

Prayerlessness

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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Daniel is one of the most famous Biblical persons in the Old Testament. He was a faithful servant of God who never compromised his prayer time when hardships arose. Daniel continued to kneel three times a day to pray and give thanks before his God despite the threat to his life in the lion's den (Daniel 6). As Christians, we are already committed to the Lord, but we are sometimes swayed away by other commitments/distractions. We will be led to disobedience and sin when we stop or forget to pray. Conversely, the prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16).

1. **Many persons in the Bible followed the Lord:**
 - a. Noah, David, and Jonah were good examples of obedience to God.
 - b. Similarly, when we obey God, our life will be witnessed by people. We who obey God's Word will be targeted by Satan, but we can resist his wiles/temptations in times of trial and struggle.
2. **God can show His power.**
 - a. Prayer has already divided seas (Exodus 14). The Israelites were all amazed to see a road in front of them.
 - b. We also have the power as children of God. God always acts on the 11th hour.
 - c. God miraculously parted the waters of the Jordan River (Joshua 3).
 - d. The sun stood still (Joshua 10:12-13). Sometimes, when we fear something, it does not happen. During these times, we are being tested and must show our faith in God.
 - e. The Jericho wall collapsed (Joshua 6:20). If we are facing "walls" (unbearable burdens), remember the story of Joshua. When the Lord speaks, it is already done.
 - f. The three men in the Bible were not burned; not even a hair strand was hit by the fire (Daniel 3). There is someone in the fire with us, we are not alone. When we have many persecutions, the Lord will be with us (Acts 4:23-31).

- g. Prayer has brought one man from the bottom of the sea. The Lord listened to Jonah's prayer while the latter was inside the belly of a big fish (Jonah 2).
3. **Prayerlessness is a sin.** It is a sin because the Bible commands Christians to pray (James 4:2). Satan opposes our prayer because it is the source of power. God's child can conquer anything in prayer. God Himself says to call on Him (1 Samuel 12:23, 1 Thessalonians 5:17).
4. **Prayerlessness leaves the door open for all other sins.** Let Jesus open the door when temptation knocks on our door (Mark 14:38; Psalms 141:3). No doubt, all our sins stem from prayerlessness. It is hard to stumble when we are on our knees in front of the Lord. When we talk to God frequently, we develop a personal intimacy and begin to look like Him.
5. **Prayerlessness leads to disobedience.** When we pray, our life will show it. We know what God wants. Thus, we are teachable and obedient. When we disobey the anointed, we will be disobeying God.
6. **We need to always have a prayerful attitude.** We should have a 'closet' – a place where we can be alone with God to listen and talk to Him (Matthew 7:7, Jeremiah 33:3). Whatever God is telling us now, let us receive it in prayer. Remember to meditate on His word day and night. He will give us wisdom.

Conclusion: When we talk to God, let us ask for forgiveness, to be clean of resentment and unforgiveness. We need to be clean to honor His presence.

Reflection: Challenge yourself today –

1. Develop your prayer time. When and where can you pray to the Lord without distractions?
2. What are you praying for that is so difficult? Are there fiery trials in your life today?

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