

Morning Worship

September 30, 2018

Hymn # 581 *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound* Don/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People Chorus #441 *I*

Worship You Almighty God Don/People

Missions Moment  WMU

Hymn # 555 *A Child of the King* Don/People

Hymn # 138 *At Calvary* Don/People

Offering Prayer Bill Schottel

Offering Music

Children's Worship (Children are dismissed)

Scripture Reading Allan/People

Message God Speaks through Prayer Allan Lane

Hymn # 325 *Whiter than Snow* Don/People

Closing Chorus # 555 *A Child of the King* Don/People

God Speaks through Prayer

John 14:8-14

Jesus speaks on prayer while referring to His walk with the Father. Jesus tells us that He expects those who believe in Him to walk as He walked. He also says that through prayer, we can walk in the victory He won for us as we are led to walk as He did - in cooperation with the Father. Notice what Jesus tells us about prayer here and apply it to knowing and doing the will of God.

1. The measure of our praying. "whatever"

When it comes to prayer, no request is out of line, provided that we desire God's will above all else (1 John 5:14-15). As we delight ourselves in the Lord, He will give us the desires of our heart (Psalm 37:4). In other words, He will give us desires that are consistent with His will. When Jesus says, "whatever," He does so within the context of our co-operating with the Father - walking in love relationship with the Father (John 15:7).

The "whatever" results from an intimate walk with God. Prayer is not rubbing the magic lamp or punching the right buttons, but prayer is a means of relating with our heavenly Father.

Prayer does not change God, it changes us. As we go to Him in prayer, God conforms our will to His will so that we might pray as He directs and walk as He directs (Romans 8:27, Hebrews 7:25). The highest motives possible from the highest beings possible are constantly reaching on our behalf, the highest throne possible. Our co-operating with God begins in prayer.

2. The means of our praying. "in my name"

Literally it says "presenting all that I am." Realize that God is all you need. His way is best, because He is all you need. Praying "in His name" is praying with the realization that our sufficiency is found only in Him. The point is not how strong we are, but how strong God is.

The Hebrew names for God reveal His character:

Elohim (God) - His majesty and creative power

Adonai (Lord) - His sovereignty and authority

El Shaddai (God Almighty) - His might and sufficiency

Jehovah (I Am) - His unchanging faithfulness

Jehovah-Jireh - The Lord our provider

Jehovah-Rophe - The Lord our healer

Jehovah-Nissi - The Lord our banner

Jehovah-M'Kaddesh - The Lord who sanctifies

Jehovah-Shalom - The Lord our peace

Jehovah-Rohi - The Lord our shepherd

Jehovah-Tsidkenu - The Lord our righteousness

Jehovah-Shammah - The Lord who is there

3. The might of our praying. "that will I do"

Prayer sets the power of God in motion. As we think of knowing and doing the will of God, we find that as we adjust to what God reveals to us through His Word and through prayer, His power works in us and through us (verse 10; Philippians 4:13).

The reason so many persist in unbelief is that they see nothing to convince them that God's power is truly at work in the lives of His people. What they need to see and what we must desire is that we walk in His will, cooperating with Him, so that His power and glory might be displayed.

David Yonggi Cho, Pastor of the Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, Korea (over 800,000 members) said, "When we experience the Biblical dynamic of prayer in our lives we will then experience the refreshing and power of God in ways we never imagined."

Our desire should be that we walk with God in such a way that He alone can get the credit for what we do. But for that to happen, we must be willing to set aside our selfish desires. This brings us back to the idea already mentioned - that prayer doesn't change God, it changes us.

Pastor Cho goes on to say, "As we pray there is a purpose: that God may be known and worshiped in the world. But when we pray the Holy Spirit also works on the one praying. One of the ways He works is by breaking us. Over the past several years I have learned that God cannot use a person who is not broken and completely surrendered to Him."

4. The motive of our praying. "so that the Son may bring glory to the Father"

What we need is motivation to do the right thing. How can you get that motivation? The University of Oklahoma was quite proud of its wrestling team and on a certain day they were going down to wrestle at Memphis State. The Coach got his team together and said, "Guys, Memphis State has developed a hold called the double reverse. They take a man and bend him in two once, then they bend in two a second time, turn him upside down, get him where he can't move his arms or his legs and they'll pin him and it's over. Whatever you do, don't let them get you in that double reverse."

