

# **BIBLE STUDY NOTES**

on

## **PRAYER**

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# PRAYER

## PRAYERLESSNESS – A SIN

Prayer is one of the great privileges of the Christian life. It is one of the areas of power. It is also a responsibility. To not pray cannot be dismissed as a weakness, it is a sin of DISOBEDIENCE. Too often we try to excuse our sins by calling them by a milder name. Let us face the truth of God's Word on this subject of prayerlessness.

### **I Thess. 5:17**

- this is a scriptural command
- the quantity is defined... "*pray without ceasing*"

### **Luke 18:1**

- Jesus taught "*that men ought always to pray, and not to faint*"
- contrast is between praying and fainting
- a solution to spiritual fainting is proper praying  
... prayer is power
- quantity is pray always

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## **1 Sam. 12:23**

- Lack of prayer is called sin

## **LACK OF PRAYING IS:**

- I. A sin and reproach against God

### **Phil. 4:6**

- He wants us to come to Him in prayer

### **James 4:2**

- He offers what we need if we will only ask

### **1 Jn. 1:3, 4**

- He desires that we have the full joy of His fellowship

### **Heb. 10:19**

- He provided the way of prayer at the cost of the blood of Jesus

**\*\*Could it be that we have not time for God, His**

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gifts, and His fellowship? What happens when friends drop in unexpected? We make the time!!!

## II. A sin cause of weak spiritual lives

### **Eph. 6:18, 19**

- Prayer is the source of power for the battle
- Makes possible speaking the Gospel with boldness

### **Acts 4:29, 31**

- Boldness and filling of the Holy Ghost were the results of praying

\*\* *"We have not because we ask not"* – we have zeal in study and work, but not in prayer. It is proof we are still under the flesh.

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- III. A cause of weakness for God's program – the Church

### **Col. 4:2-4**

- God opens doors in answer to prayer
- Proper speaking is made possible by prayer

### **Rom. 10:14**

- Souls are headed for Hell without proper preaching (a result of proper prayer)

### **Luke 10:2**

- Workers in the Harvest come only as a result of prayer (not recruiting, programs, etc.)

## **PRAYERLESSNESS – THE CAUSE**

Prayerlessness shows unbelief of the heart and rebellion against God – it is sin. We do what we enjoy and believe in.

### **Matt. 7:7-11**

1. Precious promises

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2. Believe them and you will pray
3. Not praying shows unbelief

### **Matt. 21:22**

1. Clear promise
2. We go to the Dr. before God! Whom do we most trust?
3. Lack of faith is the result of walking after the flesh

### **Matt. 17:14-21**

1. Lack of prayer was because of unbelief
2. Unbelief was the result of lack of prayer and fasting
3. Therefore unbelief is both cause and result of prayerlessness. We must go deeper to find the root cause.

### **Matt. 26:36-45**

1. Spirit vs. Flesh
2. Spirit is willing
3. Flesh is weak towards prayer



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## **Rom. 8:1-5**

1. Only two walks for the saved
2. We identify our walk by what is important

## **Gal. 3:3**

1. We begin with the Spirit
2. We continue in prayer = prayer  
continue in flesh = prayerlessness
3. Believers make this choice often as is evidenced by our prayer life (or lack thereof). Prayer may be one of the most obvious ways of measuring our spiritual temperature.

## **PRAYERLESSNESS – THE CURE**

### **Prayerlessness**

- is a sin against God, ourselves, and the Church.
- a result of unbelief which is caused by a walk after the flesh.

