

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

on

PRAYER

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PRAYER IN SECRET (cont.)

Matt. 6:8

vs. 8 *"Your Father knoweth"*

- We don't need to wake God up
- We don't need to inform God
- Issue is not His knowledge but our need
- Difference between needs and wants
- Pray with confidence – He knows, He rewards
- I **John 5:14, 15** – Confidence as to result
- Privilege of being with a rewarding and knowing Father (opposite of Satan)
- Why ask? *"Ye have not because ye ask not!"*

PATTERN PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4

vs. 1

- Request for instruction

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- Not how to pray; not what to pray; but actual praying
- Issue is teaching us "*to pray*"
- Not a magical phrase or prayer

vs. 2

- First deals with God

vs. 3

- Our requests should follow the first issue of God and His nature and His desires
- God supplies on a day-by-day basis
Examples: manna in the wilderness
Elijah and the raven

vs. 4

- Being forgiven of sin assumes we also forgive others

Matt. 6:9-15

- This is a manner or pattern of prayer, not a magical prayer

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vs. 9 *"Our Father which art in Heaven"*

- title "Father" unknown to O.T. saints
- implies sonship – personal – salvation
- come, as to a father – not dictator; etc.
- we come as a child, not an equal

"Hallowed be Thy Name"

- not our requests first, but what belongs to God
- Thy Name, Thy Kingdom, Thy Will
God must be first
- Thy Name – Father – Keep it Holy
- Holy is central word in O.T., Father in N.T.
- **Ezek. 36:23** – God sanctifies His great Name

vs. 10 *"Thy Kingdom come"*

- the Father is also a King
- we are heirs
- comes at Millennium (Kingdom of Heaven)

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- comes after Great White Throne (Eternal Kingdom)
- comes at Salvation (Kingdom of God)

"Thy will be done"

- Do we really want His complete will, whatever it may be and/or cost?
- in Heaven it is done with joy

vs. 11 *"Give us this day our daily bread"*

- daily needs, daily praying
- Suppliers: Father-Son; King-Subjects; General-Soldiers; Master-Servant.

vs. 12 *"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive"*

- How do we forgive? That is how we are forgiven.
- Hatred, envy, grudges, hurt feelings (pride), revenge...all reveal the heart.
- True forgiveness requires sorrow, repentance, confession.
- Our forgiveness is tied to a proper attitude towards others (often shown by restitution).

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– This is an application of **I John 1:7**
vs. 13 *“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”*

- True desire for holiness
- True desire for deliverance from sin
- True desire for deliverance from temptation
- True desire for avoiding sin and temptation

“Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

- These three are God’s possessions.
- Roman Catholics leave this part out and claim them for the Church.
- God doesn’t turn His Kingdom over to man.
- God doesn’t turn His Power over to man.
- God doesn’t turn His Glory over to man.
- They are His permanently.

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- It is our privilege to be citizens of His Kingdom (not a right).
- It is our privilege to have His power exercised in our lives and ministry.
- It is our privilege to be able to bring Him glory.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Matt. 6:25-33

vs. 25

1. Values straightened out
2. Life and body; meat and raiment

vs. 26

1. Fowls = birds
2. Sow not, reap not, store not
3. Heavenly Father feeds them (**vss. 6, 8, 9**)
4. Aren't we better?

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5. Don't let faith disintegrate into presumption
6. Are we willing to really trust God for food? (vs. 11)
7. This is no argument for laziness

vs. 27

1. Our helpless condition before God
2. God can affect a person's growth

vss. 25-30

1. Plant Life
2. Lilies - toil not, spin not
– cared for above Solomon
3. Grass - temporary compared to men
4. Do we have faith? - evidenced by clothing; raiment?
5. Faith and Prayer are inseparable

vss. 31, 32

1. Eating, drinking, clothing is not to be the burden of our thinking and worrying.

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2. Great concern in these areas is typical of those without a Heavenly Father
3. God knows our needs (vss. 8, 9)
4. ***"We ask and have not because"***
5. Lack of faith; consume on lusts; upset priorities

vs. 33

1. ***"Seek ye"*** – our action, driving desire
2. ***"first"*** – priority, nothing comes before it
3. ***"the Kingdom of God"***
 - John 3:3-7
 - born again – to see it – to enter it
 - in contrast to the World (Satan's Kingdom)
 - not in word, but in power (I Cor. 4:18-20)
 - **Mark 9:1-3** – seen when we see Jesus as He really is
4. ***"and His righteousness"***
 - holy living