"OK, Coach, we'll watch for it." Well, the first five guys went to the mat and sure enough, all five were defeated by the double reverse. The coach then went over to the smallest wrestler on the team and said, "Son, if you get caught in the double reverse we won't even place in this meet. Whatever you do don't get caught in the double reverse." "Ok, Coach," the kid said. "I'll do my very best."

He immediately went out on the mat and got caught in the double reverse. As he was going down the coach groaned and covered his eyes. He just knew the match was lost.

About then he heard a loud scream. Then everybody began to shout and applaud. For the first time in history the infamous double reverse had been broken.

At the end of the match, the Coach asked, "What did you do?" The kid said, "Well he bent me over, turned me and I couldn't move." "I know. I know that part. But what did you do to break free?"

"Well, Coach, as I was going down I remembered what you said, 'Do whatever you have to do!' I looked out there and there was a big toe right in front of my mouth. So I reached out there and chomped down hard as if I would bite that toe clean off. You know something, coach, it's an amazing how much motivation you can have to break free when you nearly bite off your own big toe!" Sometimes we just need a little motivation to do the right thing in obeying to pray.

Our Scripture tells us our motive is "so that the Son may bring glory to the Father." C. S. Lewis said: "Humans are very seldom either totally sincere or totally hypocritical. Their moods change, their motives are mixed, and they are often themselves quite mistaken as to what their motives are."

You can be motivated by fear. And you can be motivated by rewards. But both of these methods are only temporary. The only lasting thing is to be self-motivated by the love of God. We love Him because He first loved us. "Unless God's glory is valued above all, God's power will not be seen at all!"

Conclusion

In John 12:3 we are told that Mary's desire to bring glory to Her Master resulted in the house being "filled with the fragrance of the perfume."

Tommy Tenny, author of **The God Chasers** said, after reading that passage, "God spoke to me and said, 'Mary dismantled her glory to minister to Me' (See I Corinthians

11:15). 'I will bring you close to me if you will dismantle your glory.' I keep hearing him say, 'Dismantle your glory; take your ego apart and lay it aside. I don't care who you are, what you feel, or how important you think you are. I want you, but first you must dismantle your glory.' Why? The burial of man's glory is often the birth of God's glory."

Today, are you willing to dismantle your glory and fill this house with the fragrance of devotion to the glory of God that is willing to cause us to set aside our pride, our "glory" in the effort to see to it that only God receives the glory.

Dismantle Your Glory and be Filled with the Fragrance of Devotion!

Better Church Growth?

I came across this article this week. It made me think about some things and the direction God is leading our church. Make these thoughts a matter of prayer as we seek God's will in ministry.

Most churches keep their members so busy they don't have time to do ministry. Indeed, a lay elder of a church recently who told he simply did not have time to get to know his neighbors because he was so busy in his church. Something is not right with this picture. Our churches should become more intentional about doing real ministry instead of busy work. How have churches become so busy? Perhaps understanding the origins of dysfunctional busyness will help churches avoid this problem in the future.

1. Activities become synonymous with ministry.

One particular church has a missions support group. It includes over 30 people, representing over 20 percent of the weekly worship attendance. The group is very active with fellowships, meetings, and speaker events. But the missions support group has never supported missions, nor have they ever been involved in missions. But they sure are busy.

2. Programs and ministries are added regularly, but few or none are ever deleted.

This reality is glaringly obvious at a church in the Southeast with an average attendance of 60. The church has 15 committees and nearly 30 different programs and ministries throughout the year. They almost have one ministry or program for every member. They add some activity every year, but they never delete the dead or useless activities.

3. Programs and ministries become sacred cows.

They were once the pet project of a particular member or a group of members, alive or deceased. The thought of eliminating the non-functional ministry started by Sister Harriett or Brother Frank 35 years ago is deemed blasphemous.

4. The alignment question is not asked on the front end.

Even a good ministry may not be the best use of time for a church. In one church, the membership voted to initiate a ministry because one person had become a believer through the ministry in another church over a two-year period. But the church members never considered if there might be other ministries that could be more effective and better aligned with the direction of the church.

