



Sunday, June 17, 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.

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

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: _____

† My Awareness: my **SINFULNESS**

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

THE WAY OF REPENTANCE



- I. The PROBLEM: My SIN (James 4:17)
- II. The PROVISION: FORGIVENESS through the work of SAVIOR
- III. The PETITION: My CONFESSION of my SIN
- IV. The PRINCIPLE and PROMISE: My _____ OTHERS
 - A. The _____ that we pray (Matthew 6:12)

This prayer reminds us to forgive others and to live a life of repentance from sin.

Proverbs 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged [*atoned for*]: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

Christ is my Savior from the _____ of sin—this is *positional forgiveness*.

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged [*cleansed*] with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission [*forgiveness*].

Christ is my Savior from the _____ of sin—this is *practical forgiveness*.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will [*desire*] and to do [*the power*] of His good pleasure [*perfect will*].

1. Our _____ —“*forgive us our debts*”

2. Our _____ —“*as we forgive our debtors*”

B. The _____ that we obey (v. 14a)

The PRINCIPLE is our _____ of OBEDIENCE.

To “*forgive men their trespasses*” is to liberate that person from the guilt of their sin.

C. The _____ that He makes (Matthew 6:14-15)

The PROMISE is God’s _____ to our OBEDIENCE.

1. The _____ of obedience (14)

John Phillips – “The Lord taught the principle that mercy must beget mercy. Mercy received must be mercy reproduced.”

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as **God** for **Christ’s** sake hath forgiven you.

2. The _____ of disobedience (15)

John Phillips – “Unless we are willing to forgive others, and unless we are glad we have the opportunity of extending in some small degree the mercy and forgiveness of which we stand in such great need ourselves, we are not really penitent and therefore cannot receive pardon.”

Consider Christ’s parable about forgiveness and bitterness (Matthew 18:21-35):

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!*