1. Deal With the Sin and the Root

**II Cor. 7:9-11**

**I John 1:7-9**

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### **2. Correct the Basic Problem (Flesh Life)**

**I Cor. 15:31**

**Gal. 2:20**

**6:14**

- ... Yield -
- ... Put -
- ... Surrender -
- ... Abide -

### **3. Pray the Scriptural Way (II Tim. 2:15)**

**\*Follow Scriptural examples**

- Rachel
- Jacob
- Hannah
- Abraham
- Moses
- Jesus
- Paul
- Apostles

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\*Follow Scriptural pattern of prayer

- Jesus' pattern
- Paul's pattern

\*Claim Scriptural promises

- **John 14:13, 14**
- **James 1:5**

\*Use Scriptural motives

- Who is glorified?
- Whose power used?
- Who benefits

\* Have Scriptural requests

- Souls saved
- Saved strengthened
- Weather changed
- Revival sent
- Healing received
- Men called into the ministry
- Daily needs
- Holy Spirit's filling
- Power and boldness
- Blessing received

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- Judgment sent or stayed
  
  - \* Follow Scriptural teaching
    - Without ceasing
    - Regular daily intercession
    - In private
    - Without fancy formalities
    - Pray through
    - Ask in faith
    - Ask with thanksgiving
    - Ask according to God's will
    - Ask in Jesus' Name
    - Ask for God to get the glory
    - Ask and receive
    - Ask with insistence
    - Ask with importunity
    - Ask, ask, ask, ask!
- "Ye have not because ye ask not."*

## **GOD IS A PRAYER-ANSWERING GOD**

**James 4:2**

**Daniel 11:32b**

**Psalms 65:2 – God's nature**

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## Heb. 11:6

– Two things required of men to come to God

- 1) Believe in His existence
- 2) Believe He answers prayer

## Mal. 3:6

Heb. 13:8    *Examples:* Enoch  
Abraham  
Jacob  
Moses  
Hannah  
Elijah  
Daniel  
Thief on the cross  
Peter  
Apostles  
Cornelius  
Hyde  
Mueller

- \*God can still work miracles in answer to prayer!
- \*Every prayer answered is a miracle!
- \*God never commanded us to preach, sing, teach, give, or work without ceasing!

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God's nature revealed through answering prayer

1) God is a Living God

**I Kings 18:21-39**

2) God is All-Knowing

- Can hear many requests at once
- Knows all relevant facts and needs
- Knows heart condition of all

3) God is All-Powerful

**Joshua 10:12-14**

4) God works miracles

5) God is full of love, mercy, and grace

6) Christ's atonement opens up the way

## **JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE (Heb. 12:1-4)**

\*Jesus is found praying in all four gospels.

\*If Jesus prayed, then how much more we need to pray!

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**Luke 11:1-13**

– Jesus' praying led to teaching disciples to pray

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**Luke 3:21, 22**

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**6:12, 13**

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**Mark 1:32-39**

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**Matt. 14:19-21**

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**14:22-25**

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**Luke 9:18-20**

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**Matt. 16:16, 17**

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**Luke 9:27-29**

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**Luke 22:31, 32**

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**14:16, 17**

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**17:1-5**

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**17:11**

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**17:17**

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**17:18**

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**17:20, 21**

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**Luke 22:39-46**

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**24:29-31**

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## **REASONS TO PRAY**

\*It is God's definite command!

**Mark 14:37, 38**

**Luke 18:1**

**Eph. 6:18, 19**

**Phil. 4:6**

**I Thess. 5:17**

**1Tim 2:1-4**

**Col 4:2-4**

**I Thess. 5:25**

**II Thess. 3:1**

**Heb. 13:8**

\*It is how we get what we need.

**James 4:1-3**

**Matt. 6:11**

**Rom. 1:17**

**John 16:24**

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\*Means to peace and freedom from worry.

**Phil. 4:6, 7**

**I Pet. 5:6, 7**

**Psm. 34:6**

**55:22a**

**Matt. 6:25-34**

\*Answered prayer is evidence of God's existence, presence, and nature.

**Judges 6:11-40**

**I Kings 18**

**Ex. 18:19**

**Dan. 2:18, 47**

\*Prayer is needed for salvation (even though it may only be of the heart)

**Rom. 10:13**

**Luke 18:9-14**

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**Luke 23:42, 43**

**John 6:37**

## **IMPORTUNITY**

**Luke 11:1**

**11:5-10**

**18:1-8**

**22:41-44**

**Matt. 15:22-28**

**James 5:16-18**

**Gen. 18:23-33**

**32:26**

**Deut. 9:18, 19**

**I Kings 18:41-45**

**II Kings 13:14-19**

**Acts 12:5**

## **ARGUMENTS**

\*Not to force God but to show reasons why we  
desire an answer

\*Why should God answer our requests?

