

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES ON PRAYER CONTINUED

- THE PROCESS OF PRAYER -

- INTRODUCTION -

① PREPARING YOURSELF -

"GET THE DUST OFF OF YOUR LIFE,"

[JOHN 13:10]

"HE WHO IS BATHED... NEEDS ONLY
TO WASH HIS FEET"

[1 JOHN 1:7-10]

WALK IN THE LIGHT... [JESUS] ..

AND "THE BLOOD" OF JESUS CHRIST
CLEANSES US FROM ALL "SIN"

SAY WE HAVE NO SIN - IS DECEIVING
OURSELVES

IF WE CONFESS OUR "SINS" - HE
IS FAITHFUL AND "JUST" [TRUE TO
HIS OWN NATURE AND PROMISES] -
TO FORGIVE US ~~FOR~~ OUR SINS
AND TO CLEANSE - [CONTINUOUSLY] -
FROM ALL UNRIGHTEDOUSNESS - (VS 9)
THAT IS:

EVERYTHING NOT IN CONFORMITY TO
HIS WILL, THOUGHT AND ACTION -

- GETTING THE DUST OF DAILY SINS ~
"WHICH SO EASILY BESET US" (Heb 12:1)
THAT SIN WHICH WEIGHS US DOWN ~
RECOGNIZE AND REQUEST FORGIVENESS
- "BY THE BLOOD" - IT IS FINISHED -
HE IS THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS -

SETTLE THIS QUESTION OF SINS QUICKLY
AT THE VERY BEGINNING -
AND

[DON'T ALLOW SATAN TO BRING IT UP]

② PRESSING INTO GOD

EVERYONE IS CAPABLE OF PRAYING,
BUT MANY HAVE THE MISTAKEN
IDEA THAT THEY ARE NOT CALLED
TO BE A PRAYER WARRIOR. JUST
AS WE ARE CALLED TO SALVATION,
WE ARE CALLED TO PRAYER - AND
TO BE ~~DOBBAND~~ AND INTERCESSOR.

THE SCRIPTURE COMMANDS US TO -
- "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING" -

PRAYER IN ITS SIMPLEST FORM IS TO
TURN OUR HEART TOWARD GOD AND
RECEIVE FROM ^{HIM} HIS LOVE AND GRACE.
WE NEED TO MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD
AND HIS "EXCEEDINGLY" GREAT AND
"PRECIOUS PROMISES" ~~RECEIVED~~ PETER
SAYS.

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD IN PRAYER
"FEEDS OUR SPIRIT" AS WE PREPARE
TO SEEK GOD IN PRAYER.

ARE YOU THIRSTING FOR THOSE LIVING
WATERS JESUS PROMISED TO ALL WHEN
HE SAID, "IF ANY MAN THIRST, LET HIM
COME "UNTO ME" AND DRINK [JOHN 7:37]
ARE YOU TIRED OF FEELING LIKE -
- "A BROKEN CISTERN THAT CAN
HOLD NO WATER" [JEREMIAH 2:13] ?

LET EVERYONE, WITHOUT EXCEPTION,
COME - FOR JESUS CHRIST HAS
- CALLED ALL - EVERYONE -
- WHO IS THIRSTY -

③ PRAY SCRIPTURE

GIVE YOUR HEART TO GOD ~ AND ~
LEARN THE WAYS OF PRAYER, ~~from~~
IT WILL KEEP YOU ~ IN THE PRESENCE
OF GOD.

[GEN 17:1] "WALK BEFORE ME,
AND BE THOU PERFECT" ~ WE ARE
BROUGHT INTO HIS PRESENCE "THROUGH"
"PRAYER" AND KEPT THERE.

THIS IS
PRAYING FROM YOUR HEART ~ AND
NOT YOUR HEAD. THIS IS THE EASY
WAY TO FIND GOD'S PRESENCE, WHY,
BECAUSE ~ HE DESIRES TO BE
PRESENT WITH US ^{MORE} THAN WE ARE
TO SEEK HIM. HE DESIRES TO GIVE
HIMSELF TO US ~ FAR MORE READILY
THAN WE ARE TO RECEIVE HIM.

DO NOT THINK OF YOURSELF AS
UNWORTHY.

BY PRAYER ~ YOU CAN LIVE IN
GOD'S PRESENCE WITH AS LITTLE
EFFORT AS YOU LIVE ON THE VERY ~
~ AIR YOU ARE NOW BREATHING

PRAYING SCRIPTURE HELPS KEEP
YOUR MIND FROM DISTRACTIONS AND
ENLARGE YOUR FAITH.

GOD HAS PROMISED THAT HE WOULD
COME AND MAKE HIS ABODE WITH
HIM WHO DOES HIS WILL.

