

# Prayer: The Pathway to the Heart of the Father

## TOPIC LESSON GUIDE

*“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”*  
(Romans 12:5-18)

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## LESSON 1

### PRAYER: DEFINED

A. The word “Prayer” is not in the Gospel or Epistles of John, but “prayer” is tied into John’s life more than the other disciples. It seemed there was a greater quality of love in John’s life. One can not really be involved in prayer if there is no love in there life.

B. Prayer should be natural like breathing. We do not have to think or stop doing something to breath. Prayer should be build in us. Prayer is communion with God. Prayer is always to God.

C. Now you do not have to pray, you really don’t. But if you do not pray you will not get very far in God. If you have a hunger in you, a desire “to draw nigh (near) to God.

D. It should not be a duty to pray, but a joy. We at first “get with it” with duty prayer, but in time God will lead us out and into a deeper more fulfilling communion with Him. He will lead you by His Spirit from duty prayer to your life become prayer.

E. What we call prayer today would be typical of a religious duty or activity in the NT. Prayer is not a duty or religious activity, prayer is of the heart. Prayer is communion with God. Our life is to be a constant prayer (communion with) to God.

F. A religious prayer. Isaiah 58:1-14 (read)

1. v1 – Is house of Jacob sins.

2. v2 – Looks and sounds good, but religion looks and sounds good. Religion has an outward appearance.

3. v3 – Bending God arm. If we can not have faith and believe in God we force Him. God, I will prayer and fast, you better give me what I want.

4. v4 – Does not matching up with v2

5. v5 – God said is this really what I want?

6. v6 – God said, I do not want religion, I want “righteous living.” God is not religious. real prayer leads us into righteous living.

7. v7 – Righteous living leads us to the glory of God. *“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8)*

God is after heart purity! Prayer (communion with God, not asking for healing or material things) is what leads us in “His Way” to heart purity.

8. v8 – We then BECOME like God. After all we were created in His image. We need to BECOME like the Father, just like Jesus did.

G. Prayer is not talking to God. Our best prayers have no words, often our best prayers are groaning.

H. We must remember Jesus gets everything from the Father. He does not do or say anything of Himself, only those things that He sees the Father doing and what His Father would be saying. So he got this prayer from the Father.

I. Prayer is something alone, between you and God.

J. The direction of prayer is ALWAYS to the Father: When Jesus said this it was the first spoken to God, usually said was "Avie" "my Father." "Abba Father" meets "direct address to the Father." Now Jesus was not teaching the disciples to say Abba Father but is teaching them to pray directly to the Father.

K. The proper attitude in Prayer is "Hallowed be thy name." God name is to be "hallow" a most holy thing, purity, not hollow or usable. God does not operate by formula and rules, but by divine spiritual principles. "In the Name of Jesus" is not a formula for God to operate, we must be careful. God seeks worshipers in spirit and truth.

L. We need to allow God to be God, then God can gather us into Himself in oneness with Him.  $1 + 0 = 1$  (we together) not  $1 + 1 = 2$ . So we can have His desires in us. So we know what the way He takes and we can then take the way He is taking. So we may walk in step in harmony with Him.

M. Many Christian do not want to get in Him. They will have to lose themselves. Not to many draw nigh to God, because He is a consuming fire. No one wants to be consumed. We would really rather give God things we do not mind see get consumed, do not draw nigh to Him.

N. Proper motivation, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (verse 10) But if we do not draw nigh then He can not bring that oneness, He has no opportunity. How can God be God if we always want Him to dance to our tune, to do what we want Him to do. We say, I have given up all for you Lord. I want a return on my investment.

O. "Give us this day our daily bread. (verse 11). In the Greek, "Give us the bread today we need." We do not know what our need is. We need to take on His desires and His need for our life.

P. Prayer is the way into harmony with God in meeting needs not our, but also others. No where in the Bible does it say Jesus prayed for the sick, it says He healed the sick. (Charles' brother story) What does God want? What do we want?? We are to know what God wants so we can harmonize in meetings needs with God.

Q. Prayer helps us see what the Father is saying and doing. Healing the sick then is so easy and not a struggle. (Charles' story lady)

R. The character of Prayer. "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." (verse 12)

S. God's intention in prayer is to bring us together with Him. "*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*" (Verse 13) He does not intent to lead us into temptation, but He intends to deliver us from evil. This happens as we come together in communion (prayer).

