

School of the Supernatural Session 3
The Priority of Prayer
Lesson 14

Main Text: Colossians 4:2 (NKJV)

Key Concepts

- I. Introduction
- II. Why is prayer being devalued today?
- III. What is True Prayer?
- IV. The Purpose of Prayer.
- V. Conclusion.

- I. Introduction: Two things Paul said in Colossians 4:2: 1) Continue Earnestly and 2) Be vigilant.
 - A. Many believers lack power, authority, spiritual activity, and the manifestation of the supernatural because they prefer to be accepted by today's society, which embraces temporal values, rather than seek God and establish a strong intimate, and eternal relationship with Him through prayer. (Pastor Maldonado)
 - B. The more the church is Westernized, the less prayer it engages in. Westernized means to be carried away with schools, thoughts, which place reason and scientific verification above the supernatural power of God to the point of denying the Supernatural Power of God.
 - C. If we are not able to transmit the true spirit of prayer to the church, that spirit will be extinguished and we will only be attending a social club.
- II. Why is Prayer being devalued today?
 - A. The Spirit of the Word. The spirit of the World is a force that openly opposes the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. James 4:4 (NKJV)
 - 2. The Spirit of the word is opposed to the idea of a relationship

with God since it denies His existence.

- (a). 1 John 5:19 (NKJV)
- (b). 1 Corinthians 2:12 (NKJV)
 - (1). Two things about this verse: 1) The whole world lies in the power of the wicked one; 2) We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God.
- (c). The Spirit of the world seeks to influence the minds of the believers with the intentions of keeping them carnal to obtain what is temporal.
 - (1). 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 (NKJV)

B. Hyper-Grace Teaching.

- 1. The Bible says we are saved by grace through faith.
 - (a). Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)
 - (b). God's grace is not a license to sin; rather, grace empowers us to live a righteous life before God.
 - (c). Everything has already been paid for at the cross and everything about us (Christians) should be changing once we give our lives to Christ Jesus.
- 2. The first thing that God gave to the church is the priesthood of believers and one of the chief roles of a priest is to pray.
 - (a). Revelation 1:5-6 (NKJV)
 - (b). Revelation 5:9-10 (NKJV)
- 3. We must continue our responsibilities as priests in God's kingdom in order to enforce what Christ has won for us on the cross. We have no spiritual life without prayer.

III. What is Prayer?

- A. It is a two way communication. Our communication with our heavenly Father gives life to our relationship with Him.
 - 1. Jude 20 (NKJV)
 - 2. Romans 8:26-27 (NKJV)
- B. The Kingdom of God is built upon the structure of relationship.

1. John 15:7 (NKJV)
 2. The only way you can abide in Christ is if it is relational.
- C. When Jesus Christ died on the Cross of Calvary, the veil was torn in two from top to bottom. (Hebrews 9:11-15; Leviticus 16:8-34; 23:27-32)
- D. The tearing of the veil by heaven signified that from that moment, the way to the presence of God would remain open forever through relationship and it would be the responsibility of the believer, not a priest for the believers. (Matthew 27:51)
1. 1 John 1:1-3 (NKJV)
 2. Mark 1:35 (NKJV)
 3. John 11:42 (NKJV)
 4. It's about being relational!

IV. The Purpose of Prayer

- A. Prayer is the way we develop our relationship with God.
1. Most believers don't value prayer because they don't have a close relationship with God. .
 2. Intimacy takes place when we know God and when He holds a place in our heart.
 3. Prayer and Intimacy – one depends on the other, producing a circle of blessings. Our relationship with God also affects our human relationships.
 - (a). 1 John 1:6-7 (NKJV)
 - (b). The way we treat people is the same way we treat God; the way we love God is the way we will love people.
 - (c). Our hearts must be clean from resentments, unforgiveness and offenses against other people.
 - (1). Matthew 6:15 (NKJV)
- B. Prayer prepares us for the Second Coming of Christ.
1. Mark 13:33 (NKJV)
 2. When the church doesn't pray, it is telling Jesus it doesn't want to be united with Him in His second coming.

3. Open Social Media, News, even within churches and you will see the prophetic time clock speeding up. People living in sin, condoning what the Bible Teaches is sin and “Believers in Christ Jesus” participating and condoning it.
 4. The more we pray from God’s Written word, the more our eyes will be opened.
- C. Prayer is the way by which the Supernatural comes into this world.
1. When you look into :God’s Word, we see that ever one of Jesus’ miracles was directly or indirectly related to His prayer life.
 2. John 11:41-43 (NKJV)
 3. Jesus did not pray at the moment of urgency, instead He appealed to His constant prayer life to give the command that would produce the miracle, signs and wonders.
 4. The church needs t be a church of demonstration.
 5. There needs to be a revelation of where you, the church, the people, not the building, are seated at, and that revelation needs to become your reality. Understand the 3 heavens 1) Earthly Realm; 2) Principalities and Powers and 3) Where Jesus is seated.
 - (a). Ephesians 1:15-23
 - (b). Ephesians 2:4-7
 - (c). Where is Jesus Christ sitting?
 - (1). Acts 7:55-56
 - (2). This is the position we must have, us in Christ, seated in heavenly places with Him.
 - (3). We must pray from a position of righteousness.

V. Conclusion: A relationship with God that doesn’t include intimacy and quality time with Him is surfaced level and based on our convenience alone. We must put our fellowship with Him first in our lives. He wants our total, undivided attention. TO DEVELOP A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, WE MUST INVEST QUALITY TIME IN PRAYER.