

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES ON PRAYER

THE GREATEST NEED IN THE CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN IS TO EXPERIENCE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP TO GOD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

BUT

THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL BECOME LITTLE MORE THAN A THEORY UNLESS THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER IS THE CENTRAL FOCUS.

IN

THE INTERACTION OF LIFE AND PRAYER WILL BE FOUND THE SECRET OF POWER IN THE SPIRIT LIFE,

THE VALUE OF PRAYER COMES OUT OF THE CONVICTION - THAT WE BELONG TO GOD - BY THE NEW BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT -

WHICH

CREATES A FAITH IN GOD THAT IF I ASK FOR SOMETHING - IT IS BECAUSE I BELIEVE I CAN OBTAIN IT BY ASKING -

NO CHRISTIAN HAS EVER LIVED THE LIFE OF PERPETUAL PRAY - WITHOUT THE FRUIT OF IT - BEARING OUT - IN

THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE.

THUS

THE PROFOUND CONVICTION THAT WHEN THEY SPOKE - THEY WERE HEARD - AND WHEN THEY ASKED - THEY WERE ANSWERED.

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BELIEF IN THE POSSIBILITY OF PRAYER IS BASED UPON - THE DECLARATIONS OF JESUS CHRIST - AND WE BELIEVE HE STANDS BEHIND HIS DECLARATIONS -

ASK

AND YOU WILL RECEIVE ! -

SEEK

AND YOU WILL FIND !

KNOW

AND IT SHALL BE OPENED TO YOU !

IF WHEN I ASK - I NEVER HAVE - OR WHEN I SEEK - I NEVER FIND - OR WHEN I KNOCK - NO DOOR IS OPENED TO ME -

THEN

EITHER CHRIST WAS DECEIVED OR A DECEIVER -

NOTE: WHAT JESUS SAYS -

(JOHN 15:7) IF YE ABIDE IN ME ~ AND
MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU ~ ASK - -
WHATEVER

YE WILL ~ AND IT SHALL BE DONE
UNTO YOU

LET US EXAMINE THIS PASSAGE:
THE WORD "ASK" - MAY WITH PERFECT
ACCURACY - BE RENDERED -

- "DEMAND AS YOUR DUE" - AND
INSTEAD OF "WHATSOEVER YE WILL"
BE READ AS "WHATSOEVER YOU ARE
INCLINED TO" - AND THE WORD -
~ DONE - MAY BE RENDERED -
"GENERATED" - JUST FOR YOU -

WOW

- WHAT THIS DOES IS MAKE "PRAYER"
"LIMITLESS" - WITHIN LIMITS -

THE LIMITS

IF YOU ABIDE IN ME ~ AND MY
WORDS ABIDE IN YOU -

LET US OBSERVE HERE:

FIRST - PRAYER BECOMES THE "METHOD"
OF COOPERATION WITH DEITY

SECOND - THE TRUE LIFE OF PRAYER IS
ONE IN WHICH - DESIRE -
HARMONIZES WITH THE - -
~ PURPOSES OF GOD -

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INTRODUCTION

THE REQUESTS OF EMPOWERED PRAYER
NOT ONLY DEAL WITH PERSONAL NEED --

BUT " " "

MUST REFLECT THE AGENDA OF GOD.

~(WOODROW HOWE)~

- EMPOWERED PRAYER ALWAYS REFLECTS
A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD -

✓ THE FOUNDATION OF A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP
IS RECOGNITION OF WHO GOD IS -- AND
WHO WE ARE -

- GOD IS THE REGAL SOVEREIGN OF THE
UNIVERSE -

→ HOW DO WE COME TO SUCH A HOLY GOD?
WE COME THROUGH THE CLEANSING BLOOD
OF CHRIST -- WHOLELY CLEANSED FROM
PERSONAL SIN -- †

IN

THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT --

TO APPROACH A HOLY GOD -- --

— WITH A HEART FOR GOD —

— — — — —

(PS. 24:3-4)

"WHO MAY ASCEND THE HOLY HILL OF THE LORD? WHO MAY STAND IN HIS HOLY PLACE? HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART!"

— WE ARE EMPOWERED TO PRAY BY THE BENEFITS OF THE DEATH (SACRIFICE) OF GOD'S SON + THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION —

— WE MUST BE BORN OF HIS SPIRIT —

(JOHN 3:5-6)

MOST ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU... UNLESS ONE IS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT. HE CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THAT WHICH IS BORN OF FLESH IS (ALWAYS WILL BE) FLESH — THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS (ALWAYS WILL BE) SPIRIT.

(GAL 3:3).

ARE YOU SO FOOLISH? HAVING

BEGUN IN THE SPIRIT -- ARE YOU NOW BEING MADE "PERFECT" IN THE FLESH?

(JOHN 14:21)

HE THAT HATH MY COMMANDMENTS AND KEEPETH THEM... I WILL...
"MANIFEST MYSELF"
TO HIM.

