

Prayer

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Introduction

1. Luke 2:36-37; 18:1
2. God's people have always been praying people
 - a. Jews prayed at least 3 times a day Psalm 55:17; Daniel 6:10
 - b. Jesus taught His disciples to pray Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 18:1
 - c. Jesus prayed Mark 1:35
 - d. Paul taught prayer 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18
3. We must remember that prayer is to be part of our life

II Discussion

1. The power of God
 - a. Have you considered the power and greatness of God?
 - b. Have you contemplated that God spoke and the entire universe was created Psalm 33:9; Genesis 1:3
 - c. Down to the smallest detail, God planned and created everything Romans 1:20
 - d. Even the seasons were planned by God Genesis 8:22
 - e. God continues to sustain this earth by this power of His Word Hebrews 1:3
 - f. We know but a small portion of the power of God Job 26:7-14
 - g. Oh how great is our God! How powerful are His works!
2. The Privilege of Prayer
 - a. We are just one person out of the billions that are now living
 - b. God is listening to certain ones 1 Peter 3:12; John 9:31
 - i. He did listen to Cornelius Acts 10:2,4
 - c. God hears the petitions, prayers, supplications, intercessions and giving of thanks 1 Timothy 2:1
3. The Prerequisites of prayer
 - a. It must be in faith James 1:5-8
 - b. It must be according to His will 1 John 5:14; James 4:2-3
 - c. It must be in the name of Jesus Colossians 3:17
 - d. The one asking must be obedient to God 1 John 3:22; 1 Peter 3:12
4. The Points of a prayer
 - a. Matthew 6:9-15
 - i. Praise to God the Father
 - ii. The church to do the will of God
 - iii. Daily provision
 - iv. Forgiveness
 - v. Guidance to do the will of God
 - b. 1 Timothy 2:1-2
 - i. Heads of government
 - ii. Others in places of authority
 - iii. To lead a quiet and peaceable life
 - c. That the Gospel will have its free course Colossians 4:2-3
 - d. The sick James 5:14-15
 - e. For one another James 5:16

III Conclusion

1. What is your prayer life like?
2. It may be that you need to pray more
3. Can the Lord hear your prayers?

Source: Worship Meaning and Manifestation by Tom Holland; A Study of Prayer by James Meadows: Thompson chain reference; Privilege of Prayer 07