



Sunday, May 13, 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)

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

I. Introduction

- A. _____-filled prayers (James 4:3)
- B. _____-filled prayers (James 5:16)



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

II. Christ's _____ Remarks about Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)

A. A Caution against Hypocrisy—Be _____ (5)

B. A Command to follow—Be _____ (6)

Principle/ Promise: Pray in secret and your Father will reward you openly. Genuine, God-honoring prayers to God find His ear and His answers.

C. A Caution against “*vain repetition*”—Be _____ (7)

Prayers of “*vain repetition*” are hypocritical prayers reciting memorized words without a sincere heart to see God’s will accomplished.

Thus “*vain repetition*” = prayers which fall short of God’s ear.

Note: This caution does not go against Christ’s call for persistent prayer found in Luke 18:1-8.

D. A Contrast with the disobedient—Be _____ (8)

Adam Clarke – “Prayer is not designed to inform God, but to give man a sight of his misery; to humble his heart, to excite his desire, to inflame his faith, to animate his hope, to raise his soul from earth to heaven.”

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,” saith the LORD, “thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

III. The _____ Marks of Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Preparation & Placement: This prayer is designed to *prepare* our hearts to petition God with our requests. This model prayer helps us with *placement*—it places God upon His throne and us at His footstool.

A. Acknowledge God's SUPREMACY—"Hallowed be Thy name" (v. 9)

1. My action: Be REVERENT
2. My Attitude: _____
3. My Awareness: my UNWORTHINESS

This places me at God's footstool as His servant.

B. Acknowledge God's SOVEREIGNTY—"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done" (v. 10)

1. My action: Be RULED
2. My Attitude: SURRENDER & _____
3. My Awareness: my FOOLISHNESS

This places me at God's footstool as His _____.

C. Acknowledge God's SUFFICIENCY—"Give us this day our daily bread" (11)

1. My action: Be _____
2. My Attitude: desperate DEPENDENCY
3. My Awareness: my NEEDINESS

This places me at God's footstool as His suppliant.

D. Acknowledge God as my SAVIOR from sin—"Forgive us our debts" (12)

1. My action: Be _____
2. My Attitude: SORROW
3. My Awareness: my SINFULNESS

This places me at God's footstool as _____ in need of a daily Savior.

E. Acknowledge God as my STRENGTH—"Lead us not into temptation" (13)

1. My action: Be _____
2. My Attitude: desperate DEPENDENCE
3. My Awareness: my WEAKNESS

This places me at God's footstool as spiritually weak in need of God's strength.

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

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.*)



OUR MISSION: *Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!*