THIS MANIFESTATION IS OF AND IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. — AND THE CONDITION IS IN KEEPING — HIS COMMANDMENTS — WHICH

ENABLES CHRIST TO BE MANIFESTED -- UNTO YOU.

WHAT ARE HIS COMMANDMENTS? CERTAINLY NOT THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LAW. — NO MAN CAN KEEP THEM.

THIS IS THEREFORE — THE COMMANDMENTS OF GRACE —

"FAITH AND LOVE"

WHICH — FULL THE LAW —

(MATT 22:37-40)

SO... SIMPLE... THE MANIFESTATION
OF GOD COMES TO THOSE WHO DO THE
WILL OF GOD.

WHICH IS
KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF
GRACE... NOT MY WILL BUT
THINE BE DONE.

MY WILL IS ALWAYS THE
"SELF-LIFE"
HIS WILL IS TO YIELD MY SELF
WHOLLY TO GOD - TO DO HIS WILL.

THUS
THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT
COMES TO THOSE WHO DO "GOD'S WILL"
... THE CONTINUUAL MANIFESTATION
OF THE SPIRIT - CAN ONLY COME
TO THOSE - WHO CONTINUALLY DO
GOD'S WILL.

HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO PRAYER?

SPIRIT LEAD PRAYERS - ARE
ALWAYS ANSWERED

(JOHN 15:7)

"IF YOU ABIDE IN ME - AND MY WORDS
ABIDE IN YOU"

WORDS "HOLY SPIRIT" LAW - "FAITH
AND LOVE"

"ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE" - AND IT SHALL
BE DONE - FOR YOU.

- THE KEY - ABIDE AND KEEP -

(1 JOHN 3:24)

HE THAT KEEPETH HIS COMMANDMENTS
(LOVE THE LORD GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART
- AND NEIGHBOR AS SELF) ABIDETH
IN HIM AND HE IN HIM (THEY)

CHRIST MANIFESTS TO THOSE WHO
KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. IF THIS
DEPENDS UPON MY KEEPING THE
MULTITUDE OF COMMANDS - IN HIS
WORD - THEN - I CAN NEVER REACH IT.

FACT IS

I CANNOT REMEMBER ALL OF THEM -
MUCH LESS KEEP THEM.

THE COMMANDMENTS HERE ARE THOSE
OF THE - INDEWELLING CHRIST -
THE HOLY SPIRIT,

(1 JOHN 3:23)

AND THIS IS THE COMMANDMENT -
THAT WE SHOULD - BELIEVE - ON THE
NAME OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, AND
LOVE ONE ANOTHER - AS HE -
- GAVE US COMMANDMENT -

TO US

WHO ARE UNDER GRACE - ALL THE
COMMANDMENTS ARE FULFILLED IN
THIS GREAT TWOFOLD COMMANDMENT

OF
FAITH AND LOVE

"FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE"

"ASK WHAT YE DESIRE - AND
IT SHALL BE DONE - FOR YOU"

(JOHN 5:7)

- JESUS CHRIST IS THE SPIRITUAL LIFE -

(JOHN 14:6)

"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND
THE LIFE" - (SPIRITUAL LIFE)

LET US SEE

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE
BORN OF THE SPIRIT - BELIEVER -
IS NOT HIS OWN - IT IS CHRIST
DWEELLING IN THE BELIEVER.

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT -
A GIFT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE - WHICH
THE BELIEVER RECEIVES - IS NEVER
NEVER, NEVER - ^{INDEPENDENT} ~~INDEPENDENT~~ OF - OR
SEPARATE FROM CHRIST.

THE BELIEVER

RECEIVES CHRIST HIMSELF TO
INDEWELL IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT -
(ROM 8:9)

"BUT YE ARE NOT IN THE FLESH BUT IN
THE SPIRIT, IF INDEED THE SPIRIT OF
DWEELS IN YOU. NOW, IF ANYONE
DOES NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST
HE IS NOT HIS."

THEREFORE

(ROM 8:6)

"FOR TO BE CARNAL MINDED IS DEATH ~ [DEATH TO THE SPIRIT] BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED ~ [PUTS TO DEATH THE DEEDS OF THE FLESH] ~ IS LIFE AND PEACE."

~ THE BELIEVER IS PORTRAYED AS A MAN IN HIMSELF ~ SPIRITUALLY DEAD ~ WHO IS INDWELT THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT BY JESUS CHRIST ~

THE OLD NATURE (THE FLESH) ~ IS JUST AS A DEAD THING IN THE BELIEVER ~ AFTER CONVERSION ~ AS IT WAS BEFORE

THEREFORE

IT MUST BE REGARDED AS ~ ~ ~ UTTERLY WORTHLESS ~ ~ ~

~ ITS CARNAL MIND IS [DEATH] ~ IT IS "ENMITY"; A CONDITION OF HOSTILITY, ANIMOSITY ~ WITH GOD. IT IS IN NO WAY SUBJECT TO GOD. SEE (ROM 8:7),

~ GOD NEVER WORKS WITH A CARNAL MIND ~

THE CARNAL MIND IS IN NO WAY ~ ~ SUSCEPTIBLE OF SPIRITUAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE BELIEVER ~ THE BELIEVER'S ONLY HOPE IS TO GIVE UP HIS OWN SELF ~ AS UTTERLY HOPELESS ~ ~ AND LOOK COMPLETELY TO THE ~ HOLY SPIRIT ~ ~ THE CHRIST-LIFE WITHIN HIM.

