

Answers and Comments Lesson 110

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| Men | chosen | faithful | hands |
| Always | toward | called | prayer |
| Pray | house | fellowship | pure |
| Then | kneeled | helping | devout |
| Then | knees | prayer | feared |
| Then | spread | access | gave |
| Then | hands | Spirit | prayed |
| Iniquity | heaven | Father | alway |
| Heart | Jerusalem | boldness | bow |
| Lord | three | access | knees |
| Not | day | confidence | Father |
| Hear | prayed | faith | liberty |
| Spread | petition | him | free |
| Hands | three | always | entangled |
| Hide | day | kneeled | yoke |
| Prayers | temple | prayed | bondage |
| Hear | hour | kneeled | |
| Pray | prayer | prayed | |
| Toward | ninth | broken | |
| Place | pray | spirit | |
| This | sixth | contrite | |
| House | old | heart | |
| Spread | man | then | |
| Hands | crucified | pleased | |
| Toward | with | pray | |
| House | him | lifting | |
| Pray | creature | hands | |
| City | in | injustice | |

Isn't it wonderful to read God's word and see God's people praying? Praying sets our mind on God, our closeness to Him, our provisions in Him, our help in Him, our hope in Him.

Prayer, in the age of grace, gives the believer open and free access to God's "ear" anytime and anywhere for we come "in Christ", accepted, beloved crying "Abba, Father." Rom. 8:15

Lesson 111 Grace Age Prayer

Eph. 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

We saw last time that Israel had many instructions regarding prayer. We left off with scheduled times to pray. Of course, they were not limited to these times but their prayer included certain times of the day.

What about in the dispensation of grace in which you and I live? Our vs. in Eph. 6:18 says “Praying _____.”

Col. 4:2 “_____ in _____.”

I Thess. 5:17 “_____ without _____.”

Rom. 12:12 “Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; _____ in _____.”

II Tim. 1:3 “...that without _____ I have remembrance of thee in my _____ and _____.”

I Thes. 3:10 “_____ and _____ exceedingly...”

I think we can certainly say that praying is encouraged at any and all times!

Does this mean constant, non stop, marathon praying?? Well we know that we can't pray while we're sleeping. It's not that we should do nothing but pray but rather prayer should be the natural response, the impulse, the heartbeat, the spiritual breath of every believer.

Eph. 6:18 goes on to say “Praying always with _____ prayer and supplication...” “All” prayer carries the idea of variety. Not a packaged, recited, canned repetition of words. But a prayer full of everything from needs to thanksgiving, from burdens to joy, from about ourselves to others.

Phil. 4:6 “Be careful for nothing; but in _____ by _____ and _____ with _____ let your _____ be made known unto God.”

There isn't anything we can't talk to God about and there isn't anything we shouldn't talk to God about. Is there variety in your prayer life?? Let's take a look at some of the things that were in Paul's prayers.

1. **The saints** Eph. 1:16 “_____ not to give _____ for _____, making _____ of _____ in my _____.”

II Thess. 1:3 “We are bound to _____ God _____ for _____...”

Col. 1:9 “...do not _____ to _____ for _____...”

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II Thess. 1:11 “Wherefore also we _____ for _____”

Phil. 1:4 “_____ in every _____ of mine for _____ all...”

Phil. 1:9 “And this I _____ that _____ love may abound...”

In these prayers Paul had the saints on his mind. If you read these prayers you will see that Paul prayed for wisdom, knowledge, love, joy, fellowship, strength, etc. for the saints! Oh, that we would uphold each other with prayer and thank God for each other.

2. **The lost** – Rom. 10:1 “Brethren, my _____ and _____ to God for _____ is, that they might be _____.”

I love how Paul equates his heart’s desire to his prayer.

I Tim. 2:1-4 “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, _____, _____, _____ and _____ of _____, be made for all men; For _____ and all that are in _____; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty vs. 4 Who will have _____ to be _____, and to _____ unto the _____ of the _____.”

Paul prayed for the lost! Then he went out and preached the gospel to them!

3. **Burdens** – II Cor. 12:8 “For _____ I _____ the Lord _____, that it might _____ from _____.” And God answered Paul “my _____ is sufficient for thee: for my _____ is made _____ in _____...” in vs. 9

4. **Open doors and boldness** – Col. 4:3 “Withal _____ for us, that God would _____ unto us a _____ of _____, to speak the _____ of Christ, for which I am also in bonds.”

Eph. 6:19 “And for _____, that _____ may be given unto me, that I may _____ my _____, to make known the _____ of the _____,”

5. **Thanksgiving** – Phil. 4:6 “...with _____”

Eph. 5:20 “Giving _____ for _____ unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Col. 3:17 “...giving _____ to God...”

6. **Praise, adoration** – I Tim. 1:17 “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only _____, be _____, and _____ for _____ and _____.
Amen.”

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We wouldn't think of saying the same thing to someone over and over again. But somehow when it comes to our prayers we fall into a "repetition" of phrases and routine format. No! No! No!

Back to Eph. 6:18 "Praying always with all prayer and _____..." Supplication – earnest request, desire.

Esther 4:8 "...to make _____ unto him, and to make _____ before him for her people."

Jer. 37:20 "...let my _____, I pray thee, be accepted before thee..."

Phil. 4:6 "...but in everything by prayer and _____ with thanksgiving let your _____ be made known unto God."

Phil. 1:4 "Always in every prayer of mine for your all making _____ with joy,"

When we pour out our need before the Lord, our earnest request for God's all sufficient provision to be realized in our weakness, what sweet peace encompasses our heart.

Phil. 4:7 "And the _____ of _____, which passeth all understanding, shall _____ your _____ and _____ through Christ Jesus."

Next time we will move on in Eph. 6:18 to praying "in the Spirit", but let's close this part of our verse with an example of a believer who embraced prayer as it is to be exercised in the dispensation of grace.

Philemon 23 "There salute thee _____, my _____ in Christ Jesus."

Col. 4:12 & 13 "_____, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, _____ for you in _____, that ye may stand _____ and _____ in all the will of God." Vs. 13 "For I bear him record, that he hath a great _____ for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis."

Epaphras labored fervently in prayer. He toiled, strove, to the point of weariness in prayer.

Fervently-hot, glowing, ardent, passionately. I ask myself and you also, does this reflect my prayer life?? And what was Epaphras all worked up about? That the saints whom he loved were standing mature in all the will of God as Paul had revealed! Epaphras knew the dangers lurking at Colosse. He knew that the saints needed to be grounded in the revelation of the mystery in order to withstand the attacks of spiritual wickedness. Isn't that what God wants for us as we face the wiles of the devil? Let us labor fervently for each other that we might be grounded in "mystery" truth that we might stand victoriously against our foe.