

Section III, Part XIII: Prayer

Summary: As we have seen in Section II, prayer is a powerful weapon that we possess. In many ways, prayer is central to a thriving, Christian life. Prayer should hold a supreme part in each Christian man's life. A true man will pray continuously and fervently, according to the pattern displayed by Jesus. Prayer is vital for our survival, and vital to our becoming and acting like Jesus, like true men. Therefore, we must pray without ceasing, filled with thanksgiving, in all things, that we might discern God's will and receive His power.

I. Jesus prayed earnestly that He might overcome temptation.

- a. Luke 22:39-46 – *Jesus did not just encourage His disciples to pray, but was an example*

- i. John 8:29 – *Jesus always did those things which pleased God: God's will and not His own*

- 1. Jesus had to live like us: sometimes with a will that was contrary to God. Jesus denied His body, denied Himself, and always accepted The Father's will. This was done here through prayer
- 2. John 4:34
- 3. John 10:18 – *Jesus willingly gave His life. He chose God's will not His own, even though He could have*

- ii. Hebrews 12:3-4 – *Jesus struggled and obtained victory over sin, even unto bloodshed*

- 1. Jesus was given strength by the angel, not to the dismissal of the stress and trial, but to pray more earnestly and obtain victory through prayer.

II. Jesus sought to pray with His brethren. Prayer changes our countenance.

- a. Luke 9:28-29 – *This experience started with prayer*
 - i. Matthew 17:2 – *His face was like the sun*

III. Jesus prayed for His brethren, and He prays for us

- a. Mark 6:45-48 – *Jesus stayed up without sleep to pray*
 - i. John 6:14-15, 26; 18:37 – *Jesus was not led by circumstance/emotion, but sought God's will through prayer*



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1. John 5:30; 6:38 – *Jesus came to do The Father's will, and proved it by seeking diligently that will through prayer*
 - ii. Hebrews 7:25 – *Jesus continually prays/intercedes for us*
 1. Exodus 17:11
 2. Ezekiel 22:30
 3. Numbers 1:53
- IV. **Jesus rose up early to pray alone**
- a. Mark 1:35
 - i. Psalms 5:3; 63:1
 - ii. Proverbs 8:17
 - b. Mark 1:36-39, Luke 4:42 – *Through prayer, again, Jesus discerned God's will and was not led of the circumstance/situation*
- V. **Jesus prayed incessantly, even without sleep, in order to find God's will, to make sure He was being obedient.**
- a. Luke 6:12-16 – *Jesus prayed all night, and afterward, chose His disciples*
 - i. C.f., John 6:64
 1. Isaiah 42:19-21 – *Do not follow eyes/ears, but follow The Lord's voice/Spirit*
 - a. Zechariah 4:10 – *The eyes of The LORD*
- VI. **According to Jesus' example, we want to persevere in prayer too.**
- a. Colossians 4:2 – *Persevere*
 - i. Romans 12:12
 - ii. Luke 18:1
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – *Without ceasing*
 - c. Philippians 4:6 – *Thanksgiving*
 - d. Ephesians 6:18 – *For others*
 - e. Matthew 6:6 – *In private, not for show*

Section III Part XIII, Questions

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1. How did Jesus pray?
2. What did Jesus' prayer result in?
3. How are we instructed to pray, and why are these things useful/important?