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- **II Cor. 5 :21** - God's operation
 - a condition to live in
- **Rom. 3:9-26**
 - natural man is unrighteous
- comes only thru faith in Jesus
- 5. ***"and all these things"*** - meat, raiment, etc.
- 6. ***"shall be added unto you"***
 - Father gives them"
 - added after Kingdom and righteousness are ours

*Seek His Kingdom for ourselves and then for others

*Seek His Righteousness for ourselves and then for others

***Matt. 6: 9-13** – This is the theme of the pattern Prayer

*First things first and all else is added unto us!

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CERTAINTY OF THE ANSWER

Luke 11:1-10 Lesson - "TO PRAY" (action of true prayer)

Matt. 7:1-2 – caution in judgment

vss. 3

- hypocrites not to judge until cause of hypocrisy is removed – then to judge

vs. 6

- Some will not receive the best of truth
- Suit message to the nature of the people

vss. 7-8

1. Prayer has goal of getting an answer
2. Six promises in two verses
3. "Ask" to receive gifts, promises, provisions, etc. **James 4:3**
4. "Seek" to find God – especially Jesus

Matt. 6:33

Rom. 3:11

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5. ***“Knock”*** – wanting in – to fellowship with God
6. Jesus felt this lesson important enough to emphasize by repetition and illustration
7. If prayer goes unanswered, it is not God’s fault, but ours
8. ***“Ask and it shall be given you”***
 - proof of prayer is the answer!
 - simplicity of God’s Word
 - Asking - human side
 - Giving - God’s side - He is faithful
 - the problem is not in the giving but the asking.
9. We are to be child-like – simply believing
10. Answered prayer should be common
11. Don’t let human reason destroy Jesus’ promise

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BETTER ANSWERS

Are we satisfied with our answers, fellowship, prayer life, and worship – our throne room life?

Matt. 7:7-10

vs. 7

“Ask” ... given you.

“Seek” ... find.

“Knock” ... opened.

vs. 8

“Promises to “everyone”.

vss. 9, 10

1. “OR” – continue the promises of **vss. 7, 8**
2. Now the why of **vss. 7, 8**
3. Son asks; Father gives
4. We all are children and had parents
5. As parents supply ... God will even more so!
6. Parents are pictures (poor) of God
 - discipline - training - love

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- example - provision
- 7. Parents, at best, are evil (vs. 11)
- 8. God is able to do "MUCH MORE" (vs. 11)
- 9. Our assurance of God hearing and giving should be much more than of parents
- 10. Power in prayer is based on relationship to God
 - live as a child, pray as a child, and receive as a child
 - child loves, shows affection, tries to please, talks
 - child can be led, taught, trained, and molded

Rom. 8:14-17

1. Holy Spirit leads children of God
2. Holy Spirit keeps a child-like Father-son relationship*
3. Holy Spirit leads us into our birthrights
4. Child-like will be Spirit-controlled

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* Father-son relationship is one of the themes of The Sermon on the Mount – this relationship was unknown in the O.T.

- Matt. 5:9** - children of God
:16 - glorify your Father
:44-45 - be the children of your Father
:48 - as your Father
6:1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, (24), 26, (30), 32, (33)

Matt. 7:21

- do the will of the Father
- child is weak. Father is strong
- here is the basis of our request
- the greater the need, the greater the supply, the surer the answer

Matt. 7:11

- Consider the best earthly father we know and God is MUCH MORE
- Let God be Father at all times, not just in prayer

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- Live in fellowship with the Father and all is well
- Is "*Our Father*" a title? Term of respect? Ticket to answers? Heart desire?
- Letting God be "*Our Father*" in love, obedience, desires, leading, etc. is the first step to holiness
- God's nature, position, and possessions mean He can give far better than any man or all the world can give!
- With promises and a Father like this, why don't we ask and receive? !

ANSWER OF THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Consider the Holy Spirit's ministries: reproving, revealing, speaking, birthing, indwelling, gifting, fruit-producing, leading, anointing, unctionizing, filling, etc.