GOD HAS PROMISED TO DWELL IN
OUR INNER MOST BEING [JOHN 14:23]

WHEN YOU SETTLE INTO A PEACEFUL
SPIRIT AND BECOME FULLY AWARE
OF GOD'S PRESENCE ~ ALL DISTRACTIONS
BECOME SECONDARY AND YOUR SOUL ~
(MIND + SPIRIT) IS DRAWN ON GOD'S
WORD AND PROMISES ~ NOW CHOSE
BY ACT OF YOUR WILL ~ TO BELIEVE ~
... YOU ARE READY TO COMMUNICATE.
IT IS GOD'S DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE
WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT ~ TO YOU.

— HE ENJOYS YOUR ATTENTION —

TELL HIM ABOUT YOUR NEEDS ~
EXPRESS YOUR LOVE FOR HIM ~
LET YOUR FAITH ~ OPERATE AND
GROW.

14 FELLOWSHIP IN PRAYER

WHEN WE PRAY, OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IS ESTABLISHED THROUGH TWO MEANS... SCRIPTURE AND SPIRIT. BOTH WORK WITHIN OUR HEARTS (SOUL),

WHEN JESUS PRAYS [IN LUKE 17:21] FOR GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME, REMEMBER, HE ALSO SAID: "THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU".

NOW THAT WE HAVE... BELOVED... REPENTED FROM OUR SIN AND TURNED TO CHRIST TO BE CLEANSSED FROM OUR SIN... HE HAS TAKEN ABODE [COME TO DWELL] WITHIN US... AND BROUGHT... THE KINGDOM OF GOD, WITH ALL ITS BENEFITS AND PROMISES.

THE LORD'S PRAYER STATES:

"OUR FATHER"

HE IS TRULY OUR "HEAVENY FATHER". HE INVITE US TO BECOME HIS CHILDREN. HE DESIRES TO BE YOUR "FATHER"... SO POUR OUT YOUR HEARTS DESIRE TO HIM.
COME

TO THE FATHER AS A FEEBLE CHILD... ~~SOILED~~ SOILED & BRUISED BY REPEATED FALLS... HAVING NO STRENGTH TO STAND WITHIN YOURSELF... OR POWER TO CLEANSSE... YOURSELF. BESECH THE "KING OF GLORY" TO REIGN WITHIN YOU AND ACKNOWLEDGE HIS RIGHT TO RULE... OVER YOU.

"SURRENDER"

YOUR WILL AND BE AT HIS DISPOSAL FOR WHATEVER HE DESIRES... TO ACCOMPLISH HIS WILL, SEEK HIM, WITH LOVING DESIRE, SIMPLY... YIELD TO GOD'S OPERATING WITHIN... EXERT YOURSELF IN PRAYER WHILE YIELDING TO HIS FELLOWSHIP IN THE HOLY SPIRIT... UNTIL HE COMPLETES HIS WILL AND WORK.

AS YOU PRACTICE PRAY IN THIS MANNER YOU WILL HAVE A DEEPER FELLOWSHIP AND EXPERIENCE WITH GOD... THAN EVER BEFORE. YOU WILL LOVE HIS PRESENCE... AND LOVE HIS PEOPLE MORE... "RELISH"... THIS TIME OF REST, PEACE AND QUIET... IN HIS PRESENCE.

APPLY THE SCRIPTURE HERE
AS OUR FELLOWSHIP GROWS WITH GOD.

(MATT 6:21) "FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE
IS THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE
ALSO"

(MATT 6:25) "STOP" I TELL YOU BEING
CONTINUALLY "UNEASY" "ANXIOUS" AND
"WORRIED" ABOUT YOUR LIFE"

(PS 39:7) "AND NOW LORD, WHAT DO I
WAIT FOR? MY HOPE IS IN YOU" - (PS 8)
- "DELIVER ME" -

(PROVERBS 3:5-6) "TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL THINE HEART" - "HE SHALL
DIRECT THY PATHS"

(MATT 6:33) "SEEK FOR - AIM AT - AND
STRIVE AFTER" - HIS KINGDOM AND
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS"

(MATT 5:48) "YOU, THEREFORE, MUST
BE PERFECT. THAT IS - GROW INTO

THE PERFECTION OF YOUR - "HEAVENLY" -
FATHER - INTO "COMPLETE MATURITY"
OF GODLINESS IN MIND AND CHARACTER"

(ISAIAH 59:19) "WHEN THE ENEMY SHALL
COME IN - LIKE A FLOOD - [MAKING
YOU DOUBT - CHALLENGING YOUR FAITH]
- THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL LIFT
UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM" -

