

Prayer to Go Lecture 4 Notes

The Purpose of Prayer, Cause Me Prayers and All our Problems

I. Introduction

i. This is a review of :

1. John 14.13: And I will do whatever you ask in my name so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.
2. John 16:24 ...Ask and you will receive and your joy will be complete.
3. Prayer is not about asking for a safe, soft, comfortable, happy life.

II. Body

a. Purpose of Prayer

i. To give God glory- Jesus wants to answer our prayers to bring glory to His father.

1. Prayer is not about asking for whatever you want so that you can have a safe, soft, comfortable, happy life.
2. Prayer and life is about glorifying the Father.
3. What is our motivation for prayer? God says no to prayers for selfish pleasures.

ii. Prayer is about your joy being made full. It is about joy in glorifying God.

iii. Glorifying God and having joy in the fullest are not separate. They are to be the same.

iv. Prayer is not about getting whatever we want and tacking on "in the name of Jesus."

b. Doing things in our own strength

i. John 15.5- Jesus says apart from me you can do nothing.

ii. I Cor. 3.15- The works we do in our own power will burn up.

iii. Ps. 127.1- You labor in vain if you try to live the Christian life in your own power and strength.

iv. Ezek. 36.26-27- God says I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes.

- c. God wants to do the work in us.
 - i. The true work that needs to be done in our lives is a spiritual matter, by the Holy Spirit inside us. We can do nothing on our own that can bring about any change to us spiritually.
 - 1. Romans 8.7-8 Those in the flesh cannot please God.
 - ii. If we do the work ourselves, we will get the glory for it. We need cause me prayers.
- d. Cause me prayers
 - i. Cause me prayers realize that, "I can do certain things in my own strength but they are not going to produce anything worth while.
 - ii. Cause me prayers communicate to God that you want to be 100% dependent upon God to work in and through you so that He gets the glory.
 - iii. Our spiritual growth is totally, 100% dependent upon God. We can do nothing. Our responsibility is to give God times and opportunities to work.
- e. Come to God with All your problems
 - i. Matt. 11:28 God says come to me all who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest.
 - ii. Ps. 50.15- We are told to call upon God in the day of trouble.
 - iii. The best way you can honor God and glorify God is to bring him all your problems.

III. Conclusion:

- a. Prayer is about two key components:
 - i. First, Glorify God
 - 1. by what you pray for
 - 2. by your dependence upon Him
 - 3. By coming to Him with all your problems
 - ii. Having your joy be full as you see the answers to your prayers.