

Prayer

Part 2

Prayer is our real need to be able to deal with life events and trials. The Bible teach us more about prayer, and that for our good and wellbeing to be in continuous fellowship and communion with God who is the only Person who is able to help us in our lives.

“¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength” (Ephesians 1:15-19) This pattern of biblical prayers it teaches us to give thanks to God for the saints of God, the brethren, who are living their lives to God. We need to give thanks to God for all the workers that God had placed to work with us in serving Him, ***“I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”*** We need to pray for the workers to have more wisdom how to manage their lives, time and resources to serve God more effectively: ***“I keep asking that the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom.”*** We keep praying for them to have the spirit of revelation that God would reveal to them through His Word, His perfect will and plan, ***“I keep asking that the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of revelation.”*** That they can see God in a better way, and God through miracle and wonders, dream and vision shall reveal to them His power so that their faith in Him shall increase and through that faith and hope on God they can live better with less worries and they can be more effective and fruitful in their ministries unto God.

We need to pray to God for the new believers to be filled with The Holy Spirit. In the book of Acts chapter 8 when the Apostles heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God they sent Peter and John to witness the word of God, ***“When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 8:15)*** And that exactly what we need to do to the new believers and our coworkers to be filled with The Holy Spirit and to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will enable them to do God’s service effectively.

Many good things we can receive through prayer. And one of the great things we receive through prayer is The Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus Christ remind us to pray for that particular thing, to pray to receive the Holy Spirit, ***“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:13)*** Paul and the elders with him practiced that. They prayed and they laid their hands on Timothy and he received the gift of The Holy Spirit. Paul also reminded timothy of that, ***“Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.” (1Timothy 4:14)*** ***“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.” (2Timothy 1:6)***

Paul in His letter to the Ephesians he spoke to them about prayer, ***“¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and***

always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18) Paul was instructing them to continue to pray for everyone and for all the saints because prayer is one and important piece in the armour of God. Every believer needs prayer because prayer is for the protection of the back of the warrior. So when we pray we are protecting one another.

Paul also requested them to pray for him, ***“¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.” (Ephesians 6:19-20)*** He requested prayer so that when He will open his mouth he will be given word from God to proclaim the message fearlessly and clearly as God wanted him to do it. We need to pray for one another so that God’s message would be preached in an effective way. Our co-workers in the ministry are the workers of the Lord Jesus, and they are warrior with us to fight the good fight while we are here on earth and we do that by preaching the gospel to the people who are around us and teaching His Word to those who believe in Him.

Paul expressed to the Church of God in Corinth how their prayers had helped him much and promote the affair of God as we can read here: ***“⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.” (2Corinthians 1:8-11)***

As Paul was traveling long distance and doing the task of the Lord that devil opposes and tries to hinder he was experiencing great pressure in the province of Asia. Persecution, opposition to the message, hardship in traveling, accidents, bad weather and sicknesses all can be devil work to oppose the work of God. Paul was so pressed that he almost died, ***“so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death.”*** That had happened to Paul and God allowed it so that Paul and all who were with him and those who want to walk in the ways that Paul walked to follow Christ would know that they need to rely on God and not on themselves, as Paul said, ***“On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us.”***

But Paul made it clear to the church that he was well helped through prayer, ***“as you help us by your prayers.”*** The prayer of the church had helped Paul and the mission work of God to continue forward and get delivered and achieved the goal. And as God had delivered them and helped them in such miraculous way then many they will praise the Lord for that, ***“Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.”***

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal. Lord I love to obey your word and live it. Lord thank you for your word that teaches me your ways and shows me clearly the purposes of prayer and the power and the blessing that I would receive in living a life of prayer. Lord I commit myself to live in holiness and to continue to trust you and live a life of prayer relying on you in my daily needs that you will be the one to sustain me and deliver me from all troubles, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.