YOUR SPIRIT SHOULD BE AT EASE -
PEACEFUL AND RELAXED - NOT FULL
OF STRIFE. GOD'S PRESENCE IS NOT A
- STRONGHOLD - TO BE TAKEN BY FORCE -
HIS KINGDOM -

IS A KINGDOM OF PEACE - WHICH
CAN ONLY BE GAINED THROUGH LOVE.
GOD DEMANDS NOTHING EXTRAORDINARY
OR DIFFICULT. NO, NO, A THOUSAND TIMES
NO - HE IS GREATLY PLEASED BY A
- SIMPLE CHILD-LIKE FAITH -
- AND LOVE

(ISAIAH 57:10) "YOU HAVE WORRIED
YOURSELVES IN THE MULTIPLICITY OF YOUR WAYS
AND HAVE NOT SAID, LET US REST IN PEACE"

ACCORDING TO JOHN IN (REVELATION 8:3)

"PRAYER"

IS AN INCENSE THAT ASCENDS TO GOD:

"AND ANOTHER ANGEL CAME AND STOOD AT THE ALTAR, HAVING A GOLDEN CENSER; AND WAS GIVEN UNTO HIM MUCH INCENSE -- THAT IT SHOULD BE OFFERED -- WITH THE PRAYERS OF "ALL SAINTS" UPON THE GOLDEN ALTAR WHICH WAS BEFORE THE THRONE."

IT IS SIMPLE POURING OUT THE CONTENTS OF OUR (BELIEVERS) HEART IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

(1 SAMUEL 1:15)

"I WILL POUR OUT MY SOUL BEFORE THE LORD" -- SAID SAMUEL'S MOTHER.

WHEN GOD'S GRACEFUL LOVE --
MELTS AND DISSOLVES YOUR SPIRIT --
-- IT CAUSES YOUR PRAYER TO ASCEND
UNTO GOD -- IN A "SWEET AROMA";

NOTE:

IN (SONG OF SOLOMON 1:12):

THE SPOUSE SAYS: "WHILE THE KING
SETTETH AT HIS TABLE, MY SPIKEHARD
SENDS FORTH ITS FRAGRANCE."

THE TABLE IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
CENTER OF YOUR SPIRIT. WHEN GOD IS
THERE, AND ~~ON~~ YOU KNOW HOW TO ABIDE
WITH HIM -- HIS GLORIOUS PRESENCE
"DISSOLVES"

THE HARDNESS OF YOUR HEART.

THIS IS A GREAT SECRET TO --
EXPERIENCING GOD IN PRAYER. (NOTE)
(JOHN 4:23)

"TRUE WORSHIPPERS SHALL WORSHIP
THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH."

BEING DRAWN AWAY FROM YOUR
OWN CARNAL, HUMAN METHODS INTO
THE "HOLY SPIRIT" WITHIN YOU AND THE
"TRUTH" WHICH IS CHRIST -- THE WORD --
GOD

HAS REVEALED ~~REVEALED~~ TO US -- THE
-- SECRET OF EFFECTIVE PRAY --

"WHICH IS"

THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
IN OUR PRAYING -- LEADING US
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF
GOD WHICH IS:

(JOHN 14:14)

"WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME,"
I WILL DO IT, THAT THE FATHER SHALL
BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON -- "IF YOU
ASK - ANYTHING - IN MY NAME - I
WILL DO IT,"

(JOHN 15:7)

"IF YOU ABIDE IN ME, AND MY
WORDS ABIDE IN YOU -- YOU WILL --
ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE -- IT SHALL
BE DONE FOR YOU"

A-MEN

THUS

[THE PRINCIPLE OF PRAYER] -

ALL SPIRITUAL WORKS ARE --
"DECIDED BY GOD"

THE WILL OF GOD IS GOVERNED BY

THE PRAYERS OF HIS CHILDREN, HIS CHURCH.
THE CONTENT OF GOD'S WILL IS ENTIRELY
DECIDED BY GOD & ONLY GOD -- YET --
THE DOING OF HIS WILL IS GOVERNED
BY OUR PRAYERS.

IN

CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS -- WE
ARE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS:

"IF TWO OF YOU AGREE ON EARTH AS
TOUCHING ANYTHING THAT THEY SHALL
ASK, -- IT SHALL BE DONE -- FOR THEM
OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN" (MATT 18:19)

THE CONCERN

LEARNING TO SENSE THE FEELINGS OF
OTHERS -- & -- SENSING GOD'S LISTENING
AND -- LIFTING THE BURDEN --

5 SELF AND PRAYER

IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY RECOGNIZED THAT SELFISHNESS IS NO LESS EVIDENT IN PRAYER THAT IT IS IN OTHER AREAS OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE.

