

Lesson 8 Answers – Prayer and the Believer

I. The Nature of Prayer

A1. “Teach us to pray.”

2a. The Holy Spirit

b. Pray and express our uncertainty to God and trust the Spirit to intercede for us.

B1. He watches over us and hears our cry for help.

2. His complaints and troubles.

3. with confidence

4. “Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought”; “let your words be few.”

5. He cares for us and will take our anxiety.

C1. Peter, who was in prison.

2. He sent an angel to free Peter from prison.

3. Gives comfort and peace.

II. The Practice of Prayer

A1. lose heart (give up)

2. Never stop praying

3. at all times

B1. That their prayers would be answered.

2. “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

3. “If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

C1. It is regarding something sinful.

2. Wrong reasons for wanting something. i.e. own pleasures

3. Separation from God because of one’s sins.

III. The Struggle of Prayer

A1. the whole night

2. “Being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.”

3. Keep alert; have an attitude of thanksgiving.

B1. He thought God had forgotten him.

2. David thought God had abandoned Him.

C1a. That God would remove his “thorn in the flesh.” (physical pain)

b. three

c. No. Because God said it would make Paul more dependent on Him and stronger in faith if he had to deal with the pain with God's help.

2a. to take it away

b. His Father's will.

IV. Application – your prayer

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