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Matt. 7:11

- Father gives good things

Luke 11:9-13

1. Good things changed to the Holy Spirit
2. All good things tied up in the gift of the Holy Spirit
3. Holy Spirit is a gift
4. Holy Spirit (**Rom. 8**) – teaches us in Fatherhood, childhood – guides in prayer

John 16:7

1. Holy Spirit is better than Jesus on earth
2. Holy Spirit came at Pentecost – indwelling?
3. In Acts, the Holy Spirit's filling is in answer to prayer

Acts 4:31

4. Some Names:

Spirit of Grace

Spirit of Faith

Spirit of adoption & assurance

Spirit of Truth

Spirit of Prayer

Spirit of Power

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Spirit of judgment & burning Spirit of glory

Spirit of Holiness Spirit of promise

5. Filling releases Spirit to function on and through us

6. Some other ministries:

Teaches

Sealing

Searches

Empowers

Testifies

Guiding

Bears Witness

Moves

Helps overcome flesh

Shows

Lord of Harvest

Convicts

Eph. 5:17, 18

1. God's Will is that we be filled with the Spirit
2. This happens in answer to right praying
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John 7:37-39

1. Jesus wants us filled and over-flowing
2. We truly pray when we see:
 - a) the need
 - b) the promise

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Isa. 44:1-3

1. Picture of our need
2. Picture of the answer
3. Supply isn't limited – only the intake

I Cor.12:1, 4-7, 11

1. Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts
2. Those gifts are HIS manifestation
3. Gifts are how HE ministers through us
4. God outfits those HE calls (principle of the Bible)
5. HE never tells us to do without gifting us accordingly in time to do the job.
6. ***"We have not because we ask not."***
7. **Luke 11:13** "How much more ..."
 - **Psalm 24** – not "a" blessing
 - ***"the"*** blessing
 - perhaps the filling and therefore the fullness of the ministry of the Holy Spirit

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IMPORTUNITY

*a difficult lesson to grasp and understand;
learned by faith

Matt. 15:22-28

example of importunity

Luke 11:1-13

Teach us to pray

vss. 5-8

1. Lesson in importunity
2. This encourages us to pray
3. **Matt. 6:7** does not nullify this
4. Basis is our relationship pray

vs. 6

1. Burden is for a friend in need (OTHERS)
2. Proper and pleasing to God for us to be bold for the perishing
3. The need ... a friend is come and I have nothing
4. The reward ... as many as he needeth

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5. Issue of friendship
 - helping
 - receiving help
 - God likened to a supplying friend!
6. Prayer not for self but others (encourages boldness)

vs.5

1. Request is based on friendship
2. We can be a child but in disobedience
3. Friendship is related to conduct
 - **John 15:13-16**
 - **James 2:21-26**

vs.9

1. These truths hinge on obedience to **vss. 5-8**
2. Need for faith
 - in God's supply
 - in God's eventual answer
 - our relationship
3. We must have:
 - a need

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- a relationship
- a willingness to lose sleep
- a desire for the answer
- a confidence in God

Heb. 11:13, 39

- these had their faith tried even though they didn't receive

Rom. 4:17, 18 – depths of true faith

Consider some contrasts:

Selfish earthly friend & Loving Heavenly Father

Limited supply & Unlimited supply

No promise of help & Many promises

God often requires importunity to:

1. Test our faith and strengthen it
2. Demonstrate our depth of concern
3. Teach us steadfastness and perseverance
4. Help us examine our true relationship
5. To be able to give us all we need (not just three loaves on loan)

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O.T. Examples:

Gen. 18:23-33 – Abraham praying for Sodom

32:26 – Jacob holding on for a blessing

Deut. 9:18, 19 – Moses repeating – 40 days and nights

I Kings 18:41-45 – Elijah for rain

N.T. Examples:

Luke 22:41-44 – Jesus in the Garden

Acts 12:5 – Church for Peter

PRAYER PROVIDES LABORERS

John 4:33b – Fields are white ... ready to harvest

Luke 10:2

1. Harvest is great
2. Laborers are few
3. Prayer – the only means to meet the need

Luke 11:1

1. Jesus taught us *“to pray”*
2. Lost souls and no laborers should drive us to our knees

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Matt. 9:35-38

1. Request is not selfish, but for the lost needing a shepherd, direction, laborers
2. No other way to obtain laborers – only prayer
Not: recruitment money
 education needs
 pressure sympathies
3. Jesus didn't ask for workers in **John 17** (Mystery)
– He commanded us to ask
4. We may call on Heaven to supply the needed workers

