

Prayer in the Life of the Disciple

...God has designed prayer as a means of intimate and joyous fellowship between God and man.

O. Hailesby

1. What is prayer?

Psalm 62:8

Jeremiah 33:3

Psalm 50:15

Psalm 32:5

Prayer to God is often man's only hope and refuge from the anguish of life.

--Isaac Bashevis Singer

2. What type of people can enjoy the type of intimate and joyous fellowship with the Lord through prayer that O. Hailesby speaks about?

Isaiah 29:13

Psalm 24:3-4

II Chronicles 7:14

The act of praying is the very highest energy of which the human mind is capable; praying, that is, with total concentration of the faculties. The great mass of worldly men and of learned men are absolutely incapable of prayer.

--Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Mark 11:24

James 5:16

I John 3:22

3. Isaiah 65:24 tells us that God longs to answer our prayer. In light of this reality, for what should we pray?

James 1:5

I Timothy 2:1-2

Philippians 4:5-7

Colossian 4:3

Psalm 86:11

Luke 10:2

Romans 10:1

I Chronicles 29:11-12

Psalm 119:107

The Lord is looking for people who, in the swirl of short days and short nights, proclaim by their actions, "You are the most important person in my life. I dare not and will not neglect You, regardless of the urgency of other things."

--Warren Myers

4. What attitude should a child of God have toward the provision of prayer?

Colossians 4:2-4

I Thessalonians 5:17

The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees.

--E. M. Bounds

Colossians 4:12

5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in our prayer lives?

Romans 8:26

Ephesians 6:18

APPLICATION

But we must bear in mind that mere resolutions to take more time in prayer and to conquer reluctance to pray will not prove lastingly effective unless there is a wholehearted and absolute surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Kneeling Christian

What thought on prayer has impacted me most during this study?

What changes will I now make in my prayer life?