

NUMBER FOUR

THE PRAYERS OF YAHSHUA

Session On Effective Prayer

Yahshua Prayed – early in the morning, and late in the evening, and throughout the day as He was ministering, He prayed after much ministry to be strengthened and filled again, to make sure He would silence the avenger, and stop him from stealing the seed which He sowed in His disciples.

At His Baptism

Lk 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Yahshua also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened... (and the Spirit came down)

Yahshua prayed alone and in the presence of His disciples.

Yahshua prayed at the transfiguration.

Lk 9:28-29 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.

And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

Isn't His prayer life what brought out this glorious presence in Him.

Certainly when we pray we are changed we are transfigured. If we follow the example of praying like this the glory of God comes upon us. This is the way we learn to move in the Spirit.

Yahshua prayed after the last supper. It is a great example of His intercessory ministry.

Yahshua prayed in Gethsemane.

Mk 14:32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

Yahshua prayed in agony in the garden.

Yahshua prayed for small children, He blessed them and prayed for them.

Yahshua prayed at His crucifixion.

Lk. 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Yahshua prayed for others on the cross.

Yahshua prayed after His resurrection.

Lk. 24:30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

Yahshua prayed at His ascension.

Lk 24:50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

Jn 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever...

The first act as the ascended Messiah sitting on the throne was to send the Holy Spirit, of which was poured out my the holy Spirit on the church.

So Yahshua places prayer on a very high list of His priorities. But then He asks others to pray!

Lk 22:40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

Leading a life of prayer strengthens you in our time of temptation, and helps deliver you from the falling into temptation.

Jesus urging the crowd to pray...

Lk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

He taught about prayer, He taught people to pray in the Lord's prayer saying "this is how you pray." "Do pray like the hypocrites."

Jesus taught about prayer on many other occasions.

Mt 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Yahshua was angry when they traded in the temple.

Mk 11:17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

This is sample of Yahshua' earthly prayer life. But His prayer life didn't end on earth; He also has a rich and full prayer life in heaven. This characteristically is what Jesus is doing right now! Think about this. Thirty years He lived in isolation, three and a half years He lived in public ministry. But over 2000 years he has been engaged in intercession in the Father's presence. This is the heart of Jesus for prayer and intercession! So when He ascended to heaven He sat down at the right hand of the Father and in that place of accomplishment, and exaltation, a place of honor, authority and power HE PRAYS! He still is one who prays, an intercessor.

Rom 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Messiah that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

These two verses reveal the eternal activity of the resurrected Messiah! Right now at this moment in time, the Lord Yahshua Messiah is interceding for YOU, and FOR ME, and FOR ALL BELIEVERS EVERYWHERE! This is the GLORY of Jesus' heavenly intercession. As Jesus prays in heaven He has a unique heavenly ministry. He lives in heaven He doesn't live on earth anymore. He doesn't physically and literally live in human heart when we talk about receiving Yahshua in our hearts as Savior, that language isn't strictly accurate. Rather He has send His Spirit into our hearts and now He dwells within us by His Holy Spirit. So the Scriptural principle is that we receive the Lord into our lives when we believe in Jesus who rules in the heavens. But there He is in the heavens in the heavenly place at the right hand of the Father praying for the Saints, and this is an important prayer principle that He is praying for the Saints.

Most of Yahshua' prayer life is directed to the believers as you shall see. And it is not that we don't pray for unbelievers, certainly we do and should, but we should understand that if we get into the place with Jesus where we need to be that's how the unbelievers will be saved!

In John 17 the whole purpose of that is that the world may believe; that the church will rise up in unity and strength, in power and authority, that the world may believe! Of course He does pray for nations (Ps. 2:4) ask me and I will give you the ends of the earth for your possession, and the nations your inheritance. It is the prayer request of Jesus to the Father that the nations should be saved, but the way the nations are saved, and the way people gets saved is the church gets full of Jesus and stands together as one. In our prayer life we need to beat the forces of Satan to see the power of the Gospel and Kingdom released. So we should watch the focus of Jesus when we pray. When we pray we study any example of prayer in the Bible we should ask: who are we being asked to pray for, why are we being ask to pray for them, and what are we being told to pray.

Yahshua intercession ministry was unique.

Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

This shows us of a unique and special aspect of Yahshua intercession ministry. Yahshua by His blood.