T. Our temple is to be a house of prayer, not a den of thieves to steal from God and whatever we can from God. Put \$10 in the offering to get \$100 back. Oh no, we are to become the very expression of God. All I want is Him. And, to be caught up in His glory to be this expression through prayer, communion with Him.

## LESSON 2

### PRAYER: COMMUNION

- A. Prayer is communion, direct communication with God, anything else is not called prayer in the Bible.
- B. Jesus provides many things through His death and resurrection. One thing we provided was a ribbon veil (His flesh) through which we can enter into the heart of God. So Jesus made a way into the heart of God like never made before. Never before was there such a closeness and unity with the Father, Jesus' death made this closeness possible.
- C. If there is a breakdown in communication there is loss. The loss happens out from the disconnection. What ever relationship we are involved there must be communication and the more that is hindered the greater the loss.
- D. We must be careful not to get involved with or tied to things like family, working, and even work unto the Lord where we project ourselves toward them to such a degree that we are consumed by them taking up our time and effort to where we have no time to communicate with God.
- E. When communication between us and God is cut we start to cultivate desires for the thing that has broken off our communication. We ourselves cultivate our own desire for the things of the world. The more we eat of the world the more we develop a liking for them. We cultivate a hunger for the things of world by doing it. and it overcomes us and God's purposes are then lost.
- F. The more we get into our mind during the day the more your mind will run on. The less of this life we get in us, the more of God we will have in us. We are filled with either the things of this world or of the things of God. It is our choice.
- G. Like worrying and fretting. These are not good for our communication between us and God. God will take care of us.
- I. We need to allow the Spirit to communicate Spirit to us. you can not really pray without the Spirit of God in you. Prayer is of the Spirit. Just open your heart to the Spirit and the Spirit will communicate from God to you, through me. But, first you must open your heart to the Spirit what God is saying to you.
- J. I know this message will be taught in darkness to some and maybe in five or ten years the Spirit will turn on the light, get to you the understanding. Things are not what we think they are. Prayer is not made by God so we can get something form Him. People like to pray if they think they can get something from God.
- K. PURPOSES OF PRAYER: The main purpose of prayer is to know God, His ways, and His works. Now we must always remember we are the ignorant one in prayer. We do not know God does, everything!
- L. So we are not communicating anything to God He does not already know. To know His words, not only the words in the Bible, but the words in His heart. To know His whys without asking why. Prayer moves us into knowing His whys without asking.
- M. To know His wisdom. As we look at His wisdom on first glance it is foolishness, but to God it is wisdom, but God's ways are wisdom. But to man they are foolishness.

N. Now when we know His ways and wisdom we will be in trouble from our fellow believers. We are not to be like everybody else, but to move into the heart of God close to Him to know Him. For this to happen we must face trouble (temptation).

O. If we can watch and prayer we will know the way God takes, unlike the disciples who did not know the way God was taking. Do not get yourself in trouble by going the wrong way. How do we stay on track? Watch and pray that we do not go down the wrong track. So communication (praying) puts us into knowing God's ways.

P. Now reading the Bible is good and helps to move us in the right direction, but without knowing God even the Bible will be confusing and meaningless in many places, if we do not know God's wisdom and ways we will not understand how things fit and misunderstand them.

## LESSON 3

### PRAYER: UNDERSTANDING

Text: "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:" (Ephesians 3:11)

A. We always seem to want to understand everything so when we find something we do not understand we push for an understanding and often times come up with an understanding, but it is will be misunderstanding.

B. We do not need to know everything in prayer. We need to rest, we need to know God who gives understanding. Our understanding comes from God not from figuring things out. He gives understanding in His ways, works, and words. We need to be content to hold with a good and pure conscious the mystery of Godliness that we be willing to hold correctly a mystery something we do not know, and hold it in our heart and be content not to understand it and move further along into the heart of God.

C. We really do not know much. We often think we know that is why we pray so much, but the Spirit knows and the Spirit who knows will help us who do not know. So it does not matter what you know, but matters who you know. We do not need to know anything, but if we know God we will know whatever God wants us to know.

D. Proper communication brings us to the whom rather to the what. Andthe whom (God) then can bring us to the want He wants in any given situation. Then we can harmonize with the will of God in our request, and when asking we then will flow in the will of God.

