

Prayer 2018

Outline-Lesson One

Please note: The Scriptures marked with an asterisk (*) are those to which we will be turning.

I. Introduction

- a. Goal of course (*Jas 5:16)

II. God the communicator (*Gen 1:1-3)

- a. Man in His image is a communicator (*Gen. 1:26)
 - (1) God exhorts, instructs and encourages us to pray (I Tim 2:1-4; Ep 6:17- 18)

III. God as a triune being (*Gen 1:26)

- a. Man in His image (*1 Thes. 5:23; Heb 4:12)
- b. Prayer as a spiritual activity (*Jn 4:23-24)

IV. Reasons it is vital we pray

- a. Essential to our relationship with God (I Jn 4:7; Mt 6:9; Lk 11:2; Rm 8:15)
 - (1) Gift of the indwelling of Holy Spirit (Jn 14:15-17; Lk 11:13; I Cor 3:16)
 - (2) Work of Holy Spirit in Revealing God to us (*I Cor 2:9-16; Ep 1:16-23; 3:14-21)
- b. Is one of the man vehicles God uses to accomplish His will in the earth (*Gen 1:26; Rom 11:29; Ps 115:16; II Pet 3:9; Rev 20:11-15; II Thes 1:7-10; Mt 9:38; Ps 122:6; I Tim 2:1-3; Eph 6:18)

- c. Enables us to accomplish our mission on the earth (II Tim. 4:6-8; Eph 1:22-23; I Cor 12:12-31)
- d. Prepares us for our role in eternity (Rev 2:26-29; 3:21-22; 5:9-10)

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Outline-Lesson Two

Please note: The Scriptures marked with an asterisk (*) are those to which we will be turning.

- (1) Reasons it is vital we pray (continued from last week)
 - a. Prayer is essential to our relationship with God. (see last week's outline)
 - b. Is one of the means God uses to accomplish His will in the earth (*Gen 1:26; Ps 115:16; Mat 6:10; Lk 11:2; Mat 6:13; Lk 11:4; Js 1:13; Jo 3:16; II Pet 3:9; I Tim 2:3-4; Rev 20:11-15; II Thes 1:7-9; Mat 9:38)
 - c. Enables us to accomplish our mission on the earth (*II Tim. 4:6-8; Eph 1:22-23; I Cor 12:12-31)

- (2) Essentials for effective prayer
 - a. We must come (James *4:8; Rev 3:20; Isa 55:8-9; *Phil 4:6-7; Matt 10:30; Lk 12:7; Ep 6:18; I Thes 5:17; Ps 4:8; Ps 118:24))
 - b. We must pray to the Father (Matt 6:6,9; Luke 11:2)
 - (1) Necromancy forbidden Deut 18:9-14; I Sam 28; I Chron 10:13-14)
 - c. We must pray from our covenant position in Jesus (*II Cor 5:21; I Jn 1:9)
 - d. We must come boldly in faith (He 4:16; He 11:1; *Mk 9:17-24; Mk 11:23-24; Rom 10:17)
 - e. We must pray according to God's will (I Jo 5:14-15; He 4:16)

- (1) Some examples of God's will as revealed through the Scriptures concerning Jesus (Jn 14:8-9; Acts 10:38; Mat 10:8; Jo10:10)
- (2) Some examples of God's will revealed through what we directed to pray (Ps 122:6; Js 5:16; Ep 6:18; Mat 9:38; Js 1:5; I Tim 2:1-2; Mat 5:44; Mat 6:11; Lk 11:3)
- (3) Some examples of God's will revealed through New Testament prayers (Col 1:9-14; I Thes 5:23; II Thes 1:11-12; Jo 17:20-26)

Prayer for the week (adapted from Col 1:9-14)

Holy Father, We cease not to pray for one another and to desire that we might be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

That we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God:

Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;

Giving thanks unto You, Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son:

In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

In Jesus name, Amen

Pray that over yourself and your loved ones this week!

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Outline Lesson Three

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Eight Essentials for effective Prayer (See last week's outline for first four and part of five)

V. We must pray according to God's will (Cont'd) (*1 John 5:14-15)

- (a) God's will revealed in what He has done (*II Pet 1:3-4)
- (b) God's will revealed in what He promises to do (*II Pet 1:4; II Cor 1:19-20; He 13:8; Mal 3:6; Nu 23:19)
 - (1) Conditional Promises (*Ja 1:5-8; II Tim 2:15)
 - (2) Unconditional Promises (Ps 46:1-2; He 13:5)
 - (3) Asking amiss (Ja 4:3)

VI. We are to ask Jesus' Name

- (a) The Promise (*John 14:13-14; 15:7)
- (b) The Authority in Jesus' name (*Eph1:19-23; *Phil 2:9-11; Matt 28:18)

VII. We are to Pray aloud when possible

- (a) Words are supernatural (John 6:63)
- (b) Words-creation (Gen1)
- (c) Words-salvation (Rom 10:9-10)
- (d) Words-temptation of Jesus (Matt 4:1-11)
- (d) Words- victory at Armageddon (Rev19:11-15; Ep 6:17)
- (e) Words-flip side (Proverbs 18:21; Mat 12:36-37)
- (f) The power of speaking what God says (Is 55:10-11)

