



Sunday February 11, 2007

Prayer Series (Part-1)

Why Pray?

INTRODUCTION

Prayer is simply *communion with God* – You talking to God, expressing your heart to God and God revealing His heart to you. A lot happens through this communion – I am changed into His likeness; I begin to understand His will; etc.

Prayer is joining hands with God. It is *partnering with God* to see His will executed on earth.

Prayer is *a ministry* – a humble service you render for others as you pray for them and go to God on their behalf.

Prayer is *warfare* – I go before God and entreat Him to enforce Christ's victory over satan in specific situations. Prayer is militant action in the spiritual realm.

Prayer is "powerful" because God hears and responds to prayer

Psalm 65:2 1 Peter 3:12

Overview:

Why Pray?

God's Promise to answer prayer

Different Kinds of prayer

God's Instructions on prayer

The Boundaries of Prayer

Developing Confidence in prayer

Hindrances to Answered Prayer

Hearing God in Prayer

People of prayer - Life Stories

Praying in the Spirit

Developing the Discipline of Prayer

Intercessory Prayer

Interceding for believers

Interceding for the lost

Interceding for the city

Taking Authority after prayer

Prayer and Fasting

Persevering in prayer

NOTE:

Send your Questions on the subject of prayer by email to ashish.raichur@apcwo.org. We will attempt to answer them during the course of the series.

This series is not just a pursuit to increase our spiritual knowledge – rather it is a call to action. Take each message and apply it into your life. Move into action as you hear the Word of God. Ask God to pour out on us the Spirit of prayer (Zechariah 12:10).



WHY PRAY?

Understanding Man's Role on the earth

In the beginning God placed the earth in man's keeping.

Genesis 1:26,27 Psalm 8:5,6 Psalm 115:16 Luke 4:5-8

Psalm 8:5 lower than the angels (Heb. *Eloheem* = God)

The authority that satan boasted of and offered to give to the Lord, originally belonged to man. The "deputization" of the earth to man was so complete that God Himself did not intervene and prevent satan from tempting man.

John Wesley – "God does nothing on the earth save in answer to believing prayer."

God will do nothing on the earth – outside of His Master Plan – except in response to prayer.

The example of Elijah

1 Kings 17:1,2 1 Kings 18:1,2,39-46 James 5:16-18

The place of the Church

God has made the Church – the household of believers – part of His family, sons and daughters and joint-heirs in Christ (Romans 8:16,17).

God has empowered the Church with Kingdom authority on the earth. The keys of the Kingdom have been given to the Church (Matthew 16:18,19). We have the "power of attorney" – the right to use the name of Jesus' on the earth to do what He would do if He were here (Mark 16:17,18). Therefore God does not normally by-pass the Church to do things in spite of the Church in the affairs of man on the earth. This would violate all that He has intended (a) in making us joint-heirs, (b) in vesting us with kingdom authority and (c) in bringing us to a place of maturity.

The self-sufficiency of God and His "dependence" on the prayers of man

Ezekiel 22:30,31

Prayer was designed by God

Luke 11:1 Luke 18:1

Prayer is God's design. It is not a man-made system. God set up the system of prayer.

God calls us to pray and promises to answer.

Why Pray?

1. We pray because we are following God design
2. We pray because through prayer we are able to fulfill our place of authority on the earth
3. We pray because helpless people need prayer Job 9:32,22 Job 16:21
4. We pray because we know that God rewards what happens in the prayer closet
Matthew 6:5,6

There are several other reasons why we need to pray which we will cover as we progress in this study.



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