Prayer

Philippians 4:1-7

Lives Are Shattered

- How do you carry on? Focus? Gain purpose? Find peace that is now elusive?
- > What do we do when our emotional and spiritual strength have evaporated?

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Job 17:1, "My spirit is broken, my days are extinguished, The grave is ready for me ..."

Verse 11, "My days are past, my plans are torn apart, Even the wishes of my heart." NASU

What Is Prayer?

- Prayer is more than wishful thinking.
- More than empty platitudes.
- More than clichés.
- It is the "heart's desire (praise, adoration, thanksgiving) expressed to God." Romans 10:1; cf. Hebrews 4:16; 1 Peter 5:7



The Nature Of God – Holy

Leviticus 11:44-45, "For I am Jehovah your God: sanctify yourselves therefore, and **be ye holy; for I am holy:** neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that moveth upon the earth. For I am Jehovah that brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall **therefore be holy, for** I am holy." cf. 1 Peter 1:15-16

The Nature Of God – Holy

 Exodus 15:11, "Who is like unto thee, O Jehovah, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

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Recognize His Majesty

- Isaiah 6:3, "Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."
- Revelation 4:8, "Holy, holy, holy, (is) the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

Acknowledgments Seen In Prayer

- There is a God. cf. Hebrews 11:6
- Man needs God. cf. John 15:5
- God hears prayer. cf. James 4:8; 1
 Peter 3:12
 Psalms 65:2, "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come."
- God answers prayer. Matthew 7:7-11
- God cares for man. 1 Peter 5:7

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Model Prayer. Matthew 6:9–13 The voice of faith speaking to the object of faith. (Not vain repetitions. cf. Matthew 6:7)

- Our Father RELATIONSHIP, Romans 8:16
- In Heaven OMNIPOTENCE, Acts 17:24, 29; Psalms 14:2; 18:13; cf. Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."
- Hallowed REVERENCE, Malachi 1:6; Psalms 34:3, "Oh magnify Jehovah with me, and let us exalt his name together."

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- Kingdom / Will RULE, 1 John 3:7, 22; 1 Peter 3:12
- Daily Bread TRUST, Matthew 6:33; Psalms 37:25, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."
- Forgive As We Forgive MERCY, Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:15
- Lead Us Not CAUTION, cf. James 1:13;
 1 Corinthians 10:13

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