VIII. How we are to end our prayers

- (a) Through Jesus Christ our Lord (*I Tim 2:5; Mat 27:51; *Heb 4:14-16; 10:19-23; John 14:6)
- (b) Amen (Isa 65:16; Rev 3:14) “So be it”

Prayer for our nation (Compiled from Scripture and Prayer of Daniel for his nation)

Dear Father,

We come to you today on behalf of our nation. You tell us in your Word that blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. (Psm 33:12) Thank you for this nation and you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. (Js 1:17)

Lord, we confess that we, as a nation have sinned against You and have turned away from you and we are suffering the consequences everywhere we look.

And so we come to you today and pray for our nation just as Daniel came to you and prayed for his. Daniel sought your face, humbled himself and prayed and repented on behalf of his people and their wicked ways. You indeed heard his prayers and forgave the people and healed their land. (Dan 9:3-19; II Chron 7:14) We pray you will do the same for us. (Acts 10:34)

Oh Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps Your covenant of love with all who love You and obey Your commands, we have sinned and done wrong.

We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.

We have not listened to those you have sent to warn us.

We humbly repent of these sins and ask for your forgiveness.

We pray that You'd turn away Your anger and the judgement that we so deserve and instead we ask for your mercy.

We don't appeal to You on the basis of our righteousness but come to you through the shed blood and finished work of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

Please hear from heaven, forgive our sins individually and as a nation, and heal our land. And as we go forth into the world as your people, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, Oh Lord, our strength and our redeemer. (Psm 19:14)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

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Outline-Lesson Four

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I. The three ways to pray

- (1) Alone with God (Matt. 6:6; Matt 14:23; Luke 5:16; 9:18)
- (2) Agreement (*Matt 18:19-20; *Acts 16:22-26)
- (3) Corporate (*Acts 4:23,24,29-31; Acts 5:12; Mat 12:25; Ep 4:11-13; Jo 17:20-26; Phil 2:2; Matt 6:7)

II. Different kinds of prayer (*Ep 6:17-18)

- a. Worship and Adoration (Jo 4:23-24; Rev 5:11-14)
- b. Praise and Thanksgiving (Ps 100; Co 2:6-7; Phil 4:6; Ps 150; Ep 5:18-20; I Tim 2:8; Ps 63:4; Ps134:2; Ps141:2; Ne 8:6; *He 13:15; I Thes 5:18; Ep 5:20; Acts 16:25-26;*II Chron 20:15-22; Lk 24:53; Acts 2:46-47)
- c. Confession (*I Jo 1:9; Mat 6:12; Lk 11:4; Ps 24:4)
- d. Commitment (Matt 11:28-30; I Pet 5:7; Phil 4:6-7; Mat 6:25-34; John 14:1; Mat 19:26)

Prayer for Today (Paraphrased from Jesus' prayer for us as recorded In John 17:20-26)

Father we join our voices with that of your blessed Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior as He prayed for those of us who would become believers all those years ago.

Father we pray that we all may be one; as you Father, are in Jesus, and He in You, that we also may be one in You; that the world may believe that you sent Jesus.

And the glory which you gave Jesus, He has given us, that we may be one, even as You and Jesus are one:

Jesus in us, and You in Jesus, that we may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Jesus, and have loved us, as you have loved Jesus.

Father, we pray that we, whom you have given to Jesus, will be with Him where He is, that we may behold Jesus' glory, which You have given Jesus: for You loved Jesus before the foundation of the world.

Oh righteous Father, the world has not known You but Jesus knew You, and we know that You have sent Jesus.

And He has declared unto us Your name and will declare it: that the love wherewith You have loved Jesus may be in us and Jesus in us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

This is a very powerful prayer. Please pray it over and over this week.

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Outline Lesson 5

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Types of Prayer

- I. Worship (See Outline Lesson Four)
- II. Praise and Thanksgiving (See Outline Lesson Four)
- III. Confession (See Outline Lesson Four)
- IV. Commitment (See Outline Lesson Four)
- V. Petition (asking God on our behalf)
 - a. Review of some of the essentials in prayer of petition (see Outline Lesson Two for complete list of Scriptures)
 - (1) Must ask (Matt 7:7-11; Jas 4:3; Phil 4:6)
 - (2) Must ask according to God's will (I Jo 5:14-15)
 - (3) Must come boldly, in faith (Heb 4:16)
 - (4) Must pray in Jesus' name (Jo 14:13-14; Phil 2:9-11)
 - (5) Must pray aloud when possible
 - b. Example of prayer of petition (*I Kg 3:5-14; Ep 3:20-21)
- VI. Intercession (asking God on behalf of others)
 - a. Examples (*Lk 22:31-34; *Eze 22:29-31; Gen 18:20-33)
 - b. A few of the people we are instructed to pray for in Scripture
 - (1) Other believers (Ep 6:18-20)
 - (2) The sick (Jas 5:15-16)
 - (3) All people, kings and those in authority (I Tim 2:1-2)
 - (4) The lost (Mat 9:37-38)

