

The Prayer Life of Jesus

Always to Pray, Not Faint

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men **ought** (*dei-must*) **always** (*pantote-at all times*) **to pray** (*proseuchomai*), and **not to faint** (*ekakeō*); 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she **weary** (*hypōpiazō*) me. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 **And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?** 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, **shall he find faith on the earth?**

pray - *proseuchomai* – meaning to pray; **prayer for moving forward in the will of God, that it may be done.** It is the verb form of *proseuche* and details an ongoing action moving ahead from a defined point of establishment. Also, to vow.

faint – *ekakeō* - to lack courage, lose heart, be fainthearted. To lose heart in the midst of trials, testing and the purposeful work of the Lord. In essence, it speaks of a materialistic structure; people wanting to get what they can and go on; investing in things that do not matter, things that yield no lasting benefit. From *kakos*, meaning worthless, depraved, evil; used to describe the corruption of the current world system. It is reflective of the Heb. word *ra* and represents twisted purpose. It speaks of the refuse of this world. It is a foul quality that crusts over something that is attempting to grow or spread. It possesses a depravity emphasis which works to stop the free flow of the apostolic heart of God within people.

persistence - *hypōpiazō* - hit under the eye, beat black and blue, to give one intolerable annoyance, wear out.

Authority given from above

John 19:10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, **except it were given thee from above:** therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. **For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.**

We Shall Reap

Galatians 6:7-9 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but **he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.** 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: **for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.**

Proverbs 12:11 He who tills the land will be satisfied with bread.

The Secret Place

Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest (*proseuchomai*), **enter into thy closet** (*tameion* – secret chamber), and when thou hast **shut thy door**, pray (*proseuchomai*) to thy Father which is **in secret** (*kryptos*); and thy Father which **seeth in secret** shall reward thee openly.

closet – *tameion* - used to describe the place Jesus said we are to pray. In the ancient Middle East, this closet was a storehouse where the most valuable items were stored and hidden. This represents our treasure and indicates what God has placed in our lives to serve Him. Jesus said the Heavenly Father is in secret and sees in secret, or *krypto*.

shut - *kleiō* - to shut up compassion so that it is like a thing inaccessible to one, to be devoid of pity towards one.

secret - *kryptos* – something absolutely vital, but hidden. Place of our eternal and distinctive identity that is revealed in His timing and as we make ourselves vulnerable to Him and His will. Once we do, He begins to develop us. He speaks to the hidden place within us, bringing divine revelation and inspiration. It is the essence of true supplication.

sees – *blepo* - meaning to take notice. The Father sees in secret. To know the Father is always to invest ourselves in the secret thing, in the hidden place. God hides Himself. The hidden thing engenders partnership. If we ever stop seeking Him in the hidden place, we will miss what He sees in *krypto*.

Power of heaven is unlocked in secret place of the Most High.

Psalms 91:1-3 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High

shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress:
my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely **he shall deliver thee** from the snare of the fowler,
and from the noisome pestilence.

It's a foundational place for us. (Matt 7:24-27)

Psalms 27:5 For in the time of trouble

He shall hide me in his pavilion:

in the **secret of his tabernacle**

shall he hide me;

He shall set me up upon a rock.

Protects us from our enemies...

Psalms 31:20 Thou shalt hide them in the **secret**

of thy presence from the pride of man:

thou shalt keep them **secretly in a pavilion**

from the strife of tongues.

He speaks...

Psalms 81:7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee;
I answered thee in the secret place of thunder:
I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

Thy Will be Done

Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was **praying** (*proseuchomai*) in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to **pray** (*proseuchomai*), as John also taught his disciples. 2 And he said unto them, When ye **pray** (*proseuchomai*), 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. **(Matthew 6:9)**

In the Wilderness

Luke 5:16 And **he withdrew** (to be present) **himself into the wilderness** (*erēmos*) and **prayed** (*proseuchomai*). 17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and **the power of the Lord was present to heal them.**

- Early Morning

Mark 1:35-38 And **in the morning, rising up a great while before day**, he went out, and departed into a **solitary place**, and there **prayed** (*proseuchomai*). And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

In the Mountain

- All Night

Luke 6:12-16 12 And it came to pass in those days, that **he went out into a mountain to pray** (*proseuchomai*), and **continued all night in prayer** (*proseuche*) **to God**. 13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them **he chose twelve**, whom also he named apostles; 14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, 15 Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, 16 And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

Matthew 14:21-25 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, **he went up into a mountain apart to pray** (*proseuchomai*): and when the evening was come, **he was there alone**. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch (3:00-6:00 am) of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

Looked to Heaven

John 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and **lifted up his eyes to heaven**, and said, Father, the hour is come; **glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:**

John 17:10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Ephesians 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Ephesians 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Heavens Opened

Luke 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and **praying** (*proseuchomai*), the **heaven was opened**, **22** And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Isaiah 64:1-2 1 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, 2 As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

John 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Acts 7:54-60 Stephen, see the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

Revelation 4 A door standing open and voice, "come up here and I will show you what will take place after this."

Genesis 28 Jacob's ladder – angels descending and ascending – Elohim and Yahweh

Extraordinary Manifestations

Luke 9:28-35 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** (*proseuchomai*). **29** And **as he prayed** (*proseuchomai*), the fashion (*eidōs*-appearance) of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. **30** And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: **31** Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. **32** But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. **33** And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. **34** While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and

overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. 35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

Great Drops of Blood

Luke 22:39-46 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. 40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, **Pray** (*proseuchomai*) that ye enter not into temptation (*peirasmos-try, test, prove*). 41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down (*tithemi- to set, appointed, lay, ordain, tithe, same as on the cross*), and **prayed** (*proseuchomai*), 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in an agony he **prayed** (*proseuchomai*) **more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.** 45 And when he rose up from **prayer** (*proseuchomai*), and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and **pray** (*proseuchomai*), lest ye enter into temptation.

I have prayed for thee

Luke 22:31-34 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But **I have prayed** (*deomai*) **for thee, that thy faith fail not:** and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

Temple Life

Mark 19:46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of **prayer** (*proseuchē*): but ye have made it a den of thieves.