

NEW TESTAMENT PRAYER PRINCIPLES pt 3

I. THE BASIS FOR PRAYER

II. HINDRANCES TO PRAYER

III. N.T. PRAYER PRINCIPLES AS SET FORTH FOR A NEW DISPENSATION

- A. Jesus Instructed His Disciples to Pray to Their _____ in Heaven
- B. Jesus Instructed the Disciples to Make Their Requests ...“In His _____”.
- C. The N.T. Instructs Us To Pray Empowered By the _____!
- D. If We Want To Be Heard, We Need To Pray or Ask In _____!

- Why is faith so necessary? (Heb. 11:6)
 1. Lost sinners are justified by _____ alone in _____ alone, and once saved, they must continue to _____ in the sanctification process to spiritually grow & please God.
 2. We need to keep in mind that the believer will always have something in life for which they must _____ on God for... something that is beyond their _____ for which they must _____ the Lord for the desired outcome!
 3. Faith is also a method of transferring _____ knowledge or stated facts or promises into _____ in our Christian experience! (_____!)
 4. We sometimes call this the _____ life! Claiming the promises of God & _____ on those promises, by faith, while we diligently _____ them via prayer, to the situations & challenges in life! (Heb. 4:9-11)

Acts 12 illustration

- God used persecution against the church in two ways:
 - 1) To get the people of God _____ & _____ in regards to the present persecution, & for _____, the leading spokesman of the Apostles, who had been arrested & put in prison, whose _____ was on the line!
 - 2) God used this persecution to get the Church to _____ the command of the Great Commission... that of going into _____ to make disciples for the Lord.
- Why did God allow James to be killed & not Peter?

Principle: Prayer is not so much asking God to do what is _____, but laying hold of His _____ to do what seems _____!

5. If we as believers _____ to walk & pray by _____ based on God's promises, we will simply _____ to walking & praying in the _____ and end up doing something other than God's will in our lives, and this will inevitably lead to _____ & _____ in Christian living!

6. Some other facts concerning *faith* and *prayer* in life:

1) Faith is _____ by _____ God's word (Romans 10:17)

2) Faith demands _____ as its object for faith!

3) Faith in God's word or promises is the basis for _____ that praises God & seeks His wisdom for Christian living!

4) Since faith is what pleases God (Heb. 11:6), praying in _____, empowered by the _____ is in perfect _____ with God's _____ for your Christian life!

5) A biblical faith that prays to God is a faith that is _____ by the truth of scripture, so as to _____ & then expects answers based on personal _____ or _____ in God or His word for any situation in life!

6) Praying in faith is repeatedly _____ in scripture. (Jeremiah 33:3; Acts 2:21; Hebrews 4:16)

• What should all this mean to you?

1. Personal faith in God's revealed word gives assurance that another _____ or _____ exists. An unseen world that has been _____ in God's unchanging word. One that is seen & appropriated by _____ in God & accessed through believing _____ at the throne of grace!

2. The life of the believer today is lived based on the _____ / _____ of this revealed reality. Although outside of our existence by nature, it can be _____ & _____ only by personal **faith** & by **believing prayer** in _____ & His unchanging _____!