

THE LOST COIN OF PENTECOST – (PRAYER)

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Luk 15:8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?

Luk 15:9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Luk 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

1. **This coin was lost in the house**: Sometimes things that are important to us can be lost right in our own homes.
2. In the times of Jesus, the religious people of that day had lost the value of the house of God and begin to make it a place of merchandise.

Mat 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

Mat 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, **My house shall be called the house of prayer**; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Isa 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; **for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.**

1Ki 8:41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that *is* not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;

1Ki 8:42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;

1Ki 8:43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.

THE EARLY CHURCH OVERCAME PERSECUTION THROUGH PRAYER

1. The early church only existed and survived the onslaught of persecution because they knew how to pray.

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Act 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

Act 4:30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

JESUS OUR EXAMPLE

1. **At Mount Transfiguration:**

Luk 9:28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

Luk 9:29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment *was* white *and* glistening.

Luk 9:32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

2. **Jesus in the days of His flesh offered up Prayers and Supplications:**

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

THE DISCIPLES SAW THEIR NEED OF PRAYER

Luk 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

1. Prayer is the offering up **our desires** in the name of Jesus for the things that are agreeable to his will.
2. **Pray is the Oxygen of the Soul:** Prayer is as vital to our Christian walk and existence as breathing is to our physical existence.

Luk 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

3. **Prayer is a two way communication with God:** A good relationship between a father and a child requires quality time in communicating together.
4. **Prayer is an oral expression of our desires:** The deeper the desire or need the stronger the prayers (Psalm 61:2-4).

5. **Prayer unleashes the Power of God:** So that God is able to work on our behalf.
6. **Prayer creates Fellowship with God:** Relationships are built by quality time together. Prayer and being alone with God creates a sweet fellowship with your creator.
7. **Prayer renews us Spiritually:** Prayer refreshes the presence and the glory of God in our lives.

Job 29:20 My glory *was* fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

2Co 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

INGREDIENTS OF PREVAILING PRAYER

2Ch 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.

2Ch 7:15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

1. **Prayer must be mixed with Faith:**

Jas 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

Jas 1:7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Jas 1:8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

2. **Prayer must be a Melting Prayer:**

Psa 34:18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psa 34:19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous; but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

A Broken: *shaw-bar'*

A primitive root; to *burst* (literally or figuratively): - break (down, off, in pieces, up), broken ([-hearted]), bring to the birth, crush, destroy, hurt, tear.

and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit; not in a legal, but in an evangelical way; who are humbled under a sense of sin, and melted down in true repentance, under a view of the love and grace of God; and are poor and mean in their own eyes: to these the Lord has respect.

Hos 12:4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him *in* Bethel, and there he spake with us;

3. **Must be without sin in the Heart:**

Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

Psa 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Psa 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Psa 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.

Psa 51:4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psa 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Psa 51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psa 51:8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.

Psa 51:9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psa 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

Psa 51:13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

4. **Prayer must be fired with Zeal and Fervency:**

Jas 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Jas 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

Jas 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

The Greek word for effectual: (ἐνεργουμένη energoumenē) would be better rendered by the word energetic, which indeed is derived from it. The word properly refers to that which has power; which in its own nature is fitted to produce an effect. It is not so much that it actually does produce an effect, as that it is fitted to do it.

5. **Prayer that is likely to prevail with God must have be argumentative.**

Luke 11:5-10: The Parable of the importunate Friend

Luke 18: 1-8 Parable of the Unjust Judge.

Matthew 15:21-28 The Syrophenician Woman: This women was a Gentile, a descendant of the Canaanites who inhabited Syria and Palestine before the conquest of Joshua.

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

