

Prayer

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Introduction

1. Prayer is a neglected subject in both study and in practice.
2. We know very little about what God wants and desire in prayer
3. Let us study this subject for the next few weeks

II Discussion

A. the importance of Prayer

1. Samuel thought it was a sin not to pray 1 Samuel 12:23
2. Jesus said that men ought always to pray Luke 18:1
3. Jesus taught that we are to watch and pray Luke 21:36
4. Paul taught that our request ought to be known to God through prayer Philippians 4:6
5. Paul taught that we are to continue in prayer Colossians 4:2
6. Paul taught that we are to give ourselves to prayer 1 Corinthians 7:5

B. Men who were praying men

1. Abraham was a praying man.
 - a. He prayed for a son. Genesis 15:1-6, background must be understood
 - b. He prayed for Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 18:20-33
2. Moses was a praying man
 - a. He prayed to God about the frogs Exodus 8:5-15
 - b. He prayed that God forgive Israel for making the golden calf Exodus 32:11-13;

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- c. He prayed for guidance to lead Israel Exodus 33:13
 - d. He prayed that the Lord would heal Miriam of leprosy Numbers 12:12-13
3. Samuel prayed
 - a. When Israel demanded a king 1 Samuel 8:1-7
 - b. He would not cease to pray for them 1 Samuel 12:23
 - c. He prayed all night 1 Samuel 15:11
4. David was a praying man
 - a. When blessed he sat before the Lord in prayer 2 Samuel 7:18-20
 - b. When the child was sick 2 Samuel 12:16
5. Solomon when becoming king talked with God 1 Kings 3:5-10
6. Daniel prayed when he knew it was illegal to pray Daniel 6:10
7. Jesus was a praying man
 - a. Following His baptism Luke 3:21
 - b. Before selecting the apostles He prayed Luke 6:12 ff
 - c. After feeding the people He went to pray Matthew 14:22-23
 - d. His own prayer John 17
 1. Jesus prayed to be glorified 1-5
 2. Apostles, believers 6-19
 3. Unity 20-26
 - e. In the Garden before His death He prayed Matthew 26:36-46
 - f. On the cross He prayed Luke 23:34
 - g. Jesus recognized the need for prayer, how about us?
8. The apostles and early church prayed often
 - a. They continued in prayer Acts 2:42
 - b. Peter and John went to the temple at the hour of prayer Acts 3:1
 - c. When the apostles were released prayer was made Acts 4:23-24
 - d. They would give themselves to prayer Acts 6:4

- e. After choosing the six they prayed Acts 6:6
- f. Peter and John prayed that they might receive the Holy Ghost Acts 8:15
- g. Peter prayed before he raised Dorcas from the dead Acts 9:40
- h. Peter went to the house top to pray Acts 10:9
- i. The church prayed for Peter to be released from prison Acts 12:1-5
- j. The church prayed for Saul and Barnabas before sending them out Acts 13:1-5
- k. After appointing elders prayer was made Acts 14:23
- l. While in prison Paul prayed Acts 16:25
- m. After leaving the Ephesians elders Paul prayed Acts 20:36

C. Questions

1. Why have many ceased to pray?
2. When God did not heal the child of David's what was his attitude?
3. Why do you think Jesus prayed much?
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