGHT (51)
5. NO, I’VE GOT A BETTER PLAN (52)

OPEN DISCUSSION:

1. When considering a particular answer to prayer --- consider all the things that must 'come together' for God's miraculous answers to prayer to 'synchronize' with other aspects of life.

For example the birthdates of children to SYNCHRONIZE WITH ---

Their life's work?

Their life's partner?

Other examples?

2. Try to think of ways that we might recognize and thank God for His care and responsiveness in our lives and the lives around us?

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH?

3. Per the last 2 paragraphs of the chapter --- Do we ASK ENOUGH? (53)

PRAYER: Father, my default has been to think You probably weren't listening. And even if You were, You'd probably say no. I bow before You today – more convinced than ever that I am in wise, loving, caring, powerful hands. Convinced that I can trust You. Convinced that every no is in some way an even better yes. You said You withhold no good thing from those who love You. Thank you for letting me know that Your desire is truly for my ultimate good. May I trust You even more and pray with even greater faith knowing You want to be glorified through my answered prayers. In Jesus' name, AMEN.