

LESSON 23

DIFFERENT KINDS OF PRAYER PART 2

Required Bible Reading:

Matthew 11:28-30

Proverbs 3:5-6

1 Peter 5:7-8, 9

Mark 4:14-20

1 Timothy 6:12

We've looked at the prayer of agreement, the prayer of petition, and binding and loosing. In this lesson we're going to be looking at other kinds of prayer.

The first one we'll look at is the prayer of commitment. So many times we come to God with so many things on our mind, so many things that are bothering us and when we leave, we leave with the same cares and the same problems we came with. We don't feel any release. We don't feel any lighter. It's because we didn't cast our cares upon the Lord. We talked to Him about them. We showed Him the load we're carrying, we complained about it and when we were through, we left the same way we came.

1 Peter 5:7 says we are to cast all of our cares upon Him; that means that when we come to Him we are to leave our cares with Him. Jesus said in **Matthew 11:28**, come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. When we come to God, He not only listens to us, but He relieves us of the cares and worries. Cares and worries are an open door for the enemy. Peter goes on to tell us that our adversary, the devil, roams about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He's looking for someone who is loaded down with cares and worries and anxiety. Worry and anxiety never solved any problems. Rather they cause physical problems like ulcers, stress, heart attacks and strokes.

When we begin to feel anxious and stressed, that's the time to bring our cares and concerns to the Lord. You always hear people say, "I guess there's nothing left to do but pray." **Prayer should be the first thing we do.** It shouldn't be a last resort. If we'd train ourselves to pray first, we wouldn't have all the problems. God never said we were to carry loads and when they got too heavy He would help us bear them. He said cast all of your cares on Him. Cares are designed to choke the Word of God and to get your mind off of the one who has the answers. Worries and the cares of this world, kill faith.

When you set out to believe God, the first thing that's going to happen is, the enemy will come to steal the Word you're standing on. The Bible says he comes immediately to steal the Word that was sown in your heart. If he can steal it, it won't have time to take root and grow in your heart. Cares will choke the Word so that it becomes unfruitful. Remember to cast your cares upon the Lord, for He cares for you!

Another prayer is the prayer of faith. When you pray in faith you pray believing you have already received. **Mark 11:23**, says, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea. And shall not doubt in his heart but believeth that those things which he says shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he says". He said when you pray, believe that you receive and you shall have whatsoever you say.

Once we have prayed in faith, we need to stand our ground. **1 Peter 5:9**, says resist the devil steadfast in the faith. We need to resist the devil and remain steadfast, no matter what it looks like. Hold fast to your confession of God's Word. We have to remember, that when we operate in faith, we have to believe it before we see it. The world says you have to see it to believe it. God says if you believe it, you will see it.

1 Timothy 6:12 says, fight the good fight of faith. Faith is a fight, the devil is going to fight you all the way, but it's a good fight if you hold fast the beginning of your confidence steadfast unto the end, because you win!

We all start out believing God with great confidence. It's when a week and then a month and then six months go by and we're not seeing the manifestation, that's when we start backing off of the Word we're standing on, that's when doubts begin to enter your mind. Doubts are thieves. They will steal the Word your standing on. They will steal the promises of God from you. But if you stay in there, if you hold on to the same confidence you started out with and don't let go, you will see the manifestation.

Faith never quits. The reason faith never quits is because faith never considers the circumstances. Faith is not moved by the five physical senses. Faith is only moved by the Word of God and what it believes. When we take a promise of God and confess it and stand on it, it gets us in faith and keeps us there. As we continue to study the word, we should also thank God and praise Him for the Word. Praise makes your faith stronger.

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1. Jesus said, Come unto me ye that labor and are heavy laden and

2. The devil roams about like a _____ seeking whom he may devour.

3. Cares give place to the _____.

4. The prayer of faith doesn't consider the _____.

5. Faith believes it before it _____.

True or False

6. In the prayer of commitment we are committing our cares to the Lord. ___T ___F

7. We are to cast half of our cares on the Lord. ___T ___F

8. Cares are the cause of many diseases. ___T ___F

9. Prayer should be a last resort. ___T ___F

10. Jesus said you can have what you think. ___T ___F