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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13



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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

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Practical Prayer Mechanics

By Phil McIntosh

Insulating yourself in a few minutes of prayer daily can positively affect your spiritual condition and your attitude. You have the privilege to spend time with the God who created all things around you, all things with which you are blessed, and your own self. There is something majestically humbling and inspiring about being able to kneel at the throne of God in prayer (**Heb. 4:16**). The cares of the world do not disappear, the anxieties of life do not cease to exist, and the troubles which might pursue you do not dissipate, but for just a moment, they are, for all intents and purposes, suspended. You are able (*and encouraged by the Bible*) to hit the pause button on life and take all the weights you are bearing or dragging behind you and give them to God, appealing to Him for support, assistance, or relief. The apostle Paul entreated the Thessalonian Christians to pray on a constant basis (**1 Thess. 5:17**). Likewise, he told the Philippian Christians that in prayer they could receive the blessing of the "peace of God" that excelled human comprehension (**Phil. 4:6-7**). In prayer we have the door opened to us to request blessings from the God and Father who can do "exceedingly abundantly above" anything we are able to imagine (**Eph. 3:20**).

Though prayer offers a multitude of possibilities and blessings, it also comes with conditions and instructions. Just as much else in respect to our lives before the eyes of the Father, there are both correct and incorrect activities as well as approaches. God has established well-highlighted boundaries in which He expects us to practice our pursuit of faith and righteousness. Remember that, in all we do, we should be mindful of the instructions God has revealed and ever seek His authority for our activities (**Col. 3:17**). Our prayers can be hindered, vain, selfish, and perhaps come short of acceptable in a host of other ways. Prayer is a privilege and should be approached with reverence and humility; for in it we are standing unmasked and bare before the sovereign God and Father who reigns for eternity.

If one were to ensure they were approaching prayer correctly they would be forced to open the word of God, "finding out what is acceptable to God" (**Eph. 5:10**). One sure way to accomplish that would be to listen to the words of Jesus. If we do what the Lord did, we can be assured we will please the Father (**1 Cor. 11:1, John 13:15**). Jesus' disciples approached Him one day and asked Him to teach them how to pray. In His instruction He gave them a model, a blueprint of sorts, for what types of things to include in prayer (**Lk. 11:1-4**). The Lord taught that we should:

- I. Address God with reverence
- II. Acknowledge the power and sovereignty of God in all places
- III. Make request for blessings
- IV. Remain humbly submissive to the will of God
- V. Ask for forgiveness
- VI. Request help to withstand the evil around us

You can pray for almost anything. You can pray when you're happy, giving God thanks, as one can never give God too much gratitude for the overwhelming blessings which He has showered upon His creation. You can pray when you're sad, looking to the best source of strength and hope that exists. You can pray for wisdom in times of uncertainty. You can pray multiple times for things which might be weighing on your heart especially heavy. Time and space would fail to include all that can be prayed to God. I cannot overstate the value of prayer in your life. Every time you pause your day or night to spend time addressing God in prayer you are recentring your existence around the life and the power from which you sprang forth. So much of our life in this world is confined to this world, but prayer, prayer supersedes this world. Prayer breaks the containment of our atmosphere and speeds from our hearts and spirits to the very ears of the God who loved us more deeply than we can imagine (**1 Pet. 3:12**). Won't you pray to Him today? Won't you pray to Him tomorrow? One sure way to improve your spiritual and mental state would be to pray to God every single day that you live. There truly is nothing like it.

God Said It and He Means It!

Shepherds Notes By Lee Fisher



The children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed. Now they faced the huge challenge of taking the land of Canaan, the Promised Land. Their first test of faith was the city of Jericho, which was reported to be a closed-up walled city that could not be conquered (Joshua 6:1). The Israelites marched, shouted, blew trumpets, and *“utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword and burnt the city with fire.”* While they were standing in the smoking ruins of what was left of Jericho. *“Then Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, “Cursed before the Lord be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. “At the cost of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and at the cost of his youngest son shall he set up its gates”* (Joshua 6:26). God had declared Jericho, the first city to fall to Israel’s conquest of the Land of Canaan. The city and all that is in it were to be cursed by the Lord for destruction. Moving forward hundreds of years later in the time of King Ahab the Holy Spirit lets us know that Hiel of Bethel ignored Joshua’s charge not to rebuild, and rebuilt Jericho anyway, at a personal cost to his sons. *“In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation at the cost of Abiram, his firstborn, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.”* (1 Kings 16:34). This passage of scripture makes it clear to us that God keeps His word, whether it’s good or bad, *“Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass”* (Joshua 21:45). Seeing these words *“Not a word failed!”* should cause us to be filled with JOY and at the same time be filled with FEAR. Why?

1. *First be filled with Joy:* because we can anchor our faith in Him and trust every single promise God has made. Then when we come to the end of our life, we can look back and know that not a single word of all His promises have failed!

2. *Second, be filled with Fear:* because to willfully be disobedient to the word of God will lead to consequences that we are not prepared to pay. Just look at how many years have passed since

Joshua pronounced that curse. That curse stood for years as a warning of what would happen to the one who decided to rebuild the city. We should always declare sin for what it is and know that sin has consequences. God’s word will not change with the passage of time or change in Society. *“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him— the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day”* (John 12:48).

There are hundreds of prophecies in the Bible, which were fulfilled perfectly, and their combined testimony should be a motivation to those who do not take God’s word seriously. We can trust in this fact: *“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”* (Numbers 23:19).

God’s Blessing Lee



MARCH CLEANING CALENDAR

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

THANK YOU!

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Kingsford	Amanda
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Beverly	
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