Consider other requests:

- Moses at Red Sea
- Joshua with the Sun and Moon
- Daniel – dreams
- Jonathan – battle
- Hudson Taylor – 1000 missionaries in five years

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5. Faith is required to get results
6. We have the responsibility to reach the world
7. We have the authority to obtain the laborers
8. Proper prayer will require compassion
9. God has granted that the harvest and the laborers are determined by our prayers
10. Why don't we pray more?
 - a) Sin of lack of compassion
(Love thy neighbor as thyself.)
 - b) Sin of lack of faith – we just don't believe
11. Pray the Lord of the Harvest
 - Acts 13:2-4**
 - Acts 16:6, 7**
 - 1 Cor. 12:7-11**
12. There is no proper reason for a lack of:

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| Missionaries | Teachers |
| Pastors | Visitation Workers |
| Evangelists | Soul Winners |
13. There may be a time gap – use importunity

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14. Seeing:

- a) the need
- b) the promise
- should move us to pray

15. Every 10 seconds 26 people die

2 Buddhists

8 Secularists or Traditionalists

4 Hindus 4 Roman Catholics

5 Muslims 3 Protestants

16. 3,000,000,000 have never heard a simple Gospel

Prayer is the way to produce the laborers

PRAYER SHOULD BE SPECIFIC

Matt. 20:29-34

1. Two men – blind (with a need)
2. Cry for mercy
3. Miracle and they follow Him

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Luke 18:35-43

1. Man blind and a beggar (two needs)
2. Discouragement by others turned into encouragement to greater praying
3. Specific request – meet a basic need
4. Answer and praise given to God

Mark 10:46-52

1. Continued in prayer until answered
2. Praying man selected from crowd – even though he was a blind beggar
3. Beggar lays aside his beggar's clothes and comes to Jesus
4. Faith won the day
5. Request was basic and specific – to meet the need
6. No healing until request is made specifically
7. Jesus knew the need but wanted to hear it
8. This man asked according to his basic need
 - so should we
 - we must be honest and know ourselves

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9. Some ask for general help, i.e. mercy, deliverance from sin, a blessing, etc. – but don't get specific
Example: Bunker Hill – aim for the individual, not group
10. Is it our will that this be answered?
11. Not what we wish, but what will we have?
(involves cost, determination, perseverance, etc.)
12. Our will governs our lives and actions
13. Will we rest content without the answer?
(wishing)
14. Will and faith are tied together
 - Faith – purpose of the will resting on God's Word and saying, "I must have it
 - To truly believe is to line our will up with His will and take nothing less.
15. Find the will of God and struggle in faith to see it happen.

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FAITH THAT GETS ANSWERS

*Spiritual truths are for spiritual people

Mark 11:12-26 – three sections

1. Cursing barren tree
2. Cleansing the temple
3. Teaching on Faith

vss. 12-14

1. Christ's response to fruitlessness
2. Curse spoken in the hearing of the disciples

vss. 15-17

1. Our bodies are His temple
2. To be a house of prayer

vs. 18

– Truth always astonishes the religious

vss. 19-21

1. Commands of Jesus affect even plant life
2. Plants respond to Jesus while men resist Him!

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vss. 22

1. Need for faith • in God
 - not self, or in faith itself, doctrine, man, etc.
2. True faith, not presumption!

vss. 23

1. True faith produces results
2. Faith without results is dead

vss. 25-26

1. Need for a forgiving heart
2. Lack of forgiveness blocks prayer

vss. 24

1. True faith gets answers
2. Attempts to limit or qualify this promise
 1. show our weak spiritual condition
3. Faith is the issue
 2. far more than knowledge, convictions, conclusions by reason
4. True faith will be in short supply in last day

Luke 18:8

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5. True faith = our ear heard the promise and our eye sees it done (spiritually) – therefore it must be done!
6. Prayer requires a believing person
7. Must believe that we have received if we are to have the answer

All things – Whatever – Jesus always means what He says

Matt. 17:20 – Nothing impossible to faith

19:26 – With God all things are possible

Mark 9:23 – All things are possible !

