

Sermon ~ Sunday, July 16, 2023, by Pastor Dwight Benoit

Text: Psalm 65: 2

Title: "GOD Hears and Answers PRAYER!"

There is no greater privilege [advantage, benefit, entitlement] for anyone than being able to personally *Talk* with, *Speak* into the Hear of **ALMIGHTY GOD!**

There is not any issue [matter in question] we're facing that **PRAYER** cannot address because no-thing is to "hard" or "impossible" for **ALMIGHTY GOD** to handle.

There is no greater legacy [birthright, endowment, benefaction] we could embrace or leave behind us than **FAITHfulness** in **PRAYER!**

"GOD Hears and Answers PRAYER – in the mornings, at noonday, and late at night...

"GOD Hears and Answers PRAYER – if you choose to Pray (offer your Kiddush) on Shabbat (Friday evenings and Saturday mornings) ...

"GOD Hears and Answers PRAYER – if your requirements is to offer Prayers five times a day to Allah (The Arabic word for **GOD**) ...

"GOD Hears and Answers PRAYER – if you choose not a weekly *Holy Day*, however, You observe Uposatha, where you kneel before an image that may have eyes but can not see, ears that cannot hear, arms folded, and hands molded but can not reach out; *some electronic* tube with *satisfying channels of chatters* that only *pulsate* by a cut-on and cut-off button...

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"O **THOU** that hearest **PRAYER**, unto **THEE** shall all flesh come." – KJV

"For **YOU** answer our **PRAYERS**, and to **YOU** all people will come." – NLT

"O **YOU WHO** hear **PRAYER**, To **YOU** all mankind comes." – Amplified Bible

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Note...

1. The Expectation of PRAYER... *First, Relationship* is most Important. When we Pray to **GOD ALMIGHTY**, we can *expect* to be heard. Yet, this contrasts with Praying to *idols* or *saints* of olden Days (our Day). Only **GOD ALMIGHTY** hears **PRAYER**.

"O **THOU** that hearest **PRAYER**..." – KJV [Expect **GOD** to hear Your **PRAYER!**]

2. The Encouragement to Pray. Note, *The People* who can Pray. "Unto **THEE** shall all flesh come..." "All flesh." **PRAYER** to **GOD** is something "all" people can do. "All" do not Pray, but that is not because they are *prohibited* [by **GOD**] from Praying.

Note also, The Persuasion to Pray. "Unto **THEE** shall all flesh come." This is a 'qualified' statement, for obviously, 'all flesh' does not Pray. Yet this statement *encourages*, because our **GOD** hears and Answers our **PRAYERS**, Prayed to **HIM**.

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## Let The SCRIPTURES Testify...

--Abraham walked by **Faith** in **GOD'S WORD** but was guided by \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYER**), and The Nations of the world have never been the same because of it. (Hebrews 11: 8)

--Isaac's \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYER**) on behalf of his barren wife Rebecca resulted in the birth of Jacob, who became the Father of the Nation of Israel. (Genesis 25: 21)

--Moses \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYED**) to **GOD** "as a man speaks to his Friend," receiving **GOD'S Guidance** and revelation for His Leadership decisions. (Exodus 33: 11)

--David \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYED**) to **GOD** "morning, noon, and night." (Psalm 55: 17)

The Psalms are filled with a plethora of passionate **PRAYERS** set to Songs.

--Nehemiah \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYERS**) in Chapters 1-7 of The Book of Nehemiah, resulted in Israel *miraculously* rebuilding The City Walls of Jerusalem in incredible time (52 days). A work that took 4 years, between 1537 and 1541.

--Daniel cherished \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYING**) to **GOD** that He prioritized it 3 times a Day and was willing to give up His Life in a Lion Den rather than give up His **PRAYER** time.

--From Joseph to Jeremiah; from Hannah to Hosea, **The SCRIPTURES** are replete with people who discovered **GOD** really Hears and Answers those who approach **HIM in FAITH**.

--Elijah was a walking \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYER** Warrior) and inspires us to do so (James 5: 16-18)

--YET, **JESUS, The CHRIST** remains **The Ultimate Model and MASTER of PRAYER**.

Some 8 Days old now, **HE** and **HIS** Family was greeted in The Temple by Anna, a widow who served **GOD** in \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYER**) day and night.

At the start of **HIS** public ministry, **HE** rose up out of the water at **HIS** Baptism, the heavens were opened, and **The HOLY GHOST** descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon **HIM** "while **HE** was \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYING**). (Luke 3: 21-22)

Before choosing **HIS disciples**, **JESUS** spent all night \_\_\_\_\_ in (**PRAYER**). (Luke 6: 12)

As **HIS disciples** followed **HIM** they discovered **HIS** private habit was to rise early in the morning and \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAY**) before the Sun rose. (Mark 1: 35)

Even as **HIS** popularity [to the people, but **FAVOR of GOD**] was exploding, **HE** would "often slip away to the wilderness and \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAY**).

**JESUS** first fully recorded Sermon in **The SCRIPTURES** explains the fundamentals of how to \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAY**). (Matthew 5-7)

**JESUS** taught and challenged **HIS followers** to "watch and \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAY**). (Mark 14: 38)

\_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAY**) instead of giving up (Luke 18: 1). **JESUS** *believed* to **WHOM HE** \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYED**) and did not compromise, "turning over Tables and throwing the money changers out of **The Temple**, shouting, "**MY House** shall be called a House of \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYER**). (Matthew 21: 13)

**JESUS** gifted the world with the Greatest Model \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYER**) of All Time.

(Matthew 6: 9-13) And **HE** \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYED**) like no other Priest ever. (John 17)

Before **HIS** Betrayal and Crucifixion, **JESUS** knelt alone in the Garden of Gethsemane and \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYED**) so deeply and desperately that **HIS** sweat literally become drops of Blood.

(Luke 22: 44) **JESUS** \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYED**) out loud 3 times between **HIS** final breaths before laying down **HIS Life** for You and Me. (Mark and John)

NOW as our **Great HIGH PRIEST**, *Standing* at **The Right Hand of The FATHER** and ever **LIVES** to make \_\_\_\_\_ (**PRAYER**) for Us. (Hebrew 7: 23-28)

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