A SERIOUS ERROR CONCERNING PRAYER WHICH IS THAT WE OFTEN THINK OF PRAYER - AS AN OUTLET FOR EXPRESSING WHAT WE NEED AS WE CRY TO GOD FOR HELP.

WE OUGHT TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOD'S ORIGINAL THOUGHT IS CERTAINLY NOT THE LETTING OF BELIEVERS - ~ ACHIEVE THEIR OWN AIMS IN AND THROUGH PRAYER - RATHER IT IS GOD ACCOMPLISHING HIS PURPOSE THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE BELIEVERS,

THIS IS

NOT TO IMPLY THAT CHRISTIANS SHOULD NEVER ASK THE LORD TO SUPPLY THEIR NEEDS. IT IS HIS WILL TO SUPPLY MY NEEDS

(PHIL 4:19) AND MY GOD WILL LIBERALLY SUPPLY - FILL TO THE FULLEST - YOUR EVERY NEED - ACCORDING TO - HIS RICHES IN GLORY (HEAVEN) IN CHRIST JESUS

ALL OUR NEEDS ARE WRAPPED UP IN CHRIST JESUS - IN GOD'S WILL (DESIRE). - ALL WE HAVE + NEED IS IN CHRIST -

WOODROW KROLL PUTS IT LIKE THIS:

GOD IS NOT IMPRESSED WITH WHO WE ARE - - - FOR - IN CHRIST - WE ARE HEIRS OF GOD (ROM 8:17)

GOD IS NOT IMPRESSED WITH WHERE WE, FOR WE ARE NEVER SEPERATE FROM THE FATHER (ROM 8:38-39)

GOD IS NOT IMPRESSED WITH WHAT POSITION WE ASSUME, FOR WE HAVE AN EXALTED POSITION IN CHRIST (ROM 8:32-33)

THE

ONLY THING THAT IMPRESSES GOD

IS

THAT WE ARE - IN CHRIST -

— THAT'S WHERE THE POWER IS —

SO

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO BE EMPOWERED
TO PRAY THROUGH EXTERNAL THINGS —
YOU ARE LOOKING IN THE WRONG AISLE,

MOVE ON

TO THE IMPORTANT THINGS — WHICH IS
AN ~~EXTERNAL~~ INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD. — THAT'S WHAT'S TRULY
IMPORTANT — IN PRAYER.

THE QUESTION IS NO LONGER
WHETHER YOUR NEED IS MET —
BUT WHETHER GOD'S WILL IS DONE.

WE SHOULD NOT JUST PRAY FOR
OUR NEEDS — OUR NEEDS —
SHOULD BE LOST IN — GOD'S WILL

THE SECRET OF PRAYER, THAT IS,
THE KEY TO VICTORY IN PRAYER —

IS

PRAYER FOR PERSONAL NEED
SHOULD APPROACHED INDIRECTLY BY
FIRST — ASKING THE LORD'S WILL BE DONE

PRAYING ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL AND
ONLY FOR GOD'S WILL IS INDEED A
SELF-DENYING WORK — YET IT OPENS THE
EXPERIENCE OF THE GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT
BECAUSE

OF OUR UNION WITH GOD'S WILL — FOR
ALL THESE PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED.
(JOHN 5:14-15)

AND THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE — THE
ASSURANCE — THE PRIVILEGE — BOLDNESS
— WHICH WE HAVE IN HIM — WE ARE SURE
OF — THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING — MAKE
ANY REQUEST — ACCORDING TO HIS WILL —
IN AGREEMENT WITH HIS OWN PLAN — HE
LISTENS TO AND HEARS US.

AND

IF, SINCE, WE POSITIVELY KNOW HE LISTENS
TO US IN WHAT WE ASK, WE ALSO KNOW —
WITH SETTLED AND ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE
— THAT WE HAVE — GRANTED TO US AS
OUR ~~PRESENT~~ PRESENT POSSESSIONS — THE
REQUESTS MADE OF HIM — [GOD].

"GUARANTEED ANSWERED PRAYER"

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SOMETIMES

WHEN WE PRAY... GOD WILL HERE
AND RESPOND... [BECAUSE OF HIS
MERCY AND GRACE]... TO OUR PRAYERS
FOR THE SAKE OF SATISFYING OUR
[YOURS & MINE] OWN NEEDS, YET
HIS OWN WILL IS NOT FULFILLED.

NOTE

SUCH PRAYER DOES NOT HAVE ~
~ MUCH VALUE IN IT.

SO

~ LET THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAD US
INTO THE INTENT OF GOD'S HEART ~

AS

WE BRING OUR WILL AND THOUGHT
TO GOD... HIS OWN WILL AND THOUGHT
BEGIN TO BE REVEAL TO US... THEN
-- THIS BECOMES OUR WILL & THOUGHT.