- (5) Our land (II Chro 7:14)
- (6) Our enemies (Mat 5:43-48)
- c. Praying for loved ones and friends (John 17:6-26; Jas 5:16)
 - (1) Examples of prayers of parents for children (Mat 17:14-18; Mk 9:17-27)
 - (2) Other prayers for your loved ones (Ep 1:16-23; 3:14-21; Col 1:8-14; Ps 4:8; Ps 112)
 - (3) Praying for those away from the Lord (Lk 15:1-7)

VII. Prayer of Consecration or Dedication (*Lk 22:39-42; *I Cor 6:19-20)

Prayer for Today:

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Outline Lesson 6

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Hindrances to Effective Prayer

- I. Categories of Interference (I Thes 5:23)
 - (a) Spiritual interference (*Ep 6:12-18; Jo 10:10; Col 2:15; *Dan 10:2,3,12-14; Jo 4:24; Phil 2:9-10)
 - (b) Natural interference (Jo 3:3-8; Gal 5:17; I Cor 9:27; Mat 13:7,22; Dan 12:4)
 - (c) Mental interference (Jo 16:13; *Rom 12:2; *II Cor 3:13-18; Gen 3:1-5; Jo 8:44; *II Cor 10:3-5; *Phil 4:8-9; Eph 4:17-24; I Co 3:1-3)

- II. Specific Hindrances (Part I)
 - (a) Failure to distinguish what is “of God” from what is “of Satan” (*Jo 10:10; Acts 10:38)
 - (b) Wavering (*Jas 1:5-8; II Ti 3:16; Jer 1:12; Nu 23:19; Ro 10:17)
 - (c) You negate your prayers by what you say (Pro 8:21; Mk 11:23)

Prayer for today. (Adapted from Philippians 1:3-11 and Hebrews 13:20-21)

Our Father,

We join our prayers with those of Paul and Timothy who prayed for the saints in Philippi. We pray this prayer for one another and for our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world today.

We thank you Lord, that every time we remember each other, we pray with joy because of our fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that You which hath begun a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.

And this we pray, that our love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may demonstrate in our lives things that are excellent: that we may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Make us complete in every good work to do Your will, working in us that which is well pleasing in Your sight.

Through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever,

Amen.

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Outline Lesson 7

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- b. Wavering (*Jas 1:5-8; He 11:6; II Tim 3:16-17; Jer 1:12; Nu 23:19; Ro 10:17)
- c. Negating your prayers by what you say (Pro18:21; Mk 11:23)
- d. Not praying according to God’s will (I Jo 5:14-15)
- e. God’s will but not God’s timing (II Pet 3:8)
- f. God’s will but lack of perseverance (*He 6:11-12; I Jo 5:14-15)
- g. Wrong motives (*Jas 4:2-3)
- h. Disobedience (sin) (*I Jo 3:22; *Isa 59:1-2; Ps 66:18; *I Jo 1:9 Rev 12:10; Ep 4:27)
- i. Unforgiveness (Ro 6:16)
 - (1) Forgiving others (Mk 11:24-25; Mt 6:12,14-15; Lk 11:4)
 - (2) Forgiving ourselves (I Jo 1:9; *He 8:12; *Phil 3:13-14)
 - (3) Resentment towards God (I Co 13:12; He 13:5; Mt 27:46; Mk 15:34; Deut 29:29; Isa 55:8-9; Jo 3:16; I Co 15:26; *Ro 8:22-23)
- j. Failure to understand when in a time of testing ((Isa 55:8-9; *Jas 1:2-4; *I Co 10:13; Ro 8:18; II Co 4:17-18; He 12:2)

Prayer for today

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Through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory for ever and ever,

Amen.

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Outline-Lesson Eight

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- I. Hearing from God (Isa 55:8-9; 46:9-10; Jo 16:13; He 1:1-2; Jo 10:4,5,27; Jo 8:47)
 - (a) Our Equipping to hear (*Jo 14:16-17; I Cor 3:16; I Cor 2:9-16)
 - (b) Ways God speaks to us
 - (1) Through meditation on the Scriptures (He 4:12; Jo 17:17; II Ti 2:9; 2:15; II Tim 3:16; Ps 46:10; Ps 119:18; Ps 119:105; *Ps 1:1-3; *Is 40:31)
 - (2) Through prayer (*Ro 8:14; Jo 5:19; Jo 12:49; Jas 1:5)
 - (3) Through the inner witness (I Kg 19:12)
 - (4) Through dreams and visions (*Acts 2:17-18; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 10; Rev 9:17; Dan 12:8-9)
 - (5) Through others (Joel 2:28; I Cor 14:3; II Cor 13:1; I Tim 4:1-2; John 10:4-5,27)
 - (c) Receiving the Holy Spirit (*Luke 11:9-13; II Cor 3:17)