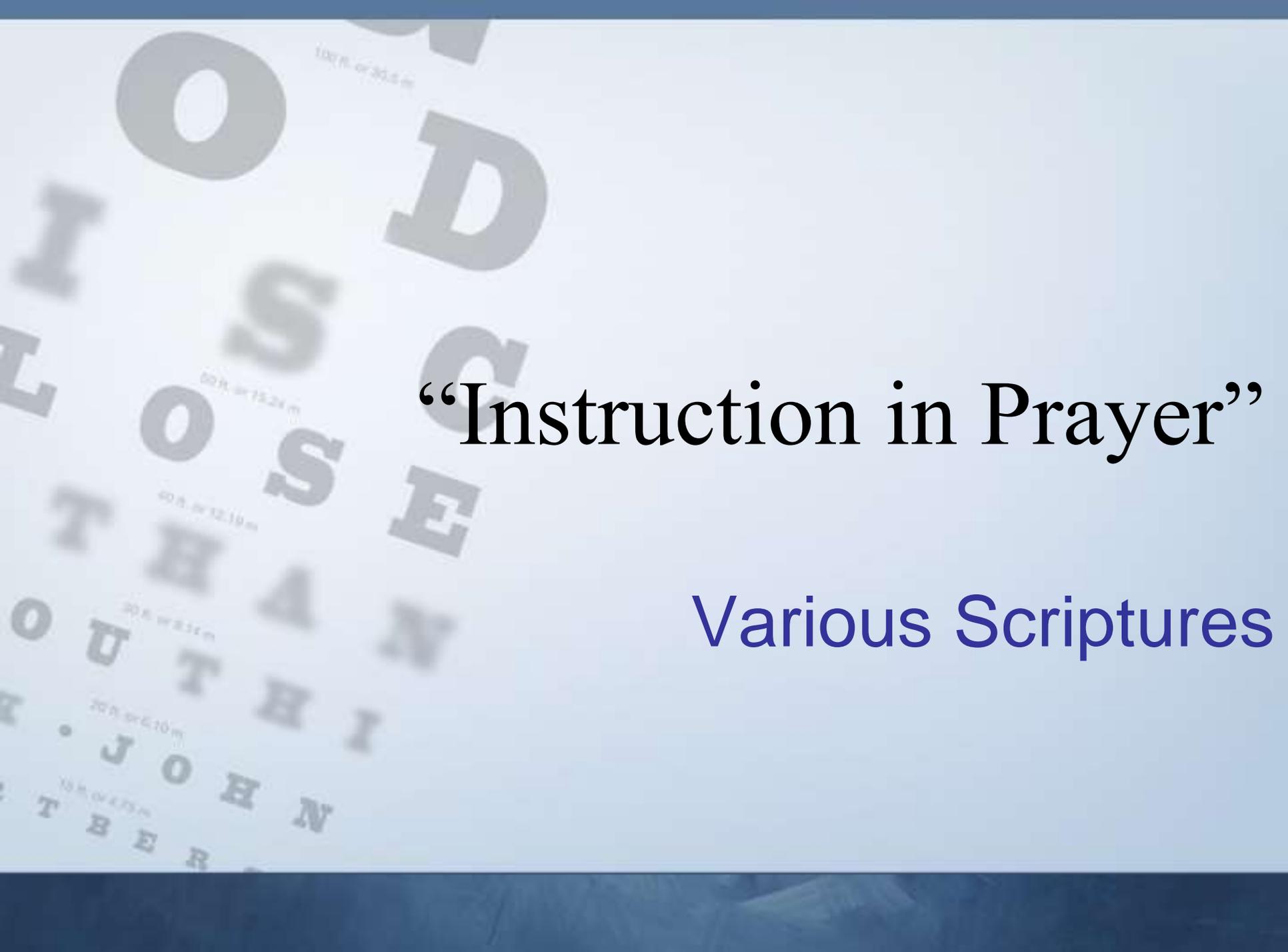


# Blue Jean Christianity

## Study in the Book of James

# Theme running through James

- The Practical outworking of our Faith
- Where Faith meets Life
- In addition to instruction; a call to understand God's purposes in the Affliction, Calamity, Trials, Temptation, Persecution we encounter in Life.
- A call to Patiently Endure and Persevere (Jas.1:3-4, 12) Continuing in 5:7-11
- A CALL TO PRAYER (5:13)



# “Instruction in Prayer”

Various Scriptures

# Understanding Prayer

- None of us can fully understand Prayer; how it works within the Mind and Plan of God.

*Isa.55:8-9, “For My thoughts are not your thoughts; neither are your ways, My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth; so are my ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”*

- For some, prayer is seen as simply lining up with what God has already determined to do; . . . For others, prayer is calling on God to do what He otherwise would not do
  - Scripture seems to indicate that both of these are partially true, depending on the circumstances.

# The Lord Jesus' Example

- Despite such short time on earth, the Lord spent a lot of time in prayer
  - Gospels record Him rising early, before daybreak, to pray (commune with the Father)
  - In the evening, He would go to Mt. of Olives to pray alone
  - Prayer was a continuous thing with the Lord (John 11:41-42); Like spiritual air that He was breathing all His earthly life.

# A Believer's Privilege

- Nothing benefits a believer more than entering into prayer with the Father; yet, the ultimate purpose of prayer, is to glorify God (John 14:13)  
  
“True prayer brings the believer’s mind to contemplate God’s character; and holds it there until their soul is properly impressed”
- Because it’s so important and because we lack; God gives us His Spirit to help (Rom.8:26-27; Eph.6:18)

# When you Pray

1. The Assumption of God and His Word is that we would be praying always (1Thes.5:18; Eph.6:18; 1Tim.2:1-3)

# When you Pray

2. Pray “Believing, in Faith, Trust (Mtt.21:22; James 1:6-7; Heb.11:6)

# When you Pray

3. Pray out of a righteous standing in Christ  
(Ps.145:18; Luke 18:9-14; James 5:16)

# When you Pray

4. Pray in the Name of Jesus . . . By His authority & provision (John 14:13-14, 16:24)

- in acknowledgement that He alone gives us standing
- He alone is our advocate and intermediary (1Tim.2:5)

# When you Pray

5. Pray In the power and leading of the Holy Spirit  
(Rom.8:26-27; Eph.6:18; 1John 5:14-15)

# When you Pray

6. Pray To the Father, in the Name of the Son, in the Power of the Holy Spirit (Mtt.6:9)

# When you Pray

7. Pray with persistence and passion (Luke 11:5-13; James 5:16)

# When you Pray

8. Pray in private-secret (Mtt.14:23); In Public (John 11); and In groups (Mtt.26:26; Acts 12:5)

# When you Pray

9. Pray with God's power in view (Lk. 1:37; 18:27)

# A Believer's Prayer Matt.6

- Pray for God's Kingdom and Plan to prevail (v.10)
- Pray for God's Provision (v.11)
- Pray to confess, thanks for Forgiveness, and grace to forgive (v.12)
- Pray for protection from evil . . . Spiritual warfare (v.13)