E. For us to flow in the will of God in prayer we MUST lay down our ways and will to take on His ways and will, we MUST lay aside our thoughts and take on His thoughts.

F. So, prayer puts us in touch with God, not what we think, but in reality, as we are willing to commune with him it brings us closer and closer until our life is in touch with God's.

G. This communion then will move us away from the "gimmies" (what most of what we call prayer) and we are then able to speak to God on behalf of others. We can then even speak to God about those who are giving us a hard time. We are to be concerned about those who are not in touch with God, we are to talk to God about them.

H. We are not here to get, to receive, but we are here on this earth to give. When the Lord gives to us He is giving it to us so that it (whatever He gives you) may flow out of you after He gives it to you. What He gives is not our goods, but His goods.

I. What God puts in us starts a flow, we are then able to invest into lives others. And if we can invest in the lives of others then that will bring a return the Lord is seeking. God gives to us so that we might be able to give to others.

J. So prayer brings us into all of these things (probably even more than our understanding is able to comprehend) and into the glory of God. The last and most important purpose of prayer is to bring us into the glory of God. Prayer brings us into an intensity and purity that leads us to His glory. And His glory leads us to adjustment and correction. This is not the transfiguration??? (term not in the Bible), but the glory of God.

K. And moes after he came down from the mountain, I wonder why we do not see this glory today? Do we really believe?

L. In the Book of Acts Steven, there it is, the glory of God.

M. The intensity of God's glory will come on those who are willing to pay the price and willing to adjust and be corrected. God is after correction. There will be those shook loose and shaken out for the way, they will fall by the way side if they can not be corrected and God will take those who can be corrected, His elect on.

N. We need to hold this desire to commune with God. It is about knowing God and being conformed into His Son's (Jesus) image. We need to ask Him for this desire, this hunger will bring us into commune with Him.

O. Where we are not concerned what we will get, but to walk hand and hand with Him, to harmonize with his character and intentions, to walk the way He desires for you to way, and not to worry where He is leading you. Because He is leading you to Calvary to die.

## LESSON 4

### PRAYER: SUPPLYING NEED

*Text: "Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done." (Matthew 21:21)*

A. Jesus teaches us in Matthew that the Father knows and will supply all of our need (Matthew 6:32). We then can turn loose and be doing what the Father wants us to be doing. And we do not have to worry, our centeredness is Him, and everything we do is unto God.

B. We then are grateful to God for all of the things He provides, God caring for us. He becomes our center of attention, so the asking, believing, receiving will turn from us (our desires) to God (and His desires) what He wants.

C. This is what Jesus meant when He said about prayer and fasting, this communion with God that moves us into the heart of God so there is no problem in believing when it comes to doing what God wants done. If you know what God wants done there is no problem you will have, no trouble doing what God said to do. You can just do it and it is done.

D. That all comes out of praying. (communion, moving into the heart of God) Then His desires come out of His heart and we then can function as Jesus did. Doing only those things we see the Father doing.

E. In all of this He becomes the center, and we must die. We must die to our selfish life and desires to take on God's will, ways, intentions, and desires. We must be stripped of our will, ways, intentions, and desires and take on the purity of God to function in this way that God wants.

F. We should not worry about believing as we move into the heart of God and make our approach to Him, we will pick up faith as God speaks to us. His words contain faith and anything else we need to receive.

G. Often times when we pray for the sick we do not have (THE word) what it takes to heal the sick. Jesus told the disciples to heal the sick, not to pray for them. Nowhere is it recorded in the KJV that Jesus prayed for the sick, he healed them. "And Jesus went forth, . . . and was moved with compassion and he healed their sick." (Matthew 14:14)

H. We all believe He can, but will He do it, and now! When we are sick we do not need prayer we need healing.

I. In James, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." (James 5:15) The word "prayer" is translated vowel, strong confession or statement. In James 5:14, ". . . let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him (praying in His presence), anointing him with oil . . ." "This is not, "Oh Lord I believe," but getting in His presence, close to His heart so you will know what He wants in this situation.

J. When Peter healed the lame man, "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." (Acts 3:6) What did he have then he did not have the day before? Peter passed by him every day, Jesus passed by him every day, they both probably gave him money. You know the disciples had money.



