

Prayer

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Introduction

1. Luke 18:1
2. Prayer is a privilege that we ought to partake of on a regular basis.
3. God answers prayers, but not always in the way we want or in the way in which we think
4. This morning let us look at prayer, remembering that this is not all the Bible says about prayer

II Discussion

1. **Power of God.**

- a. Have you ever considered the power and greatness of God?
- b. Have you ever 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 also continues to sustain this earth by this power of His Word. Hebrews 1:3
- f. Consider how powerful one of God's angels is. 2 Kings 19:35
- g. We know a small portion of the power of God! Job 26:7-14
- h. Oh, how great is our God! How powerful are His works!

2. **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
- d. Are you part of the righteous?
 - i. You might say that you are.
 - ii. God defines the righteous not men! Psalm 119:137, 138
 - iii. The righteous are those who have been baptized.
 1. Were you baptized for the right reason? Joining a religious organization
 2. Were you baptized in the right method? Sprinkling or pouring
 - iv. The righteous must live right?
 1. What one wears 1 Timothy 2:9
 2. What one says Ephesians 4:29
 3. What one thinks Proverbs 23:7; 12:5
 4. Attitude make the difference in who the righteous are Matthew 5:13-16
 5. The righteous can be identified with Christ as belonging to Him. Matthew 25:31-37 (those on the right hand are called righteous: they belong to Christ)
 6. The righteous are practicing what they are preaching.

III Conclusion

1. For our prayers to be given a chance to be heard we must be righteous 1 Peter 3:12
2. Are you righteous – we are not saying perfect but righteous- this is great
3. If you are not right with God you can be this very day!

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