

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Teach Us To Pray!

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Cassy Douthit has an ear infection, Clohe Larson, The Reeds grandson, Caleb and his mother; Doris Fikes, Peggy Beebe; Wayne Ezell as he continues to recover from surgery.

Prayers Answered: Wayne and Kathy have returned.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Thad Douthitt (deployed), Darlene, Christina and Rebekah are also traveling May 10-15. Allan Churchill is traveling outside and should return around May 22.

Get Togethers: Ladies gathering Saturday 5/19 at Jennifer Kelly's see her for details. Potluck at the Murdocks' following AM services on 5/20.

Vacation Bible School: Our Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching, please pray that it be successful.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV)**

Today's Wisdom: "As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." **Psalms 55:16-17 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 62 Record: 96

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May 13th, 2018 BULLETIN for the



God's Plan of Salvation

- HearRomans 10:17
- BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of LifeRomans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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Teach Us To Pray! (Part 4)

The past few weeks we have considered the sample prayer that Jesus used to teach His disciples to pray. You will recall that the disciples seeing Jesus pray regularly asked Him to teach them to pray like John, the baptizer taught his disciples (Luke 11:1) In our study, we have seen that Jesus told them to:

- Pray to the Father (Luke 11:2)
- Praise the Father (Luke 11:2)
- Pray for the Kingdom (Luke 11:2).
- Pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven (Luke 11:2)
- Pray that the physical needs of the disciples are met (Luke 11:3)
- Pray that our sins are forgiven as we forgive those who sin against us. (Luke 11:4a)
 - In this study, we saw that forgiveness is a two-way street. The grieved person must be willing to forgive without hesitation, but the sinner must also be ready to be forgiven and that involves confession and repentance.

Then Luke tells us that Jesus then taught His disciples to ask that God not lead them into temptation, but that He deliver them from evil. (Luke 11:4b) The concept here is that we must always understand that we need to put God first and foremost in our minds and lives. If we allow Him to lead us, we will avoid the pitfalls that we face when we try to be our own guide. The problem is that most of us tend to ask God to get us out of bad situations rather than asking Him to prevent us from going there to begin with.

We understand that we will be tempted as long as we are in this body, however our petition to God should be that He help us not to sin when we are tempted. Adam Clark, in his commentary, states that our English translations softens the meaning of this too much. He contends that the actual language carries the meaning of "delivering us from the wicked one". Peter tells us that the devil is like a roaring lion stalking men and women to see who he can devour (1 Peter 5:8). Because of this, we need all the help we can get to escape the trials and temptations that we will face. So in this sample prayer, Jesus is telling us that we must ask God to give us the wisdom to avoid the wicked one, but when we do face him, and we will, that God give us the courage to resist his assaults.

By: Bill Beebe

At this point, Matthew and Luke differ in their account of Jesus' instructions on prayer. Matthew adds another statement which tells us that we must always recognize that God is in control. In Matthew 6:13b we are told by Jesus that our final thoughts in prayer should be that the kingdom is God's, that He has all power, and all glory forever. Therefore, Matthew is telling us that as we begin our prayers with praise to God, we should close them with praise unto God. Considering all these, a simple outline for prayers today would be:

- Open by giving praise to God
- Pray for the Kingdom, not that it should come because it is here already, but that it be strengthened and expanded
- That God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven
- His will is that all men should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9)
- We should pray that He aid our efforts to preach the Gospel here and throughout Alaska and the world.
- That God provide us with the necessities of this life. This will help us to remember always that God is the real provider and not us. That all that we have is His and His alone and we are just temporary users of His bounty.
- That God forgive us of our sins and that we forgive others of sins against us. This should also remind each of us to take a careful look at our lives to see if we have sinned against a brother or sister and if we have done so, to go to them confess our sin and repent asking that they forgive us. It is also a strong reminder that we can not be forgiven ourselves unless we forgive others. There is no such thing as a Christian who carries a grudge and is not ready to forgive at the first opportunity.
- That God help us avoid temptations and that He give us the courage and determination to flee from sin when we are tempted. This also teaches us to ask God to guide us away from difficult situations rather than waiting and asking Him to get us out of those situations.
- And finally closing our prayers with praise to God, recognizing that He is worthy of all glory, that He has all power and that He is in charge now and forever!

Pray without ceasing!