K. Peter had the “word,” he had the mind of the Lord to heal him, notice no prayer; “And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.” (Act 3:7) Healing is the simplest thing to move in, when it is God’s will.

L. For this all to happen He needs a total surrender, a commitment so He can take us and do with us what He wants to do. What we really want to do.

## LESSON 5

### PRAYER: DIRECTION

Text: *“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.” (Matthew 21:22)*

A. Our direction in prayer is toward God, believing (faith) God will give it to us, according to His will, because of our relationship with Him, not our prayers. Remember, prayer is communion with God. An intimate communion that helps us along His way as we return to His heart where we came from.

B. God wants to bring us into a relationship with Him, where there will be a reality of communication, a real union, a real communion with the Father. This was Jesus' desire and burden for us; *“And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:” (John 17:2)* Prayer is the pathway back to God's heart to unite with Him.

C. When we begin as a little one we stumble, flounder, and blunder along, but God ultimately (if we allow Him to) will bring us more and more in line with what He wants. At first as children it is what we want, then hopefully God can cure us of the gimmies and give us a heart of dedication and sacrifice that all we want to do is give, rather than to receive. If God can not develop this kind of heart in you He can not use you. Jesus said, (Acts 20:35) *“It is more blessed to give than receive.”*

D. We can do this because God has taken upon Himself the responsibility of everyone of us to care, to give us what we need so we can be liberated from our selves and move in God. becoming what He wants you to become. Uniting in character and intention, and move in Him in a real partnership that really works. And, not projecting to God and others from our self current desires to have our own way to get what we want, when and how we want it. This is a pitiful way for a Christian to live. (babes)

E. So, God will bring us into Himself and there will be a response, a reaction from ourselves to God in a way God desires, because of the accomplished work that He has done in our lives, so that we become, what God wants and then can give Him what He wants.

F. We do not give Him what He wants then become what He wants us to become. We become and give what we are, what we have. All of our testimonies and all we do in God comes out from what we are, not what we are not or even what we desire to be. I can listen to someone prayer or hear a testimony and hear where they are or are not in God. In giving, the same principle holds fast.

G. Our direction in prayer is to build us into a house of prayer. Jesus said, *“in my father's house are many mansions.” (acts 14:2)* maybe we are the many mansions Jesus is talking about? In matthew, Jesus said,

*“And said unto them, It is written, My house (not church) shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.” (Matthew 21:13)*

H. Each one of us are to become an expression of God. At every place and at ALL times we are to be an expression of God, not in word. John tells us,

*“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)* We do not really know what love means any more. The word love has been so distorted.

I. The word “love” appears in the Bible 270 times and is translated in a few ways in the scriptures. It is translated “agape” (brotherly love, good will) which comes “phileo” (to approve of or to like). But agape has nothing to do with our emotions, so when we talk about this warm and fuzzy type of love we not talking about what the Bible is talking about.

J. The Bible is talking about something far far beyond that. If we are are to translate the word “love” to use one word, it would be “dedicated.” God has called us to dedicate ourselves one to another. Just as He has dedicated Himself to us.

K. His dedication to the world was so great He gave His only begotten Son. God desires to brings His life into us so that we would become so dedicated. Our prayer is to be directed to God so that we too can become dedicated and give.

L. you know it is so easy to drift from one church to another church, or be into religious TV, with no responsibility, just hanging around, no dedication to anything, except your self. Even the Pharisees had agape. They were dedicated (loved) the praises of men, they dedicated (loved) the upper seats. They were dedicated (loved) to them all their whole lives.

M. But we are to come in line with God so our character can be corrected, transformed, matched-up, realigned with the character of God like He intended in the beginning when He made man in His own image after His likeness (Christ-likeness). This is nothing new, this is still God intention and God is still working on it.

N. Our direction of prayer will take on different forms at different times. There is no formula or form that indicates if it is prayer. If it is not communion with God, then it is not prayer. Jesus’ life was a life of prayer.

O. We start as a new child of God with duty prayer time, which leads us into a prayer life, but the goal of our direction in prayer is for God to be able to lead us into a life of prayer. Our life becomes a prayer, an expression of God. Communion with God at anytime at any place, under any situation.

