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Wednesday Bible Study

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Fundamental Christian Living pt. 2

“Prayer” (Lesson 2)

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Part 2

Prayer

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Types of Prayer

Praise * Thanksgiving * Petition * Intercession * Warfare

Praise: The expression of appreciation for who God is and/or His attributes.

Psalm 147:1

Praise the LORD! For *it is* good to sing praises to our God; For *it is* pleasant, *and* praise is beautiful.

- See also Psalm 100

- We offer praise not because God needs it, rather, it is primarily for our benefit because our perspective changes. Praise reminds us of how powerful and loving God is, and, thusly, counteracts our tendency to reduce Him to being simply our butler. Praise prayers cause our eyes to open to the fact that we are not prisoners of our circumstances and

that we are not the “victim”, but instead because of Christ we are the “victors”!

Thanksgiving: The expression of appreciation for what God has done.

We must remember and express gratitude for what God has given us – primarily the great blessing of salvation, and then also the temporal blessings He grants us.

Colossians 3:15-17

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in

your hearts to the Lord. **17** And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- Thanksgiving keeps us “sane” because we are, in fact, lavishly and incredibly blessed even though we truly deserved God’s wrath.

Petition: Asking God to meet our personal needs, “give us this day our daily bread”

Philippians 4:6

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God

- Seeing as God already knows what we need before we ask Him (Matthew 6:8), we naturally wonder “why do we need to ask Him?” The answer is, because this is the most basic and practical way in which we express dependence on God. When we pray, we acknowledge that we are helpless to do even the most basic things in life, and we affirm God’s omnipotence (limitless power). This is worship, this is saying “God, you are greater than I am, and I **NEED** YOU!”

Intercession: Praying for others.

Intercede: from the Latin words, “inter” (between) and “cedere” (go).

Meaning to “go between”.

Through intercessory prayer we ask God to help people in ways that we cannot (encourage, convict, protect, save, heal, deliver).

- As Christians we are to bear one another's burdens through prayer.

Galatians 6:2

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

- The “law of Christ” is AGAPE (sacrificial) love. When we pray for each other we are placing someone else ahead of ourselves, which is exactly what was required of Christ.
- All lastingly fruitful ministry begins with intercessory prayer:

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run *swiftly* and be glorified, just as *it is* with you

Warfare Prayer: Enforcing the rule and judgments of God through faith.

Several things take place during warfare prayer:

1. The believer must recognize that the problem, the enemy, and the battle is spiritual.
2. The believer must recognize and take hold of the authority of God which has been given to him/her through Christ. – Luke 10:19
3. The believer must speak the word (judgments) of God concerning a thing – Ephesians 6:17
 - This causes several things to happen:
 - The Word is heard in the believer's own ears thusly causing faith in God to arise in the heart of the believer. – Romans 10:17
 - The Word (Spirit, presence) of God is brought into the situation

which immediately brings liberation from the enemy and all of his tactics. – 2 Corinthians 3:17

- The believer, having first recognized the need of God's help, and **in submission to God**, resists the devil by speaking God's Word and the devil is FORCED to flee:

James 4:7

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

4. The believer must begin to praise and thank God for the victory though it is not yet manifested. -2 Corinthians 2:14

The Model Prayer

Christ instructed His disciples how to pray, it was not a prayer to be repeated as if it were a magical formula, but rather, a blueprint or guideline for prayer:

Matthew 6:9-13

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be
done. On 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 do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil
one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.

- **Our Father in heaven**: We recognize that God is not like us, He is "other than", He is above us, heaven is his throne and earth is His foot-stool. - Acts 7:49

- **Hallowed be your name**: “May Your name be glorified and held as holy amongst all men”. It is also to say that His name is hallowed (held as holy) to the person who is praying, thusly, this is praise.

- **Your kingdom come**: “May all the earth recognize Your authority to rule” also “please let Your power be made manifest that others might know that the Kingdom of God is amongst men”.

This is submission to the will of God, which is worship.

-Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven: In heaven God will is carried out immediately, this is praying that men would submit themselves to God's will immediately, as the angels do, and walk in the righteousness of Christ. It is also a petition for help in submitting to God's will in our own lives.

-Give us this day our daily bread: This is the petition for our daily sustenance. Once again it shows a dependence on God as one who is my mightier and more capable than yourself.

-And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors: This must necessarily involve the confession of our debts (transgressions) and the willful forgiving of those who have transgressed against us.

We must treat others with the same love, grace, and mercy that God¹²

allows for us.

-And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one:

This is the petition for the Lord's help in living the Christian life, surely none of us can walk with Christ except by the help of the Holy Spirit.

This also takes us into the realm of spiritual warfare as we pray against the devil, “but deliver us from the evil one”.

-For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever: Christ

ends the prayer with praise and adoration, the confession of the superiority of God. Truly the ruler-ship of heaven and earth (the Kingdom) belongs to God. All power belongs to God because He is omnipotent (all powerful – Elohim = powers).

All glory, honor, and praise belongs to God, this is a statement of

humility as opposed to the pride exhibited by Lucifer (Satan) who wanted all glory, honor, and praise for himself.

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Adoration **C**onfession **T**hanksgiving **S**upplication

And remember to

P.U.S.H.

Pray **U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens

“Pray without ceasing.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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