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\*Can we justify our requests?

\*This deals with motives and reasons

**Job 23:3, 4**

\*Arguments that God listens to

1. God's Nature (attributes)

**Gen. 18:23**

**:24, 25**

**:32**

2. God's Promises

**Gen. 32:9-12**

**I Kings 8:22-26**

3. God's Reputation, His great Name, and the Past

**Ex. 32:11-14**

**31-33**

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## **CLAIMING LOST SOULS**

\*Not praying about or for them-but claiming them

\*Examples: Hyde, Taylor, Brainerd, Paul, Goforth,  
Judson, Gribbles, Jobson

**Rom. 10:1**

**Luke 16:13**

**Rev. 3:15, 16**

**Joshua 24:15**

**Psalm 2:8 – Key Verse**

\*Ask and Receive

\*Claim possession

**James 4:2b**

**Heb. 3:16**

**Joshua 1:1-3**

**II Cor. 5:10**

**I Tim. 2:6**

**:4**

**Eph. 6:12**

**:18**

**I Cor. 6:19, 20**

**Rom. 8:37**

**II Cor. 10:3, 4**

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\*Prayer is not getting God to side with us, but rather, our siding with God and seeing His power loosed into action.

\*Not pressure, program, cheap solution, only evangelism but PRAYER!

## HINDRANCES TO SUCCESSFUL PRAYING

(Why God may not answer)

**Isa. 1:2-18**

**James 4:3** – Selfish Motive

**Isa. 59:1, 2**

**Psm. 66:18**

**I Pet. 3:12**

**Ezek. 14:3-8** - Idols

*Examples:*

**Prov. 21:13**

– Stinginess in giving

**Mark 11:25, 26**

– Unforgiving spirit

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**I Peter 3:1-7**

– Husband-wife relationship

**James 1:5-7**

– Unbelief

**Matt. 5:23, 24**

– Problems between Christians

**18:15-19**

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**I John 4:19-21**

**5:12**

**Prov. 28:9**

– Not hearing God's Word

**1:24-28**

– Not following God's Word

**Zech. 7:11-13**

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**Job 35:12, 13**

– Pride and vanity

**I John 5:14**

– Not asking according to His will

**Isa. 1:15**

– Blood guiltiness

**Ezekiel 3:18**

**Acts 20:26**

**I Sam. 15:22, 23**

– Stubbornness and rebellion

## **FASTING ... IS IT FOR YOU?**

\*Fasting was practiced by Moses, Joshua, David, Elijah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezra, Ninevah, Jews in time of Esther, Israel at several times, Pharisees, and the disciples of John the Baptist.



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\*Fasting may be a gauge to measure our desire for God to answer prayer!

## **Matt. 4:2**

- Jesus began His earthly ministry with fasting
- lasted 40-days

## **Matt. 9:14, 15**

- Disciples to fast after Jesus went back to Heaven<sup>2</sup>
- **Mark 2:19-20, Luke 5:34-35**

## **Matt. 17:14-21**

- Removal of one kind of demon requires prayer and fasting
- Special kind of Faith results from prayer and fasting

## **Luke 2:36, 37**

- Anna served God with prayer and fasting

## **Acts 10:30**

- Cornelius received an answer while fasting

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and praying

## **Acts 13:2**

– Missionaries called ... ministry and fasting

## **Acts 13:3**

– Missionaries sent ... prayer and fasting

## **Acts 14:23**

– Prayer and fasting at ordination of elders

## **Acts 27:9**

– Time set aside every year for a fast  
(**Lev. 23:27, 28** – day of Atonement – afflicted the soul)

## **Acts 27:33-35**

– Deliverance followed fasting

## **I Cor. 7:5**

– Couples are to stay apart only by consent for prayer and fasting

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### II Cor. 6:4, 5

- Paul fasted and recommended it
- One evidence of an approved ministry of God

### II Cor. 11:27

- Fasting is different from hungering and thirsting (dieting)
- Fasting is far more than a diet!