P. We will never ever realize the fulfillment of God’s desires through us unless we decide to move with Him in communion apart from what we want. To move into His heart to find out what He wants, His intentions with a purpose in our heart to die to self and unite with God.

## LESSON 6

### PRAYER: PLODDING ON

A. We need this work of God constantly in our lives. Jesus said, *“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;”* (Luke 18:1)

It says and He (Jesus) means “always.” Just like we have a life of breathing, we must have a life of praying. Do not try to move yourself to the next prayer pattern, it does not work that way. Being faithful in duty prayer and a prayer life, will lead us into the next pattern, a life of prayer. and next, I do not know.

B. Paul tells us to, (a continual direction) *“Pray with our ceasing.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

God will put things in our heart so we can carry them with us until God gives us the understanding. Carry them until God, what Paul called, *“the pure conscience”* (1 Timothy 3:9) *of the mystery of godliness.”* (1 Timothy 3:16) causes things to happen in our lives and cause things to function that we do not understand.

C. But we do not need to try so hard, just relax, go along for the ride. We do not need to think about things so hard. But in “pure conscience” just allow God to do the work, He understands and we do not need to. What we need to do is surrender ourselves to His work and He then can bring it all to pass, not us.

D. Often, most Christians get into trouble trying to bring things to past fro God. We do this in trying to get people saved. God knows the times and seasons, He knows when one is to be saved. We press on for our own time and our own season. We want what we want when we want it. So often, we can not wait for God, He is too slow for us. But God will teach us to wait for Him if we allow Him.

E. Jesus goes into the wilderness to pray. The wilderness is a great place to prayer. It is a great place to develop that communion with God. When it seems you are all alone and no one understands. No one understands what you are doing. And when you tell them they, seem never to have the right answer. They can tell you exactly what is wrong, but they can not touch you.

F. Why? Because God has lured you into the wilderness to get alone with you. God brings us there alone with no answers. Away from the crowds and masses of people. There in the wilderness He can give us the answers.

G. If we have the answers then we do not need to lean on Him.

*“Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? . . . ”* (Song of Solomon 8:5)

Our direction in prayer will lead us by way of the wilderness to be given answers and learn how to lean on Him.

H. He knows everything. We do not need to know everything, so now we can rest in Him not knowing , but can trust Him and His wisdom for our life. The wilderness is a great place to learn how to have communion with God, to learn how to pray.

I. God will have to keep us into the wilderness for a time, until we get over the complaining, before He can begin to teach us how to trust Him and be quite to know Him, to walk with Him. So He will lead us to the wilderness to teach us in the wilderness to pray right.

J. We do not need blessing we need God. The one we are to be dedicated to. The blessing and such are by-products. And in the learning process in the wilderness He must strip us of things. Because we seem to want what He gives and not Him.

K. We then learn, when we pray and things keep getting worse, we must resign ourselves to the situation by resigning ourselves to trusting God in this situation. No longer do we want to get the monkey off our back. We say okay God, I give your monkey another piggy-back ride around the track.

L. The only way to get to, “my cup runneth over” is by way of the “valley of the shadow of death.” We need to be content to trust Him in the valley, in the situation without crying to Him for deliverance from the situation. Until we are at home in the wilderness. Even the valley of the shadow of death is home to us. We then learn who God is. God teaches and trains us who He is by delivering us from difficult situations even when there is no deliverance.

