

THE LIFE OF PRAYER
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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Observations on Prayer (*in review*) -

1. Prayer is of paramount importance throughout the life of the born again believer.
2. Prayer actuates God [*sets God in motion*] to accomplish for the believer what he cannot *and* is required to do all that God wants him to do.
 - a. You cannot live your life without prayer.
3. The destiny of people is born in the intercessory work of others.

As war is work for the soldier, so prayer is work for the Christian.

- a. Abraham interceded for Ishmael's destiny (**Genesis 17:18 cf. 20**).
 - b. Abraham interceded for Abimelech and God healed him (**Genesis 20:17**).
4. A life of prayer will result in fulfilling the principle of *Carpe Occasio*.

Carpe Occasio – to seize opportunity to pray

5. A life of *Carpe Occasio* in prayer results in contentment at the end of one's days (**Genesis 25:8**).

Genesis 25:8 Abraham breathed his last and died in a ripe old age, an old man and **satisfied** with life; and he was gathered to his people.

"Satisfied" - שָׂבַע – SABEA – "Satisfied or content"

Moses' Prayer Life

Exodus 8:1-2

(Moses is in Egypt prior to crossing the Red Sea into the wilderness)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. ² "But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite your whole territory with frogs.

Moses did as he was instructed by the Lord!

vs. 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Entreat the Lord that He remove the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the Lord."

vs. 12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the Lord [*Moses prayed*] concerning the frogs which He had inflicted upon Pharaoh.

Moses is functioning in an intercessory capacity for an unbeliever (Pharaoh).

vs. 13 **The Lord did according to the word of Moses**, and the frogs died out of the houses, the courts, and the fields.

- God did what Moses requested of Him.
- In prayer, God will do what we ask!
 - ✓ A demonstration of God's humility
 - ✓ We demonstrate humility as we walk in **dependence** on HIM to answer our prayers.

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by *means of* the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

POD - Prayer sets God in motion.

- ✓ **“The Lord did according to the word of Moses. . .”**
- ✓ Prayer enlists God to accomplish what you request!

Then Moses has an encore performance - -

vs. 16 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, that it may become gnats through all the land of Egypt.’”

Moses does what the Lord tells him to do!

Do you want to execute your spiritual life? Do what the Lord tells you – IN HIS WORD.

vs. 17 They did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats through all the land of Egypt.

vs. 25 Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. . .

In a crisis who always gets called on? Someone who can do something about it!

vs. 28 Pharaoh said, “I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. **Make supplication for me.**” **29** Then Moses said, “Behold, I am going out from you, and I shall make supplication to the Lord that the swarms of insects may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh deal deceitfully again in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the Lord.”

Do you have confidence in the ability of God to answer your prayer requests?

POD - Pray not, receive not!

- ✓ God stands at the ready to provide for His child what only He can – the child need only to request.
- ✓ He is your Father – think of that as you pray!
- ✓ **Matthew 7:11** “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your **Father** who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”

God stands at the ready to provide what you need to accomplish His plan for your life.

- **Supply bundle** – all the logistics needed to accomplish a mission or plan
 - ✓ Executing God’s plan for your life requires **supply bundles**.
 - ✓ By analogy, God’s *supply bundle* is part of the Divine Decree.
 - ✓ And to receive that *supply bundle* requires you to ask your Father in heaven.

vs. 30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the Lord.

God did as Moses asked. . .

vs. 31 The Lord did as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of insects from Pharaoh, from his servants and from his people; **not one remained.**

POD - When God answers prayer He's going to take care of the details in a marvelous way.

As you walk in dependence upon Him to answer that prayer you will begin to see these *supply bundles* dropping out of heaven at the right time in the right place.

POD - Through the leading of the Holy Spirit you are going to be at the right time at the right place to receive your *supply bundle*.

Remember - Prayer sets God in motion. It enlists God to accomplish what you cannot.

And that brings great glory to God.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.