\*Fasting must be voluntary and not enforced. Holy Ghost conviction ought to be felt before it is ever undertaken as a spiritual exercise.

### *\*Consider also:*

- That gluttony is a sin continuously condemned in the Bible.
- That eating and drinking and play can become idolatry (**I Cor. 10:7**).
- That the Cretians were condemned for being "*liars, evil beasts, slow bellies*" (**Titus 1:12**).

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## HOW TO FAST AND WHAT IT IS

Jesus taught that His disciples would fast after He went back to Heaven (**Matt. 9:14, 15; Mark 2:19-20; Luke 5:34, 35**)

### **Matt. 6:16-18**

- Don't be hypocrites about it
- Do it unto God, not for men
- Do it in secret to receive open reward
- **Zech. 7:5**

\*Prayer should be included with fasting.

### **Neh. 9:1-3**

- with humility (**Deut. 9:18**)
- with confession of sin (**Isa. 6:7**)
- with separation
- with Bible reading
- with worship

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## **Dan. 9:3-6**

- illustrations of the above
- prayer with the intention of being heard

## **Joel 2:12**

- may involve weeping and mourning

## **Psm. 35:13**

- fasting humbles the soul

## **Psm. 69:10**

- fasting chastens the soul

## **Isa. 58:1-12**

### **:1-5**

- God condemns wrong motives
- God is not obligated to hear us if our hearts are not right
- We should carefully examine our goals

### **:6**

- Four viable purposes:
  - 1) Loose the bands of wickedness
  - 2) Undo heavy burdens
  - 3) Let the oppressed go free

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- 4) Break every yoke

### **:7-12**

- Promises of results:
  - 1) Proper compassion for the needy
  - 2) Powerful testimony
  - 3) Prayers answered
  - 4) Fellowship restored
  - 5) Divine guidance
  - 6) Fruitful life
  - 7) REVIVAL

## **TYPES OF FASTS**

\*Fasting is mentioned perhaps 30-times in the N.T. and 56-times in the O.T.

\*Jesus taught that His disciples would fast after He went back to Heaven.

**(Matt. 9:14, 15; Mark 2:19, 20; Luke 5:34, 35)**

\*Mount of Transfiguration – all three had fasted 40-days!

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\*Fasting in the Bible is diversified, but seems to fall into three general categories:

## 1) NORMAL FAST

**Matt. 4:1-4** – Example of Jesus

- a) Led of the Holy Spirit
- b) No eating
  - hungered
  - Satan tempted Him to eat
- c) Possible Drinking
  - no mention of temptation in this area
  - no mention of restrictions
- d) 40-days is generally the maximum time (minimum may be far less)

**Luke 4:1-3** – Details generally repeated

**I Kings 19:8** – Elijah

- lasted 40-days
- seems to have restricted food but not drink

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## **2) ABSOLUTE (COMPLETE) FAST**

**Ezra 10:5-10** – Ezra, Leaders, and Nation

- a) No eating
- b) No drinking
- c) Usually a maximum of three days
- d) Usually a case of extreme need

### **Esther 4:16-5:1**

- Basis for National deliverance

### **Deut. 9:9, 18 - Moses**

- \*only record I know of going past three days
- \*defies laws of science
- \*supernatural

### **Acts 9:8-10**

- Paul after meeting Jesus



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## 3) PARTIAL FAST

Dan. 10:3

- a) Liquid okay
- b) Food limited in type or quantity
- c) Three weeks is one example – time varies

### CONSIDER:

- \* Fasting is first of all a spiritual exercise, not physical.
- \* You should have a goal (at least one definite need).
- \* The Holy Spirit should be permitted to lead.
- \* Don't bind yourself legalistically, these three types are not always clear cut.
- \* Consider physical and social situations.

