



APRIL 30, 2023

REVELATION

HOW GREAT THOU ART

ADORATION

PRAYER IS THE SOUL'S SINCERE DESIRE

CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 51.1-13

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

EXPIATION & PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8.22-27

SERMON

DEDICATION & SUPPLICATION

COMMUNION

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

COMMISSION

BENEDICTION



THE CHURCH
IN DEKALB

ACTS 9.1-19 (NASB)

- 9:1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,
2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to ^dthe Way, whether men or women, he might bring them in shackles to Jerusalem.
3 Now as he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;
4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"
5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He *said*, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,
6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told to you what you must do."
7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.
8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.
9 And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.
10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."
11 And the Lord *said* to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, **for he is praying,**
12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight."
13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints in Jerusalem;
14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on Your name."
15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;
16 for I will show him how much he must suffer in behalf of My name."
17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
18 And immediately *something* like *fish* scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized;
19 and he took food and was strengthened.

Q. What is prayer? What are some reasons that you think prayer "works"?

SERMON OUTLINE

I. AN ANNOUNCEMENT

II. AN ARGUMENT

III. AN APPLICATION

Q. What are some prayers of yours that God has answered? What else are you praying for?
How often do you pray prayers of confession?

WHO WAS CHARLES SPURGEON?

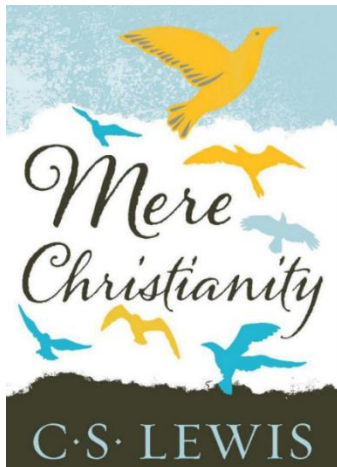
Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834 - 1892) was one of the most well-known and prolific preachers of the nineteenth century. Often referred to as "The Prince of Preachers," he became a believer in 1850 and soon after began to preach in village churches around Cambridge, England. The Baptist Church in Waterbeach invited him to become their pastor at the age of 17. By 1854 he was invited by the congregation of New Park Street Church of London to become their pastor. Although criticized for his youth and lack of training, his powerful preaching reached thousands and the congregation constructed the Metropolitan



Tabernacle as Spurgeon's preaching drew larger and larger audiences. In addition to his preaching, Spurgeon's church supported many ministries for the poor and the orphans of London and for the training of ministers. He also published a monthly magazine, *The Sword and The Trowel*." His sermons were also widely circulated in published form and translated in many languages. In addition he wrote commentaries, devotionals and other books. He was known and respected by contemporaries including Dwight L. Moody and was invited to speak in America on a number of occasions but never did make the voyage. Many from America, however, would take time to visit his church when traveling to England. By the 1880s the pace of his work, health problems and chronic bouts of depression began to take a toll. Spurgeon died on January 31, 1892 at the age of 57.

RECOMMENDED READ

MERE CHRISTIANITY by C.S. LEWIS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 05.07 | BAM Stock Day |
| 11:30am | |
| 05.13 | Back Alley Market |
| 9:00am | |
| 05.20 | Saturday Seminar |
| 9:00am | Life on the Gospel Island |