Luke 18:27 – Impossible with men but possible with God

1. Faith is the work of the Holy Spirit thru the Word in the heart of the disciple – promise of coming answer
2. The **“all things”** have only to be believed

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3. Believing is the spiritual activity surrendered to the Word and the Holy Spirit
4. **"All things"** come only in prayer
5. In prayer – our desires and motives are to be compared with God's ways, will, motives, methods and glory.
5. The Holy Spirit must lead and guide. He shows our need for faith
6. Believe that we have received and we will
(I John 5:14, 15)
8. Ye shall have them – the personal experience of what faith has accepted
9. Faith says, **"I have received it"**; Patience waits for it to arrive
10. We do without because we lack faith
11. Mountains, fig trees (mineral and plant kingdom) all respond to faith.
12. Re-writing this verse on paper is sin
13. Re-writing this verse in practice is also sin

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HAVE FAITH IN GOD

Mark 11:22-24

1. (22) answering implies question – vs. 21 gives background
2. Question implied is ...?
3. Result far beyond PMA, Positive thinking, etc.
4. Problem: How can we attain such a faith?
5. Two items:
 - vs. 22 – Have faith IN GOD
 - vs. 24 – Have faith IN GOD'S PROMISE
(#2 must follow #1)
6. Attain faith in God and it is simple to trust His promise
7. We need to spend much time with God and let Him show Himself to us and teach us
8. The more we trust God, the more we can trust His promises about Himself

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Rom. 10:17

1. Faith results from the Holy Spirit speaking thru the Word
2. Faith is the seeing and hearing of God at work
3. Faith is rest, yieldedness to God, and then trust in His promise
4. Faith is a gift of God – Eph. 2:8; Gal. 2:20 – not immediate in coming but developed and growing

Gal. 3:11

1. God insists that we SHALL live by faith
2. This provides for a close fellowship with Him thru the Word

Rom. 14:23

1. Anything not of faith is sin
2. The Life of Faith and the Prayer of Faith go together

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3. We need to look to God – before we look to the promise – His love, power, will, presence, gifts.
4. Spiritual health and strength of faith go together
5. Daniel: *“The people who do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.”*

Gen. 15:1-6

1. God speaking closely in fellowship produced Faith in Abram.
2. God speaks to those who walk with Him – in fellowship

1 John: 1

3. We seek God's gifts – HE wants to give us Himself
4. We thought prayer was the bringing down from heaven of gifts – it is the lifting up of us to God

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Mark 11:22-24

1. Before we can claim **vs. 24**, we need to exercise **vs. 22**

THE CURE OF UNBELIEF – Prayer and Fasting

Mark 11:22-26 – One of the key problems in prayer is unbelief.

Mark 9:1-29

1. Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration with three disciples
2. Meets with two heroes of Faith and Prayer
3. Returns to disciples and finds them defeated.
(Compare Moses' return to Israel from Mt.)
4. Disciples humiliated before the scribes and the multitude
5. Disciples had been given power over devils
(Mk. 6:7)

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6. Disciples had lost this power due to lack of faith

Mark 17:14-21

1. vs. 19 – Disciples desire to know the cause of lack of power
2. They had tried but failed.
3. Problem was unbelief.
4. Unbelief defeats prayer.
5. Prayerlessness defeats faith.
6. Fasting strengthens prayer and faith.
7. ***“According to your faith be it unto you.”***
8. Faith
 - a) of Jesus
 - b) by the Word of God
 - c) thru the work of the Holy Spirit
9. Prayer grasps the invisible by faith
10. Fasting releases the visible for faith

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11. Food:

- Basis of temptation in Garden of Eden
- Basis of temptation to Esau
- Basis of temptation to Daniel
- Basis of temptation to Jesus (1st attack)
- Either eat and defeat or fast and victory

I Cor. 9:25-27

1. Temperate in all things
2. Keep the body under
3. Bring it into subjection

I Cor. 6:19-20

1. Body is Temple of the Holy Spirit
2. To use body to glorify God
3. ***"The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."***
4. Fasting shows God if we really are serious
5. Fasting indicates to us our real concern

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I Cor. 10:31

1. All things to be done to glory of God
2. This includes eating and drinking
3. Issue of Lordship of Jesus (Rom. 14:7, 8)

I Cor. 10:7

1. Idolatry defined as eat, drink, and play
2. Gluttony is sin

Phil. 3:19

- Food, appetite, etc. can become our God

Titus 1:12

1. Some in bad company due to eating
2. Overeating slows one down

OUR RELATIONSHIP TO OTHERS

- Successful praying is built on faith
- Faith is affected by several things

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- Faith produced by the Holy Spirit thru the Word
- Faith in God – Man's relationship with God
- Fasting – Man's relationship with his body
- Forgiveness – Man's relationship with other men

*Lack of faith in God, intemperance, or unforgiving spirit hinders prayer.

