

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; Ben and Carla Gillespe, they have put an offer on a home in Willow!

Prayers Answered: Wayne Ezell, his surgery was a success!

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Thad Douthitt (deployed), 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. See Joe and offer to help!

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

Today's Scripture: "Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder." **Matthew 26:36 (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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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 Life.....Romans 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 5)

We have been looking at the sample prayer that Jesus used to teach His disciples to pray as recorded by both Matthew and Luke. You will recall that Jesus used a definite set of instructions when He gave them this prayer. It contained:

- Praise to God
- Request that God send the Kingdom. Since the Kingdom came on Pentecost in 30 AD, we no longer need to pray for it to come, but we can and should pray that it be expanded and protected.
- That God's will be done here on earth as it is in Heaven, that is continually and completely.
- Prayers for our physical needs
- Prayers that God forgive us of our sins and that we forgive others of their sins against us
- Requests that God deliver us from evil and that He guides us away from temptation
- And in Matthew 6:13, Jesus teaches that we conclude the prayer with more praise to God

While this is a good example of prayer and it is a good pattern for us to use in our personal prayer life, it is not the only place that teaches us about prayer. Additional instructions can be found from Jesus and others. First Jesus tells us to ask God for what we need in His (Jesus') name.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." **John 15:16 (KJV)** In this passage, Jesus is very clear; we pray to the Father in His (Jesus') name. But other verses are also very clear as well. In **John 14:12-14 (KJV)** Jesus tells us; *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."* And finally He tells His disciples that there will come a time when they will not ask Him (Jesus) anything, but will instead ask the Father *"And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. ²⁴ Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.directly"* **John 16:23-25 (KJV)**

By: Bill Beebe

Jesus goes on to tell us that our prayers should be made with an attitude of earnest petition to God. In Matthew, just before He gave the disciples the sample prayer, He told them that their prayers must be private and meaningful, understanding that God already knows what we need before we ask Him; *"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."* **Matthew 6:5-8 (KJV)**

Jesus didn't only teach these points about prayer, He practiced them. Most of the prayers we have records of that Jesus prayed were offered in private, usually well away from even His most trusted disciples. Take a look at these passages; Matthew 14:23, He sent the people away and went up to a mountain to pray; Mark 6:46, again He sent people away from Him and went up a mountain to pray; Mark 14:32, He left His disciples and walked away from them to pray. We know how serious He prayed, who can not recognize the communion He had with God when He asked that the torture and death He was to face be averted?

James also taught that we should pray with meaning. He told us to *"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."* **James 5:16 (KJV)** Paul told us to pray constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:17). He and the other apostles practiced prayer in almost every situation they found themselves in! They prayed in prison, they prayed privately, they prayed for the church, they prayed for individuals, and their prayers were earnest and meaningful.

There are a lot more we can learn about prayer in a serious study, but it is good to remember these few things. Pray without ceasing, pray with meaning, pray privately and not for show, and pray for what is important to you. In each prayer give glory to God and ask that the things you need be provided to you in Jesus' name.

Then study the "REAL" Lords Prayer as recorded for us by John in John 17. Read and understand the emotion Jesus put into that prayer, the beauty and simplicity of it and put those things to practice in your own prayer life.