

Don't Give Up On Prayer

Prayer is communication! A wonderful privilege! Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, it is laying hold of His highest willingness.

Truly, "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." In the fourth chapter of Philippians Paul says to "worry about nothing" and "pray about everything." Nothing is too great for His power, nothing too small for His fatherly care.

God hears! God answers! Jesus told several parables with this simple, but emphatic message, God answers prayer! (Luke 11:5-13; Luke 18:1-8).

Jesus teaches us how to pray. The pulse of prayer is praise. "Hallowed be thy name."

The heart of prayer is **gratitude**. "In everything give thanks." (1 Thess. 5:18). We let our requests be made known unto God "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving" (Phil. 4:6).

The voice of prayer is **obedience**. "Thy will be done." Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies beyond God's will.

The arm of prayer is **service**. Prayer fails when we expect God to do things for us which He desires to do through us. Put action into prayer. That which is prefaced by prayer should be punctuated by practice.

- Charles Cash, (*Bulletin Digest*) -

TRUTH IN THE HEAD AND IN THE HEART

Some years ago, at a drawing-room function, one of England's leading actors was asked to recite for the pleasure of his fellow guests. He consented, and asked if there was anything special that the audience would like to hear. After a moment's pause, an aged minister arose and said: "Could you, sir, recite to us the twenty-third Psalm?"

A strange look passed over the great actor's face. He paused for a moment and then said: "I can, and I will upon one condition, and that is after I have recited it, you, my friend, will do the same."

Impressively the great actor began the Psalm. His voice and his intonation were perfect. He held his audience spell-bound; and as he finished, a great burst of applause broke from the guests. Then, as it died away, the aged minister arose and began to recite. His voice was not remarkable; his intonation was not faultless. When he had finished, no sound of applause broke the silence, but there was not a dry eye in the room, and many heads and hearts bowed in reverential awe.

The great actor arose to his feet again. His voice shook with uncontrolled emotions as he laid his hand upon the shoulder of the aged minister and said to the audience: "I have reached your eyes and ears, my friends. This man has reached your heart. The difference is this: I knew the twenty-third Psalm, but he knows the Shepherd."

- Author Unknown, *The Minister's Monthly* -

Small souls crave public notice.

News & Notes

CONFESSIONS & REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: MaClay Moore, Latisha Brown, Glenn McMahan.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

LADIES MEETING: This evening after services in front of the auditorium to discuss ideas and plans for our ladies to work and grow together in the Lord.

POWER & WATER INTERRUPTIONS SCHEDULED FOR CHESTER: TOMORROW, Nov. 12th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (times vary for each utility).

SYMPATHY: Word has been received that Roy Pratt (former member of this congregation and preacher at McKinleyville for several years) has passed on to his reward. He was 100 years old last May. Sympathy to his daughter, Linda Orr. Her address: 325 Taylor Road, Lexington, KY 40511.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for 1 hour. Men, come fellowship and study together with other men of the church.

DINING & BOWLING: Next Friday, Nov. 16th, those interested will meet at 5:30 p.m. at JP's Pizzeria in Calcutta and then to Walnut Lanes in downtown East Liverpool.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building by signing the sheet on the desk. If you have not made arrangements for this visit, please do so for this work to be completed before year's end.

PANTRY: Cereal & crackers.

SEND CARDS:

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

Bob & Patty Eddy (Bob is undergoing cancer treatments and Patty is recovering from an auto accident & broken hip). Their address: 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Center: Ray McCullough (Room 816). *At Home:* Nancy Hadley, Avery Dalrymple, Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Charlie Delong, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** David McCoy, Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

The Master's Themes

The Master found many topics of discourse in the scenes around him. Even the humblest objects shine in His hands.

Taking the water in Jacob's well as a text, He preached salvation to the woman of Samaria.

Setting a child in the midst, He taught the disciples a lesson in humility.

A farmer on a neighboring height supplies a text for the parable of the sower, in which He points out the different classes of hearers.

From the birds singing above His head and the lilies blooming at His feet, He taught a lesson on the loving providence of our Heavenly Father.

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