

Teach Us to Pray - part two

Review: Model Prayer and Attitude

Persistent, Bold, Shamelessly Audacious Sons and Daughters of God are so Confident in the Father's Love that they're Relentlessly Determined to Manifest His Kingdom in the Earth!

Why is Persistence and Confidence so important to God?

Luke 18:1-8 Parable of the Persistent Widow

Context: preceded by last days/second coming

followed by parable: self reliance on religious behavior vs humility

Point: Persistent Prayer vs losing heart (weariness - Gal 6:9)

Issues: Justice

Persistence - day and night prayer (Confident Attitude)

How is He bearing long with us?

Faith

Intent: Speedy Justice

Why then the delay? (why bearing long, why persistence & confidence)

1) Spiritual Resistance

Ephesians - in Prayer (Rom 8:34, Heb 7:25), we are seated in heavenly places

in Christ (Eph 2:6) above all demonic (Eph 1:21) to War against them (Eph 6:12, 18)

Sometimes we have to win the battle in heaven before justice manifests on earth. (Dan 10)

(Rev 12:7-11) ⁷And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

He will have a praying church - choice or provocation (consequence of prayerlessness)

influence of heavens effects earth (1 Tim 2:1-2)

He bears with us learning to take responsibility for our heavenly atmosphere. (home?)

2) Prayer is Cumulative toward Justice

(Rev 5:8) ⁸Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

If He numbers stars and calls them by name (Ps 147:4),

how precious must each grain of prayer be to Him that He collects them?

(Rev 8:3-6) ³Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. ⁵Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. ⁶So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Our Prayers are a necessary component of His Justice

Isa 40 - turned to idols (reliance) because Justice overlooked by God (Isa 40:27)

His answer - "Wait on the Lord" for strength (braided together - persistent prayer)

(Isa 41:1) ¹"Keep silence before Me, O coastlands, and let the people renew their strength! Let them come near, then let them speak; let us come near together for judgment.

not just about answers, but building intimacy (journey)

He wants us to rely on Him, but also Partner with Him for Justice (family business)

He bears with us learning to take responsibility for earthly justice.

(your part - ex: youth move of God)

3) Prayer is intentionally counter intuitive voluntary weakness >>> next week