PRAYER in the Psalms

Religious people write up prayers and repeat them.

“Manta”

Baptists “…Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit…”

When people get religious their practice is childish. It is not sound.

Baptist pray thinking that you’ve got to wear a head covering. 1 Cor. 11:15

15 **Но если женщина имеет длин­ные волосы, для нее это слава: ибо ее волосы даны ей вместо покрыва­ла.**

**I. THE CONNECTION**

Psa. 5:1; 4:1; 34:4, 6, 15, 17

In prayer you disconnect from the physical and connect with the spiritual.

It is seeing the invisible although you have to live in this world and you see the physical all the time.

Prayer makes that connection to go beyond the physical.

 **ILL.** Bad cable or battery gone dead.

Psa. 77:1 It’s not until you get alone with the Lord can all the other stuff be shut out and make connection.

 **ILL.** Telephone connections are bad in certain places.

 **ILL.** Modern technology is ‘for the birds.’

But with God, He’s everywhere. You can get ahold of Him no matter where you are.

Psa. 115:2-8

 **ILL.** As a Greek Orthodox. It was foolish to bow before idols.

 At the time I didn’t think it was foolish.

 **ILL.** Those things cannot save.

Psa. 94:9 He sees and hears.

So many answers to prayer.

He desires to hear from you.

He careth for you.

 **ILL.** Secret and personal things that hurt the heart, things that you may be bitter over, things that you wished would be better. God knows. He wants to hear from you.

Psa. 73:25

 **ILL.** The world does not know about the God that you know personally.

 **ILL.** Cassius Clay, Mohammed Ali, - talking about “God” with Arab Muslims sitting there. The have no idea what God they’re talking about.

Any place and at any time you can make connection.

**II. The INGREDIENT IN PRAYER** составная часть

Psa. 141:1, 2 Praise. It’s to be a sweet smell.

Rev. 5:8; 8:3, 4 last mention of prayer.

 **ILL.** Altar of incense (Exod. 30:6-8) жертвенник фимиама

1. It was to be in the morning and evening (Exod. 30:8)

 i. The Jews could see that smoke going up. The fragrance went up.

 ii. It’s a type of man pouring out his soul before God, his mind, heart, soul, etc.

The incense had to be heated up, lit up.

2. Praising Him for Who He is.

Praise Him for His holiness.

Praise Him for His power.

3. Praising Him for what He’s done.

4. It might just being still before Him (Psa. 4:4).

Prayer might be simply standing before Him in “awe.”

Uplifted hands - surrendered

**III. EARNEST OF PRAYER** серьёзный; основательный, нелегкомысленный

Psa. 17:1

1. They’re not fake.

 **ILL.** False fire (Lev. 10). Strange fire.

 i. confession, being honest with God.

 **ILL.** The Pharisee and the poor man

Psa. 17:3 proved, tried, etc. It took care of sin in his own heart.

Psa. 39:12

He’s softed hearted. He understands and feels tears. (Psa. 56:8)

**IV. HONEST PRAYER**

Psa. 17:1

Search me

Confessed and repent

Cf. the Pharisee

No child of God will get things right unless getting things right with God.

Psa. 17:3

 **ILL.** Night time – a quiet time, away from all the business, noise, hustle and bustle.

Allow the night time to be a special time to hear that still small voice.

No sense in pretending with God.

Jer. 15:15-17

Now he was complaining that he was alone.

When you are honest with God you’ll get an answer (vss. 17-19)

You’re going to have troubles in the Christian life that you hadn’t before.

In the Christian life you have to swallow your mistakes.

**V. PATIENCE OF PRAYER**

Psa. 35:13, 17, 22

Psa. 10:17

1. The Lord will ‘delay’ or a denial of an answer is simply God preparing you for something else.

 **ILL.** Jesus told the disciples that he couldn’t tell them everything. They couldn’t handle it.

The Lord wants you to wait. There maybe be the need of brokenness.

Something you’re not ready for, you can’t handle.

Self gets in the way many times. You need to be broken.

2. Sometimes a delay is to prove God’s timing is right.

 **ILL.** A man’s daughter is sick, dying. The Lord delays His coming to help out a woman who was sick for 12 years. The daughter dies. But then came Jesus.

We’re going to praise Him for His delays.

3. Delay is to strengthen your faith.

4. Sometimes the delay is long enough to make you thankful for the answer.

5. To make you more grateful.

6. To show us our weakness.

“How Long?”

“Why are you waiting?”

**ILL.** Jacob – a 2 decades for to break finally. Then he wrestled with the angel of the Lord and was called “Israel.”

Had to go through so much to finally break and see Joseph in Egypt.

What will it take to finally break you?

Gen. 47:9 “few and evil…”

**VI. FERVENCY OF PRAYER** горячность, рвение

Heb. 5:7

His tears showed His love.

“…man of sorrows and acquainted with grief…”

God understands.

What a friend we have in Jesus oh what peace we often forfeit.

How many of those tears are my fault.

Tear bottle in heaven.

Broken and a contrite spirit

Tears are the fervency of prayers.

Invitation

Saved

Unsaved

You do not need some kind of prayer book to be saved.

If you are not saved, you must call upon the Lord for salvation

Rom. 10:13 “For whosoever…”

You must believe that Jesus Christ paid the price of your sins on the cross.

You should die and go to hell as a payment for sin.

But you don’t have to pay for your sins. Jesus did that.

That is why you must trust Him, believe on Him, receive Him.

He is willing to save you right now.