Yahshua dead as the substitute sacrifice for mankind's sin, and in the virtue of that sacrifice he intercedes for the transgressors that they might be justified and set free from their sins. Our ministry is related to that, because on the basis of the shed blood of Yahshua we can enter the presence of God the Father. On the basis of His heavenly intercession of His sacrifice on the cross we can enter into the presence of God and intercede for others. This is how It is relevant to us, qualifying us, to pray for others, than being the sacrifice for their sins which Jesus was and is.

Out of all that Yahshua teaches us on prayer there are ten principles which we can learn. And we can ask ourselves today, are we following these principles from Jesus when we pray?

1). Yahshua taught His disciples to pray privately in personal prayer.
Mt 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Motivation – Emphasis upon having a private fervent prayer life of intimacy.

2). Agree with people when you pray – which combines our prayers and faith together.

Mt 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

3). Try to keep your public prayers plain and short in their purpose.

Mt 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

4). Make specific requests accounting to your needs.

When you pray, pray specifically. Don't pray vaguely, generally.

When you pray specifically that generates faith!

Don't say, "Lord give me something, sometime, whatever. Nothing happens!"
"Lord bless me," what blessing do you want??

Since there are 6,000 blessing in the Bible, which one do you want John to receive??

Relate to your immediate needs!

5). Yahshua taught that effective prayer is related unto the way you forgive other people.

To have an effect prayer you have to have prayer in a spirit of forgiveness.

Mt 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And if we don't forgive others then God won't forgive us and won't hear us.

Very important.

6). Effective prayer is related to how you obey His instructions.

Mt 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

On down through the rest of the chapter we see the same thing related to obedience.

Effective prayer is related to how much you obey His instruction! This says you have to walk in obedience to see your prayers fulfilled.

7). Yahshua says go on praying and persist in prayer.

Lk 11:10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

The greek says ask...keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking! The verb there tell us to continue in asking, seeking, and knocking.

Lk18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Yahshua makes it clear that when we pray we pray with perseverance, and that “men should always pray and not loose heart!”

Notes

8). Pray with a penitent attitude, not with an arrogant attitude.

Humble yourself, pray with a penitent attitude and God will hear you!

Lk18:10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. (Go on and read from here on...)

Self righteous, prideful attitude...

9). Jesus says to pray in His name.

Jn. 14:13-14 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Pray using the Name Yahshua (the Son) this means through his covenant that all the covenant names of God are culminated in His, every promise, and every covenant in which God gave His name revealing the attribute of His character and what He will do for those in covenant with Him!

I WILL DO IT!

10). Always Pray in Faith!

Pray believing that Jesus is going to hear and answer our prayer.

Lk 7:5-6 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

So when we pray he wants us to pray in FAITH! Mountain moving faith!
Sycamine tree moving faith!

Lu 10:41 And Yahshua answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Yahshua teaches His Disciples to Pray

Yahshua gave them a prayer to use, and *parable* to learn, and some principles.

Yahshua gives them the prayer.

Yahsua gives them the parable about a certain man who was persistent.

Yahshua gives the some effective things to use in prayer. In this parable we find some necessary elements of effective praying!

Luke chapter 11

Lord's Prayer

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.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Parable with Elements

The man here is Concerned that this is an inconvenient time and that when he asks he will not be heard! This is how we act when there is a crisis, we tell people, “We don’t need this right now!” However this is not the way God does toward us, aren’t we all glad for that? When we come it is a response to a very immediate need. We are called to respond in prayer to our immediate needs! God presents us with needs, it may be our own or someone else’s, or be impressed in the Spirit that you should pray for someone of something for someone at a time. The Holy Spirit may reveal to you someone’s needs. We can’t truly pray without the sense of having a need. This is the purpose of prayer. God will touch us a recognition of our own need when we come to him in prayer for ourselves or someone else. Prayer always starts with an understanding of a need. Secondly we understand that prayer must come out of a necessary relationship. Friends are all over this Parable, which tells us prayer that prayer involves our relationships. We generally pray for people who are known to us. We pray about things we mostly know about! When the Holy Spirit is showing you it is the Lord which is giving that burden of prayer to carry and pray through with!

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

Principles

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Yahshua prays for us like this.



Thank you ...

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