Mark 11:22-26

1. Unforgiven sin a result of unforgiveness of others
2. Unforgiven sin is a block to proper prayer
Isa. 59:1, 2
Psalm 66:18
I Pet. 3:12
3. We need forgiveness to pray properly

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4. True repentance is needed for forgiveness

I John 1:6-10

II Cor. 7:11

5. Jesus said, "Repent and believe the gospel."

– Repentance precedes faith for saved also

6. Forgiving others is evidence that we really are repentant and ready for forgiveness

Luke 11:4

Matt. 18:21-35

1. Parable dealing with forgiveness
2. Forgiveness is based on forgiveness

Eph. 4:25-32

1. vs. 32 – relationships one to another
2. vs. 31 – means of grieving the Holy Spirit
 - bitterness
 - anger
 - evil speaking
 - wrath
 - clamor
 - malice

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3. vs. 32 – means of correction

- kind
- tender-hearted
- forgiving as we are forgiven

Phil. 4:5-8

1. Moderation
2. Prayer
3. Things to think on forgiven

Matt. 18:15-19

1. If they trespass against you
 - issue is a fault
 - trespass, a breaking over
 - a personal issue (not a church issue yet)
2. You consider yourself the offended party
3. Three possible steps
 - a) go yourself
 - b) then go with one or two more
 - c) then take to the Church

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4. Go trying to correct the matter
5. Go with a forgiving way – no matter how it works out

Matt:5:17-24

1. Brother considers himself innocent
2. Go and be reconciled
3. No worship until the matter is corrected
4. Prayer and Faith are affected by what we are
 - all day, around others
 - not just while we are praying
5. My relationship to others shows my relationship to God
Example: I love God, act like Him, love what He loves, hate what He hates, forgive as He forgives, etc.
6. The Blood that saves also cleanses from *all* sin!

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LESSONS ON PRAYER

Forgiveness is based upon love

- I John 3:18-23 - love, obedience, prayer
- I John 4:16 - 5:2 - love, forgiveness like Jesus
- I Cor. 13 - all is worthless without love

Matt. 5:7, 9, 37-48

1. Extent of forgiving love

Only as we experience and practice love can we claim its results from Heaven.

Matt. 6:8-15

- Forgiveness and forgiving are tied together

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POWER OF UNITED PRAYER

- **One of the first lessons of Prayer is Prayer is Secret**

Matt. 18:19, 20

1. We need public “united Prayer” power – in addition to “secret Prayer” power
2. Our union with God affects our relationship with men
3. **I John 1:7** – Communion with God brings fellowship with men
4. Not just “**My**” Father, but “**Our**” Father
5. Unity of the body – one head – one body - many members (**I Cor. 12:12-14; Col. 1:18**)

TRUE UNITED PRAYER

A. Agreement

1. Example: Day of Pentecost - **Acts 1:14; 2: “One accord”**
2. Request is clear enough to understand

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3. Request is according to God's will
4. Request is capable of being jointly believed for
5. Agreement is in spirit and truth

B. Gathering in Jesus' Name

1. Center of union of the believers
2. Such reality that Jesus is present
3. His presence and fellowship give power to the prayers
4. "Name" implies:

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| Salvation | Demons in subjection |
| Repentance | Answered prayer |
| Suffering | Holy Spirit working |
| Dedication | Risk of lives |
| Discipline | Worship of God |
| Teaching | Glory going to God |

C. The Sure Answer

1. It shall be done

PRAYER

1. Opportunity to have answered what we ourselves cannot believe God for
2. The "Lost" believe this more than many Christians – they ask for prayer
3. Husbands and wives can operate in this – **I Pet. 3:6, 7**
4. Prayer partners can accomplish much
5. Obviously this can be of great help in seeing Revival
6. Paul felt the need of united Prayer Power for results
7. **Rom. 15:30, 31** – Deliverance
8. **II Cor. 1:11** – Deliverance
9. **Eph. 6:18, 19** – Utterance and Boldness
10. **Phil. 1:19** – Progress of the Gospel