

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: 1 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 – The importance of prayer; Jesus Christ the one mediator

Today's Message:

“Prioritizing Prayer”



INTRODUCTION

In our last message, we finished the first chapter with a focus on the *mercy* and *grace* of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul submitted his life as an example of how good God has been to born-again Christians. When God shows us mercy and grace, it is for a pattern to show others the incredible love of God. Today, we will see Paul prioritize prayer in his exhortation to Timothy. Now prayer is **IMPORTANT**. Most people know this to be true. You know this to be true, right? So, why do you struggle with prayer? *Failure to pray* must be one of the most grievous **SINS** to our God (1Sam 12:23). We must change for God's glory!

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 1 Timothy 2:1-8

#1. The Priority – Paul prioritized **PRAYER** in his exhortation to Timothy. (1-4)

TYPES OF PRAYERS

- ✓ **SUPPLICATIONS** – Specific **REQUESTS**; asking for something. *Ps 31:22; Php 4:6; Heb 5:7*
- ✓ **PRAYERS** – in general, all **COMMUNICATION** with the Lord. *1Sam 3:9-10; 12:23*
- ✓ **INTERCESSIONS** – interceding for **OTHERS**. *Isa 53:12; Rom 8:26, 27, 34; Heb 7:25*
- ✓ **GIVING OF THANKS** – expression of **GRATEFULNESS** to God. *Ps 26:7; 100:4; Heb 13:15*

NOTE We must give ourselves continually to prayer (*Acts 6:4*); It is very important!

SCOPE OF PRAYER

- ✓ For **ALL** men. *Mt 5:44 (them which despitefully use you, and persecute you); Lk 6:28*
- ✓ For **KINGS**. *Prov 21:1; Ps 75:7; Dan 2:21; 4:17; 1Pet 2:17 (governmental leaders)*
- ✓ For ALL that are in **AUTHORITY**. *Ex 20:12; Rom 13:1; 1Pet 2:13; Heb 13:17 (me also)*

WHY?

- 1) That WE MAY LEAD *a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty*. *1Cor 7:15*
- 2) For THIS IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE *in the sight of God our Saviour*. *Rom 12:1-2; 1Tim 5:4*
- 3) Who WILL have ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, and *come unto the knowledge of the truth*. *2Pet 3:9*

NOTE It is good for us to pray to our God! The aim of our prayers is salvation of souls!

2022 VISION: *This is our time!*
Making disciples and caring for souls!

#2. The Privilege – we have direct access to God BECAUSE of Jesus Christ! (5-7)

ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR

W1828
 “Mediator”
 One that interposes
 between parties at
 variance for the
 purpose of
 reconciling them.
*Rom 5:10; 2Cor
 5:18, 20; Col 1:21*

- ✓ There is ONE God. *Deut 6:4 (Moses); Mk 12:29 (Jesus); Isa 44:6; Jn 17:3; Eph 4:6*
- ✓ There is ONE mediator between God and men. *Gal 3:20; Heb 7:25; 8:6; 9:15; 12:24*
- ✓ Jesus Christ is the MAN! *Gen 3:15; Isa 7:14; 9:6; Mt 1:23; Lk 2:10,11; Jn 1:14; 19:5*
- ✓ Jesus Christ gave Himself a RANSOM for all! *13 times in KJB; Ex 21:30; 30:12; Isa 53:6; Mt 20:28; Mk 10:45; Jn 6:51; 10:11-15; 2Cor 5:14-21; Eph 1:7; Eph 5:2; Titus 2:14; Heb 9:11-14; 1 Pet 1:18-19; 2:24-25; 3:18; 1Jo 2:1,2; 4:10; Rev 1:5; 5:9*
- ✓ We now have DIRECT ACCESS to God through Christ! *Rom 5:2; Eph 3:12; Heb 4:16*

NOTE If you are born-again today, you have been reconciled to God!! PTL!! Amen!
 Prayer then is *your* DIRECT COMMUNICATION LINE with *your* Creator Himself!

CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE IN PRAYER (write in your Bible)

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Mt 14:23 | 10. Lk 9:18 |
| 2. Mt 19:13 | 11. Lk 9:28-48 |
| 3. Mt 26:36-46,53 | 12. Lk 11:1 |
| 4. Mk 1:35-39 | 13. Lk 18:1-8 |
| 5. Mk 6:46 | 14. Lk 22:39-46 |
| 6. Mk 14:32-42 | 15. Jn 14:15-16 |
| 7. Lk 3:21 | 16. Jn 16:26-27 |
| 8. Lk 5:15-16 | 17. Jn 17:1-26 |
| 9. Lk 6:12-13 | 18. Jn 18:1-2 |

NOTE The devil KNEW THE PLACE where Christ prayed! Judas betrayed Him there!

#3. The Precept – the logical conclusion is for men to pray EVERYWHERE! (8)

THE WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST

- ✓ Men ought ALWAYS to PRAY... *Luke 18:1; 21:36; Acts 6:4 (the early church)*

THE WILL OF GOD – THE HOLY GHOST

- ✓ *I WILL THEREFORE ... 1Timothy 2:8; 2Peter 1:21*
 - The *context* is MEN PRAYING. (There is a need for MEN to pray for God’s glory!)
 - The *place* is EVERYWHERE. (There is NO restriction on location; time is always!)
 - The *posture* is LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS. *Job 16:17; Ps 26:6; 66:18; 134:2; Isa 1:15; Jer 7:9,10; Mal 1:9-12; Acts 10:2,4,31; Heb 10:22; Jas 4:8; 1Jo 3:20-22*
 - The *prohibition* is WITHOUT...
 - WRATH A man’s FIRST reaction is too often WRATH instead! *Jas 1:20*
 - DOUBTING A man will often DOUBT the POWER of God! *By faith _____!*

Question?
 Are you ready to
 repent of your
 slackness in
 prayer and true
 devotion to God?

2022 VISION: *This is our time!*
Making disciples and caring for souls!