## LESSON 7

### PRAYER: BESEECHING (*Asking*)

- A. “Beseech” (parakaleo) one who pleads another’s cause with one; to convince; to persuade; and convict of sin. Both words are translated the same and are same in meaning.
- B. The leper was attempting to persuade Jesus to heal him. The leper knew Jesus could heal him, because he heard and saw, he was totally convinced Jesus could, but he was not convinced Jesus would heal him. I know you can, but will you.
- C. His faith in His approach was in His ability of Jesus to heal him. Our faith is easily put into the ability of God. There is no question about the ability of God. God can do anything He wants to do. Nothing in God should amaze, because God can do anything. But can we put our faith in His willingness to do something right now is the question.
- D. So God wants to move us in alignment with what He wants rather than His ability. We can not follow His ability, it is so vast. But His will for our lives we can accurately follow in that and experience the ability of God as it relates to us, and not someone else. What does He want? What does He want from you? What does He want you to do?
- E. The leper was not sure of Jesus’ will. He was not convinced, but He pressed in; In prayer all we really need from God is, “I will” and then we know exactly how to move, exactly what to do, how to act.
- F. If God gives us the word then we move on the word knowing we are in the will of God. Knowing faith comes with the word from God.
- G. Often times we don’t sometimes know about the will of God. we have trouble knowing the will of God. If God does not tell us we must not try to guess and follow after that guessing, or we’ll fall into a ditch. We need to relax and allow God to speak to us.
- H. Also often times we get into trouble seeking after God’s will. God should I do this or that? God is the boss; we need to allow God to call the shots, and not ask Him just move in what He is giving us at that time.
- I. As we begin this wondrous Christian walk we are after something; The key of receiving. The key is not, is He able, but is He willing. and, if we do not get the answer we are looking for, we then go into a tether whether it is or is not God’s will, because we are looking to receive.
- J. We should not want to receive anything from God. Do you know God can alot without money? We can not eat money or wear it. Many think God is tied to our money. Often times God will link Himself with our money for us to give and help spread the gospel, in order to get from our heart the habitual giving and sacrifice He wants.
- K. God will give to us as He wills and that will be all sufficient. He is able to give us 20,000 Dm a month if He wants, He is able. But we must move in the will of God and we see His sufficiency. We will never get a better view of God’s faithfulness then from the bottom of the barrel. Do not worry about hard times you will be able to see God better than in good times.

L. We must not get upset as He does His will in us. many think Satan has attached them when they are in the will of God. Satan has nothing to do with it, we are just walking in the will of God, to know Him and see Him. Oh, that He may show Himself to us.

M. Often times we can approach God not knowing if it is the will of God, but knowing God can come across if he wants to, and we move in it and sometimes we hit God's will, but most often we miss it. But sometimes we hit it and God says "I will" we get so tickled and blessed. And if this becomes a pattern and/or habit we get all bend out of shape when it does not happen.

## LESSON 8

### PRAYER: ENDURANCE

- A. We cannot convince God all the time to do for us what we want when we want it. Just because we can do it once or twice we think this should continue. Paul tried it. The word “given” is translated “gift”;
- B. What a gift from God. We would do whatever we could do to get this off our back. Cast out Satan, do whatever it took to convince God to take back His gift. This was a big deal to Paul to the point God had to directly speak to Paul.
- C. Jesus in Matthew 4 waited until verse 10 to tell Satan get thee hence. Jesus did not try to kill him, nothing. We would have tried to bind him or cast him out, whatever we have to do to get Satan gone, but Jesus did not do that. Jesus did not attempt that, he accepted, He was willing to walk in what the Father wanted for Him, for as long as the Father wanted Him to walk in it.
- D. The will of God is amazing so many things, but the very best thing for our lives. Often times, in the will of God, we begin to go under, by not being willing to walk in the will of God, and God must rescue us or lose us, and we think because God has delivered us so we have succeeded, but in reality we have failed. We have failed by not going through what God desires for us to go through, not being molded and conformed into the image of Jesus, not willing to trust in God's grace.
- E. Thinking they have succeeded because they get out of their discomfort, but it is failure. Success is found in and only happens in the will of God. anything outside the will of God, even if God is doing it, is failure. God does not always get what He wants, look at Adam.
- F. So we need to be willing to walk in the will of God and when God is not convinced by us we do not need to get upset and know we have succeeded when God says no. Now if we pester and push God to say yes, after He has said no, we have failed.
- G. Beseeching also has to do with requesting or supplication. Where there is a response from in a situation, or we give a reaction. God wants to teach us to make the right reaction or response. Jesus said,
- H. God desires to teach us that our life with God is not totally involved with praying, but through the praying much will come out in different areas of our activity in the kingdom of God. To bring us into this, to teach us to be active, so that our response, our reactions should be what they need to be coming out of our life of prayer.
- I. Jesus did not instruct them to pray to send forth labors into the vineyard, but to look unto the field and then He expects our response, you look and now you can give that response. God wants us to be aware. He wants our spiritual awareness to increase so that we can move in His will and how to join in all of this.
- J. So that we become an expression of God. Giving what God wants you to give as a result from a response or reaction to a condition that you have seen, know, and understand that comes and now God is getting what He wants in all of that.
- K. In Luke; The word “always” means in every fitting situation. We are to give the correct response in every situation and circumstance God wants. For this to happen God must train us in this response. If we would know God's intentions it would be so easy to beseech God's will. But, we get off on our own things beseeching God. But in every situation God wants a certain response.



