



Sunday, May 27, 2018

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

Prayer was the lifeblood of the early church (Acts 2:42).

James 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

2 Chronicles 7:14 If **My** people, which are called by **My** name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek **My** face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Biblical prayer is submission to the will of God by being obedient to His Word.

DIVINE INVITATION—JEREMIAH 33:2-3

WHO INVITES: *“Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is His name.”* (OUR CREATOR)

PRINCIPLE: *“Call unto Me”* (MY RESPONSIBILITY is OBEDIENCE: HUMBLY CALL OUT TO GOD IN PRAYER)

PROMISE: *“and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty [unsearchable] things, which thou knowest not.”* (GOD’S RESPONSE TO MY OBEDIENCE)

- I. Christ's *PRELIMINARY* Remarks about Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)
 - A. A Caution against Hypocrisy—Be GENUINE (5)
 - B. A Command to follow—Be INTIMATE (6)
 - C. A Caution against "*vain repetition*"—Be EFFECTIVE (7)
 - D. A Contrast with the disobedient—Be HUMBLE (8)

- II. The *PRIMARY* Marks of Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
 - A. Acknowledge God's SUPREMACY—"Hallowed be Thy name" (9)
 - B. Acknowledge God's SOVEREIGNTY—"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done" (10)
 - C. Acknowledge God's SUFFICIENCY—"Give us this day our daily bread" (11)
 - D. Acknowledge God as my SAVIOR from sin—"Forgive us our debts" (12)
 - E. Acknowledge God as my STRENGTH—"Lead us not into temptation" (13)

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- † My action: Be _____
- † My Attitude: SURRENDER & SUBMISSION
- † My Awareness: my _____

This places me at God's footstool as His _____. It reminds me of God's *sovereignty* and my subjection to Him, to serve Him by advancing His kingdom and accomplishing His will.

I. Introduction—God's _____ (Psalm 24:1-2)

It is important to understand that the degree of our *surrender* and *submission* is rooted in our knowledge of God. The more we truly know Him the less of a problem it will be to submit to Him and the more we will desire to surrender all to Him.

- II. Pray for GOD'S KINGDOM to be _____—"Thy kingdom come."
 - A. Surrender my _____ kingdom—the Pursuit of my glory

Philippians 2:21 For all seek [to *crave or worship*] their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

Question: "Where does my *kingdom* not line up with God's?"

B. Submit to God's _____ kingdom—Pursue His glory

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

A Spirit-filled life will consistently seek to advance the kingdom of God.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

III. Pray for God's WILL to be _____ —“*Thy will be done.*”

A. Surrender my _____ will

Question: “Where does my *will* not line up with God's?”

B. Submit to God's _____ will

Jesus' example: John 5:30; John 6:38; Matthew 26:38

Psalm 40:8 I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law *is* within my heart.

This prayer brings my *kingdom* and *will* and places it upon the altar of sacrifice asking God to leave only what is of Him.

POINT OF ACTION: Biblical prayer continues with *surrender* and *submission*. Pray to the Father acknowledging His SOVEREIGNTY. Be willing to be *ruled* by God. Kneel at His footstool as His humble *subject* being aware of His *righteousness* and your *foolishness*.

Psalm 95:6-7 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. 7 For He *is* our God; and we *are* the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.



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What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



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Sacrificially love others
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