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PRAYER

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I. Prayer of Jesus

- A. How He prayed
 - 1. In the Evening (Matt 14:23); in the early morning (Mark 1:35).
 - 2. In lonely places (Luke 5:16; 6:12–13; 9:28)
- B. a) What He prayed for
 - 1. To Express Gratitude (Matt 11:25–26)
 - 2. Peter's protection (Luke 22:31–32)
 - 3. For the coming of the H.S. (John 14:16)
 - 4. Miracles such as feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:11) and raising Lazarus (John 11:41–42)
 - 5. The Glory of God (John 12:27–28)
 - 6. Unity (John 17)
- C. Significant Events He prefaced with prayer
 - 1. Baptism (Luke 3:21–22)
 - 2. Calling the 12 (Luke 6:12–13)
 - 3. Transfiguration (Luke 9:28)

II. The Christian's Prayer

- A. How to Pray
 - 1. Not for show (Matt 6:5–6)
 - 2. Not babbling (Matt 6:7–8)
 - 3. Persistently (Matt 7:7–11; Luke 18:1–8)
 - 4. Unified with brothers (Matt 18:19–20)
 - 5. With Faith (Matt 21:21–22)
 - 6. In Purity (Luke 18:9–14)
 - 7. Constantly (1 Thess 5:17)
- B. What to Pray for
 - 1. Laborers in the Harvest (Matt 9:37–39)
 - 2. Not fall into temptation (Luke 22:40, 46)
 - 3. Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13)
 - 4. Sickness (Acts 28:8; James 5:13–14)
- C. Great Prayers of the Church:
 - In Acts
 - a. Peter (1:24–25)
 - b. Peter & John (4:24–31)
 - c. In connection with "ordination" (6:6; 13:2–3; 14:23)
 - d. Stephen (Acts 7:59–60)
 - e. For Peter's release (12:5)
 - f. Paul and Silas in jail (16:25)
 - g. Thanksgiving for food (27:35)
 - 2. In Revelation (5:9–10; 6:10; 11:15–19)

III. Miscellaneous comments on Prayer

- A. Facts about Prayer
 - 1. It is a primary responsibility of ministry (Acts 6:4)
 - 2. Connected with Singing (Psalms; Acts 16:25; James 5:13–14)
 - 3. Can be liturgical, written, and/or poetic: Zacharias (Luke 1:67–80); Mary (Luke 1:46–55).
- B. Famous Prayers
 - 1. Nehemiah (1:5–11)



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- 2. Hezekiah
- 3. Simeon (Luke 2:29–32)
- C. Answers to Prayer
 - 1. Yes:
 - a. Job (23:1–7; 38:1–3)
 - b. Hezekiah (2 Kgs 20:1–11; 21:1)
 - 2. No:
 - a. Paul (2 Cor 12:7–10)
 - b. Jesus (Luke 22:42)
 - 3. Wait
 - a. Nehemiah (Neh 1:1; 2:1)
 - b. Zechariah (Luke 1:13, 18)