L. To be trained in the righteousness of God is to walk right in the eyes of God, to do right. God is after our total life to be a correct response, our reaction and action is righteous. Without knowing we are right. It is God in us he builds in us His righteousness to where we just do right. God wants to train us in His righteousness, so we can do right, live, it becomes automatic.

M. Again in Luke, Jesus did not pray for Peter, it was a reaction to the Father in form of a request because of what He saw relating to Peter, "Father, do not let Peter's faith fail." Not a prayer but a request to the Father for Peter, so everything ahead for Peter and the disciples does not fall apart.

## LESSON 9

### PRAYER: GOD'S RESULTS

- A. So this is how our communion, union, and moving into the heart of God, all of that now brings us into harmony with God with in these responses and reactions, determined by how much we get into God through prayer. The more we get to the heart of God in prayer the more on cue and in the will of God will be these responses from us as we see in the spirit what is going on.
- B. We just learn to move and respond and react like Him as come into union and harmony with Him. That habitual communion brings us into all of this and all coming out from us is a result of that fulfillment of the union, like our children are a product of our union. In producing what God wants produced.
- C. This is why this important for us. This is why God makes a way for us through prayer into His heart. He wants this uniting so we become what God wants us to become and our reactions and responses are an expression from God. An expression of God. If God is speaking in wrath, then we will speak in Godly wrath.
- D. If we can lay aside our ongoing own expression and desires God can take us to Himself and make us an ongoing expression of His desires. Our action and reactions become automatic, then we become God's expression automatic.
- E. In Philippians, why does God want us to ask? Why ask? He knows what we need before we ask, so why ask? God has berthed many children and He is training them, He is making them to grow. Because he wants them to be involved in His Kingdom with Him. This is His intention when He created Adam, this was God's intention for man, to be involved.
- F. When God berths one into His kingdom His intention is to totally involve them. Not to only get them into the kingdom, but to involve them. And so we are being trained, that is why we must ask, trained to walk and work with God as one with God.
- G. All training beings on a lower level. We are trained in our asking developed to come in line more and more with the will of God. God does not need our asking, but God wants us involved, He must train us. When we first come into the kingdom we think we are fit to rule and reign, well all we are fit to do is make a big mess of things and have another clean up our mess. God must pamper us, give us some sugar.
- H. But God is making us fit. God is training us so we come in line with the will of God in all of our asking, so that our asking is apart of our training. We line up with God, we can see were we make mistakes and are corrected, so our asking comes away from ourself and more and more lines up with God. Practice in asking being one with Him.
- I. This earthly experience is just OJT the real stuff is coming later. Adoption is the Bible has nothing to do with our English word, adoption. We are berthed or redeemed in a family so that we may be adopted.
- J. What Paul is talking about is bringing a son into responsibility in the business and the household of a young man after years of training with tutors and teachers, now they have this adoption. A big feast for three days, a time of rejoicing because now they can adopt their son who was born into their house.
- K. This means the parents are going to set him up publicly as a responsibility member of the family. The parents bring their son in to the business after the training and God will do the same thing to us. After training God will set us into responsible places and positions, we will have been trained to ask in the will of God, to react in the

will of God, to live righteous so what we do will be right, we'll be trained that way.

L. It will not be an intellectual training, but a spiritual training that gets into our spirit, it will become part of us that uniting will be real uniting, so God and us "become one". This was Jesus' prayer (communion) in John 17. He then, in ages to come, can put us into responsible places and positions where He does not have to tell us what to do, He has already trained us. We know what to do, we do right.

M. moving as a working part of the kingdom involves a lot more than what we can think of now. Heaven is not the end it is the beginning. We have not started yet, we are in training, so while in training do it right. Be willing to go with God into your death so God can bring you into resurrection in which there is a fulfillment of God allowing us to move in God as He wants us to.

N. If we walk in that pathway of communion with God He will make us what He wants us to be. many believers for the want of their desires here on earth miss out on the entire projection through out all of eternity for their lives. Because they simply wanted their way for a few years. We must fall into the ground and die so God can get the production He is after.