YOU SEE

~ OUR NATURE IS SINFUL ~ AND WE CAN ONLY LOOK TO CHRIST WHO IS SINLESS ~

~ IN OUR WEAKNESS ~ WE MUST LOOK TO CHRIST ~ WHO IS OUR STRENGTH ~

~ HE WHO IS DEAD ~ MUST LOOK TO HIM WHO IS LIFE ~ (GAL 2:20)

IT IS NO LONGER "I" BUT CHRIST THAT "LIVETH" IN ME, AND THE LIFE WHICH "I" NOW LIVE ~ IN THE FLESH ~ ~ "I LIVE IN FAITH."

PAUL FINDS OUT:

HE IS NOT ONLY JUSTIFIED BY FAITH ~ BUT THAT THE ~ JUST MUST LIVE BY FAITH ~ THAT IS: ~ NOT ONLY THAT HE HAS RECEIVED THE SPIRIT ~ BUT ~ THAT HE MUST WALK IN THE SPIRIT ~

AS WE WALK IN THE SPIRIT OF
FAITH ~ ALL OUR NEEDS ARE MET

NOTE

(PHIL 4:9)

"THE THINGS WHICH YOU LEARNED -
AND RECEIVED - AND HEARD - AND
SAW IN ME - THESE DO, AND THE
GOD OF PEACE "WILL" BE WITH YOU,"

(4:19)

"AND MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL
YOUR NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES
IN GLORY"

ALL OF THESE NEEDS ARE -
- SUPPLIED THROUGH PRAYER

"
THAT IS IN AGREEMENT" WITH -
- THE HOLY SPIRIT -

NOW

→ THE PROCESS OF PRAYER -

DON'T WORRY ABOUT "ANYTHING" BUT IN "EVERYTHING"
(BY PRAYER & SUPPLICATION) WITH "THANKSGIVING"
- LET YOUR REQUESTS BE "MADE KNOWN"
- TO GOD - (PHIL 4:6)

FAITH

BEGIN'S THIS PROCESS - FAITH
IS

→ THE GATEWAY OF SALVATION - NO
FAITH - NO SALVATION -
SO

IN THE SAME WAY - THE GATEWAY
TO PRAYER - IS FAITH -

FAITH IS NECESSARY - IN ORDER TO
HAVE AN "ACCEPTABLE" & "EFFECTUAL"
PRAYER LIFE -

FOR WE ARE TOLD IN
"HEBREWS" THAT - "WITHOUT" "FAITH"
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD"

JAMES SAYS:

BUT LET HIM "ASK" "IN FAITH" -
NOTHING WEAVING -

"GOD WILL GIVE TO ALL" - BUT
THEY MUST TAKE "BY FAITH" WHAT
- GOD GIVES -
FOR

GOD ANSWERS ALL PRAYERS OFFERED
- IN FAITH - ~~AND~~ GOD ALWAYS RESPONDES
TO FAITH

IF THOU CANST BELIEVE ~ ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT ~ ~
"BELIEVETH" <

THIS WORKS MOST SOLEMNLY IN ~ ~
BOTH CASES ~ FAITH ONE SIDE ~
UNBELIEF ON THE OTHER ~ ~

NOTE

ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT
UNTD YOU ~ ~

ACCORDING ~ ~

TO YOUR UNBELIEF ~ BE IT ~~UNTD~~
UNTD YOU ~

YOU SEE:

THE VERY FACT THAT GOD IS
VERY CONSISTANT ~ AND NO ~
RESPECTOR OF PERSON THAT
"REQUIRES"

HIM TO KEEP HIS WORD ~ ~
~ TO THOSE WHO DOUBT ~ AS WELL AS
AS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE ~

SO

GOD DOES ANSWER THE PRAYER
MADE TO HIM ~ IN FAITH ~
=

ALSO ~ GOD CANNOT ANSWER THE
PRAYER OF UNBELIEF ~

BUT

FAITH IS NOT ONLY THE LAW OF THE
CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD ~ ~
~ IT IS THE MIGHTY FORCE IN THE
~ SPIRITUAL WORLD ~

"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"
(ROM 1:17)

"THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS REVEALED
~ FROM FAITH ~ TO FAITH ~
~ BEGINNING ~ THROUGHOUT ~ TO ETERNITY ~

IT IS

THE FOUNDATION OF THE ~ ~
~ SPIRITUAL WORLD ~
WHICH IS ~ STAYING CLEAR OF THE
~ CARNAL, NATURAL, FLESH LIFE ~ ~
~ THAT WE LIVE IN ~

HOW

BY ~~PREPARATION~~ "PREPARATION" ~ ~

THAT IS

BY FAITH ~
~ THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY
~ FAITH ~