### EXAMPLE OF MOSES AND AMALEKITES (Exodus 17:8-13)

:9

1. Location of Men God can use

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2. Separation
3. Battle
4. Promise

**:10** – Three go away from physical battle

**:11** – Success or failure determined on the hill

**:12** – Weariness and two helpers

**:13** – Victory

1. Because of
2. Rod of
3. Hands
4. Stand

\*Moses – in prayer to  
– standing against

\* Three Key Issues

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

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## **DETERMINING THE CHURCH'S POWER**

**Acts 1:1-12** – Peter's deliverance

**Acts 6:2, 4-2** – Two areas of ministry

**Rom. 15:30, 31** – Striving in prayer

**II Cor. 1:8-11** – Deliverance

**Eph. 6:18, 19** – Boldness

**Col. 1:24-27**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**II Thess. 3:1, 2**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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## **PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES**

**Eph. 6:12**

**Col. 2:15**

**Luke 4:18**

**John 12:31**

**Matt. 8:26**

**Luke 4:39**

**13:11-16**

**Matt. 12:29**

**18:18**

**II Cor. 10:4**

**\*\* by Prayer**

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8.

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## PRAYING IN JESUS' NAME

John 14:13, 14

15:7

15:16

16:23

:24

:25, 26

I John 3:21, 22

- \*First seven promises spoken before the cross
- \*Jesus claims to be the basis of prayer
- \*Obedience and Abiding have to do with his  
NAME        **LORD JESUS CHRIST**
- \*Name expresses His Person – desires, mind,  
purpose
- \*Many conditions for prayer in the Bible
  - these are unified and simplified in Him
  - our relationship to Jesus evidences these
  - motive, sincerity, goals, purposes, holiness etc.
- \*Use of another's name means denying our own  
name
  - taking His person and denying our own

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**Acts 15:26**

– men hazarded their lives for Jesus' sake

\*Principle of His Name:

**Matt. 18:20**

**1:21**

**18:3-6**

**Luke 10:17**

**24:37**

**John 1:12**

**3:16**

**14:26**

**Acts 2:21**

**4:7, 10, 12**

**5:41**

**15:26**

**I Cor. 5:4**

**Phil. 2:9-11**

**LORD**

**JESUS**

**CHRIST**

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\*Salvation and Lordship; power over demons; dealing with little children; Great Commission; Holy Spirit activity; suffering for Jesus; lives risked for Him; scriptural discipline; glory to Jesus; worship of Him.

### **PRAYER – THE POTENTIAL OF THE CHURCH**

**II Chron. 7:14**

1.

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**Acts 4:31**

**6:2-4**

**2:41**

**:47**

**4:4**

**5:14**

**5:20**

**9:31**

## **WHY GOD DOESN'T ANSWER**

1. **Forbidden Subjects**

**I John 5:15, 16**

**Jer. 7:16**

2. **Lack of prayer for those opposing us**

**Job 42:10**

3. **God's delays are not denials**

**Dan. 10:1, 12, 13**

**Deut. 3:23-27**

**I Peter 1:7**

**James 1:3**



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4. Desire to give us something better

**II Cor. 12:7-9**

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**I Kings 19:4-6**

**:11, 12**

**II Kings 2:11**

5. God's will/way is not ours

**Isa. 55:8, 9**

**I Chron. 22:8-10**

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**Luke 8:38, 29**

**I John 5:14, 15**

\*One of prayer's highest functions is to get us in step with God.

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## **THE LORD'S SCHOOL OF PRAYER**

### **1. THE NEED**

**Luke 11:1**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**John 15:1-8**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Rom. 8:26-34**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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## Rev. 1:5, 6

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

## John 14:12-17

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

## Gal. 2:20

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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## Luke 11:1

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## Luke 3:21, 22

5:15, 16

6:12, 13

9:13-17

:18:20

:27-31

10:2

11:1

- 4.
5. *"To Pray"*
6. *"Us"*
7. *"Teach"*
8. *"LORD"*

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## 2. THE WORSHIP

- \*Worship is something we give...not get
- \*Worship is to be God-ward...not man-ward
- \*Worship and Prayer are hard to separate
- \*Prayer is more than Worship, but must include Worship

