



Sunday, June 10, 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 you 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.

I. Christ’s PRELIMINARY Remarks about Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)

- A Caution against Hypocrisy—Be GENUINE (5)
- A Command to follow—Be INTIMATE (6)
- A Caution against *“vain repetition”*—Be EFFECTIVE (7)
- A Contrast with the disobedient—Be HUMBLE (8)

II. The PRIMARY Marks of Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

- Acknowledge God’s SUPREMACY—*“Hallowed be Thy name”* (9)
- Acknowledge God’s SOVEREIGNTY—*“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done”* (10)
- Acknowledge God’s SUFFICIENCY—*“Give us this day our daily bread”* (11)
- Acknowledge God as my SAVIOR from sin—*“Forgive us our debts”* (12)
- Acknowledge God as my STRENGTH—*“Lead us not into temptation”* (13)

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† My action: Be _____

† My Attitude: _____

† My Awareness: my SINFULNESS

This places me at God’s footstool as sinner in need of a daily Savior.

Psalms 32:1-5

THE WAY OF REPENTANCE



I. The PROBLEM: My _____ (James 4:17)

Sin is failing to do that which you know is right.

WHAT IS SIN? To “miss the _____”

WHAT IS TRESPASS? To “_____ over the line”

A. My sin is against _____ (Psalm 51:4)

B. My sin breaks my _____ with God (Isaiah 59:1-3)

C. My sin hinders my _____ (Psalm 66:18)

II. The PROVISION: _____ through the work of SAVIOR

“*Forgiveness*” speaks of a release or pardon. Specifically, in reference to “*sin*” the idea is that of letting them go as if they have never been committed.

A. For salvation—_____ Forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7)

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

B. For sanctification— _____ Forgiveness (Psalm 51)

So, we see that *positional forgiveness* brings us into the family of God where we have *peace with God*. *Practical forgiveness* is our maintenance of fellowship within the family as we enjoy the *peace of God*.

III. The PETITION: My _____ of my SIN (1 John 1:9)

The word, “*confesseth*” speaks of acknowledge or saying what God says. It means to praise and give thanks.

A. _____ God for help (Psalm 139:23-24)

B. _____ my sin (Psalm 32:5)

The precious truth of this verse is the fact that God ALWAYS forgives a repentant heart.

C. _____ my sin (Proverbs 28:13)

Spiritual success is simply obeying God.

POINT OF ACTION: Biblical prayer continues with *sorrowing* over your sin. Pray to the Father acknowledging Him as the SAVIOR from sin. Be pursuing the way of *repentance* of your sinful ways. Kneel at His footstool as His humble *sinner* being aware of your sinfulness and your great need of a daily Savior from sin.

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.

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!*