

Pray - Continued

which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4.5–7); and: “casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you” (1 Peter 5.7; cf. Matthew 6.25–34).

Giving all our cares, anxieties, and burdens to God in prayer—knowing he hears, can bear our burdens, and answers our prayers—will result in relief from that anxiety, provide the peace of God, and enable us not to lose heart. What a wonderful blessing!

Does God Hear You?

God doesn't hear and answer all prayers, though. Quoting from Psalm 34.15–16 Peter said, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil” (1 Peter 3.12; cf. John 9.31; Isaiah 59.1–2). God only hears (with the intent of answering) the prayers of those who are doing his will. God does not hear the prayers of those who are not faithful to him (cf. Matthew 6.24; James 4.4). If you want God to hear your prayers then you must serve and love him with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind. Don't expect God to hear your prayers if your heart is not fully set on him. Pray without ceasing!
- John Gentry

News & Notes

Please mark your calendar with the following important dates...

April 5-8: Gospel meeting with John Gentry

June 4-8: VBS

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

God “raised up David to be Israel’s king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will’ ” (Acts 13.22 ESV). What were some of David’s characteristics that made him a person after God’s own heart?

David Loved to Pray and Praise God

“I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.” (Psalms 116.1–2; cf. Psalm 104.33). How much time do you spend praying? How much time do you spend praising God?

David Loved the Word of God

“Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalm 119.97; cf. v11). Do you love the word of God? Do you love it more than the word of people (Matthew 15.7–9) and to do all that it says (Colossians 3.17)?

David Hated Every False Way

“Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. ... I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way” (Psalm 119.104, 128; cf. Psalm

97.10). In our politically correct society, we’re not supposed to hate anything, especially not someone else’s religion. However, the person after God’s own heart will hate every teaching of people that is an addition to, a subtraction from, or a contradiction to the word of God! Jesus hated the preaching and practices of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2.6).

Do you possess all these characteristics of David? Could God say that you are a person after his own heart? - *John Gentry*

Pray Without Ceasing

Luke 18:1 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17. How amazing it is that God, the Creator of the universe, wants me to communicate with him in prayer! How often does the average person get to enter the presence of worldly dignitaries, much less speak to them and know that we have their ear?

Our two passages point out another amazing thing about speaking with God. He desires, not just tolerates, that we speak to him often, even many times every day!

What does it mean to “pray without ceasing”? To mutter words from our lips every second of the day? One who prays without ceasing will pray many prayers throughout the day.

He will pray when he wakes (Mark 1.29–37; Psalms 5.3; 119.147) thanking God for the night’s rest, thanking God for the new day, petitioning his guidance and protection throughout the day; when he eats (Matthew 14.19; 26:26–27; John 6.11; 1 Timothy 4.4); when making decisions (Luke 6.12–13; Nehemiah 2.4–5); when traveling (Acts 20.36–38; 21.5–6); when thinking of others (Ephesians 6.18–20; 1 Timothy 2.1; James 5.14–16); when observing God’s creation, mercy, love, opportunities, and good gifts (1 Chronicles 29.10–13); when reading and studying God’s word (Colossians 1.9; James 1.5); when facing temptations and trials (Acts 16.25; James 5.13); when the day ends (Psalm 55.17); he will pray, pray, pray (Daniel 6.10).

Do Not Lose Heart

Prayer encourages us. Jesus connected prayer with not losing heart in our first passage. Things that cause us to lose heart are things that trouble us and give us anxiety, things that burden our hearts and minds.

In prayer we give these things to God: “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God,