

All Kinds of Prayers – Lesson 2

The Prayer of Worship

Question: “What is the purpose of worship, how does it differ from Praise & Thanksgiving?”

Acts 13:1-3, “In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”

- Other translations state in verse 2: “As they ministered to the Lord and fasted...”
- Brother Hagin made a statement, “Praise is the highest form of prayer!”
- In this form of prayer we are not really asking for anything; just loving on the Lord
 - o Consider Mary, the sister of Lazarus who sat at the feet of Jesus
 - o Spending quality time in His presence, waiting on Him, seeking Him

Psalms 100:4-5, “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Psalms 63:2-5, “I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.”

- I believe the Scriptures makes a distinction between New and Old Testament worship
- The vast differences between the covenants redefines how we worship God
- Hebrews 7:22, “*Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.*”

If the New Covenant is better than the old, than it stands to reason we have better access to God’s presence and in turn are enabled to worship Him on a higher plane- from our spirit!

John 4:23-24, “Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

- Romans 12:1- to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice...our spiritual act of worship
- **Please Read: 1 Corinthians 14:14-16**

Ephesians 5:18-20, “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Question: “Have you sung in tongues before, how is it different than devotional tongues?”

The Prayer of Consecration

- **Please Read: Luke 22:39-44**
- This is a prayer of submission, commitment, surrender and dedication to God’s will
- We all face trials, tests and temptations; to express our willingness to obey- Heb. 12:1-4
- It’s not a prayer of petition where we are asking or prayer of authority to change things
 - o In these prayers, we never pray, “If it be your will...” must know His will in advance
 - o Praying “If it be your will” infers you don’t know what it is for sure
- This is a beautiful prayer concerning the future; to go anywhere or do whatever He asks
 - o If it’s the mission field, ministry in the local church, and follow the call of God

In a prayer of consecration and dedication we pray, “If it by your will...” in order to express our willingness to do whatever He asks before He asks- putting ourselves on record to do His will.

Question: “When in your life have you prayed this prayer?”

United Prayer

- **Please Read: Acts 4:23-21**

*Notice: Peter and John never asked the Lord to remove the persecution or destroy their enemies. Nor did they ask the Lord to make their way easy; instead to speak the Word with great boldness!

- This kind of prayer taps into the awesome resources of the corporate anointing
- In the book of Acts, they continually joined together in prayer with dramatic results
- United prayer is everyone praying at once in a Holy Spirit orchestrated melody of prayer
- One person is not leading this kind of prayer- everyone joins their voices together
- We're all praying about a specific topic, but just in different ways as the Spirit leads us
- **Acts 1:14**, "They all joined together constantly in prayer..."
- As a church if we would get together in "One Accord" in unity and pray heaven on earth
 - o Matthew 6:10- "...your kingdom come your will be done on earth as in heaven."
- 1 Corinthians 4:20, "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power."

Let it be said of us as it was said of the Apostle Paul, and his company in Acts 17:6, (KJV)
"These that have turned the world upside down are come here also..."

Remember, on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:1, *"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place."* Acts 16:25- Paul & Silas in the Philippian jail- praying/singing/hymns.

The Prayer of Commitment

Question: "Do you sometimes pray about a problem with seemingly no results?"

Unanswered prayers usually are due to us not praying in line with God's Word or getting in fear. Often there are times when we need to pray the prayer of commitment first.

- **Please Read: Philippians 4:6-7**
- What a privilege that we can cast our cares upon the Lord in prayer!
- Anxiety and worry are forms of fear; a lack of faith, doubt and trust in Almighty God
- Like Peter on the water Mt. 14:29, *"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid... sink"*
- 1 Peter 5:7, *"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."*

The Amplified translation of the Bible states, *"Casting the whole of your care- all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all- on Him; for He cares for you affectionately, and cares about you watchfully."*

- **Job 3:25**, "What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me."
- The prayer of commitment is about rolling all our cares, worries and burdens onto Jesus
- Psalm 37:5, *"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this."*