**John 4:1-26** - Jesus and the Samaritan woman

- She was wicked and lost
- Jesus deals with sin, God, Messiahship, and Worship
- Appears she was saved

1. **vs. 23** – God seeks worshippers
2. **vs. 23** – Father seeks true worshippers
  - must then be worshippers who are false
  - three types:
    1. **vs. 22** – ignorant – “*know not*”
    2. **vs. 22** – knowledgeable – “*we know*”
    3. **vs. 23** – “*true*” – kind God wants
      - \*most don't even try to worship
      - \*a. and b. are sincere, taught, yet empty

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### 3. True Worship – in spirit and in truth (vs. 23)

\*involves internal not external (vs. 24)

\*are we *“in spirit”*?

\*are we *“in truth”* (Knowledge is not enough)

\**“Be ye doers of the Word...”*

### 4. Jesus came to open this up for us!

**John 4:23** – *“in truth”*

**14:16-18, 26** – Jesus sent the Holy Spirit

**14:6** – Jesus is *“truth”*

**1:14** – Jesus is *“full of truth”*

**1:17** – Jesus is the origin of *“truth”*

\*Therefore – no worship apart from Jesus

\*Therefore – no prayer apart from Jesus

### 5. Prayer is in spirit and in truth

**Jude vs. 20** – in the Holy Ghost

**Eph. 6:18** – in the Spirit

\*in truth – obvious difference from lies and error

\*Truth = Jesus, Holy Spirit, and the Bible

\*Our life is a walk in truth

\*Our surroundings these three

\*They govern true prayer

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6. Worship must be in harmony with the nature of God

**John 4:23, 24** – He is Spirit – worship in spirit

**I Pet. 1:16** – *“Be ye holy; for I am holy”*

**I John 4:17** – *“as He is, so are we”*

7. Not limited by time or place

**John 4:21**

8. Holy Spirit makes possible true worship

**Rev. 1:9-10** – John in worship on Sunday

\*reveals nature of God

\*reveals truth

\*surrounds true worship

\*brings us to God

9. O.T. saints never called themselves God's children

O.T. saints never called God their Father –

**Rom. 8:14-17**

This is only for those who have the Holy Spirit

# PRAYER

## 3. PRAY IN SECRET

\*Moses didn't teach on prayer – little taught in the O.T.

### **Matt. 6:5**

1. *"When thou prayest"* – prayer is assumed
2. *"Thou shalt not"* – N.T. command or law
3. Don't even appear as the hypocrites
4. Prayer is not for the purpose of being seen, recognized (pride)
5. Religious actions (such like) not blessed of God – man rewards them

### **Matt. 6:7**

- Avoid vain repetitions – heathen like

### **Matt. 6:6**

1. *"But"* – in contrast to hypocrites
2. *"When thou prayest"* – life of prayer assumed for true disciples



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3. *"Enter into thy closet"* – need a private place to meet God
  - \*should use as regularly as possible
  - \**"be still and know ..."*
  - \**"study to be quiet..."*
  
4. *"Shut thy door"* – close out the world
  - \*be shut in to God
  - \*preparation for prayer
  - \*this is for private praying
  - \*our closet is our schoolroom for prayer
  
5. *"Father"* relationship (vss. 6, 8,9)
  - \*a privilege never given to O.T. saints
  - \***Rom. 8:14-17** – only for saved
    - only for those who have the Holy Spirit
  - \*Prayer is a meeting with our Heavenly Father
  
6. *"Pray to the Father"* *"Which is in secret"*
  - \*Prayer is first of all to the Father
  - \**"our"* – possessive
  - \*God is hidden from the view of the world
  - \**"God is spirit"* – need to approach in spirit

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\*We must go to the Father – in secret  
(**contrast verse 5**)

\*Need for a closed door and withdrawal from  
the world

7. *“Thy Father” “shall reward thee openly”*

\*prayer in secret – rewarded openly (can't be  
hidden)

\***Heb. 11:6** – God does reward – especially  
secret prayer

\*reward is based on God – not our forceful  
prayer