5. Silo behavior among the different ministries of the church.

A worship ministry in the church began a new ministry that required extensive volunteer help. But the leaders never considered they were hurting other ministries in the church. Members don't have unlimited time; they have to make choices.

6. Lack of an evaluation process.

Most churches have an annual budgetary process. That is an ideal time to ask tough questions about existing ministries and programs. Very few church leaders take that opportunity.

7. Ministry becomes facility-centered.

In other words, if it's not happening in the church facilities, it's not "real" ministry. As a consequence, we keep our members too busy to do ministry outside the walls of the church.

8. Lack of courageous leadership.

It takes courage for a leader to look at the busyness of a church and say "no" or "enough." Some leaders would rather not rock the boat and, as a consequence, lead a church toward mediocrity and malaise.

We are wasting too much time, energy, and money in our churches. Often we are doing more things and becoming less effective. It's time for busy churches to become simple churches.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Kirkpatrick

Larry McKahan, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Service.....6:30 pm

Monday, October 1

Food Kitchen 5:30 pm

Wednesday, October 3

Prayer / Bible Study ...6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: KenNice, Fred Kerns,

Don Sharp, ? ? ? ?

Alternate: ? ? ? ?

Lord's Supper Observance

Evening Service.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 10

Prayer Warriors 10 am

Prayer / Bible Study.... 6:30 pm

Worship Team 7:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

October 1 — Food Kitchen

October 10 — Prayer Warriors

October 22-23 — Missouri Baptist Convention

Annual Meeting, Springfield, MO

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

Sunday Nights

We *will* have Sunday night service tonight. Please join us tonight as we resume studying God's Word. Don't miss it!

Wednesday Night Prayer

and Bible Study

Prayer is such a vital part of everything a church does. Please come as we pray for the direction of our church. Hope to see you this Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Also we will begin a new study on the Giftedness of the Spirit. Come and learn how the Spirit has gifted you and wants to use you for His glory.

**Reuben L. South
Missouri Missions**

“Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.” 1 Chronicles 29:14b

Our Goal: \$1,500.00

So Far: \$1,616.00

*Lord’s Supper
Observance*

October 7, 2018

All loose, undesignated monies in the offering next Sunday morning will be used in the benevolence ministry of our church.

For the Record-

Attendance: September 23, 2018

Sunday School.....	28
Visitors.....	4
Total.....	32
Contacts Made.....	12
Morning Worship.....	40
Sunday Night.....	N/A
Children’s Worship	N/A
Wednesday Night	10

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,286.39
Offering Received ...	\$ 1,369.12
Long Family –Sept. ...	\$ 75.00
MMO	\$ 1,616.00

Offering Received by Mail:

Toni Wyrick

October Counting Team:

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

October Van Driver:

Mike Green

Remember to call 232-3747

before 8 am if you need a ride.

October Birthdays:

03...Don Hart
08...Brigida Winans
09...Gina Harr
10...Fred Kerns
10...Jaden Schottel
14...Dillon Burgess
18...David Schottel
19...Caitlyn Schottel
22...Angie Liechti
25...Tom Lefever
28...Ellen Lane
28...Marie Hren
31...Tim Izer

October Anniversaries

Mike and Martha Green
October 1, 2005

Prayer Requests ...

Sandy and Stanley Wilson
Shirley Wilson—strength and recovery
Mike Green—recovery
Brendan Conner—Swymeler's Grandson
Ruth Anne Bush—healing
Sharri Duty—Jerry Garcia
Kenny Kirkpatrick
Mary Sharp—back surgery recovery
Linda Huff—cancer treatment
Jim Winans—recuperation
June Fritchle—recovery
Marcia and Don Hart—blessings
Arlette Duty—strength
Donna and Bill Dunn—health
Jack and Flo Conard
Peggy & Gary Fewins—Peggy's health
Randy and Gina Harr—new pastorate
Tammy Panning, Emily Jones & Liam
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Stephanie & Jason Terpack
Shawna Hughes—recovery
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter
LoLeta Middleton—strength
Zella Davis —Doris Richardson's sister
The Waters Family Betty Campbell
George Ferbert Kevin Duty
Nellie Reynolds Ann Riddle
Don Beavers Tim Izer
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan

Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Pat Means Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Curtis Conard
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
