

THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEED - PRAYER

Matthew 7:7-12

This is a great passage of Scripture. In it are disclosed three fundamental laws of prayer. (1) That the greatest blessings of life, temporal or spiritual, are the gracious gifts of God and are not earned or merited by us in any way - James 1:17); (2) That God more infinitely than any earthly parent, is anxious and ready and able to bestow upon us the best heaven can offer; but, He always waits until we are conscious of our need and come to Him and ask in the spirit of a child - James 4:2,3 ; (3) That if we ask anything according to His will He will not fail to answer. But, if we fail to ask, then of course, we will not receive.

These laws of prayer make all the more clear to us therefore what is our supreme need. It is prayer and more prayer. Good old fashioned prayer.

NOTE - how this is related in all phases of the Christian's life and work.

1. **We all need a deeper Spiritual experience of the Grace of God in our hearts:** - 2 Corinthians 8:7
 - A. How much we need this; How deep our need; How real it is.
 - B. But we can never experience it apart from prayer - more prayer.

2. **We all need greater faith:**
 - A. To enable us to undertake greater things from God and expect greater things from God.
 - B. How is greater faith acquired ? - Matthew 17: 14-21 - more prayer.

3. **We need more money for the ongoing mission of Christ: More Great givers as well as great liver:**
 - A. BUT, this great need will never be met unless or until we pray for it.
 - B. Not projects, programs, threats or promises - but prayer -
 - C. Just as Spurgeon, Hudson Taylor, Carey, other greats.

4. **We need more workers in the harvest:** Matthew 9:36-38
 - A. Where will we find them ? Tough enough just to get church members to be present on a regular basis. Most of them do not want to be involved.
 - B. Luke 10:1,2 - they come in answer tom prayer.

Which brings us to our final point - - -

5. We need a greater concern for the salvation of souls:

- A. Greater than we have ever had. (1) the hour is later; (2) the darkness is greater;
- B. But how is this to come to us ?
 - 1) We must ask God to burden our hearts for the lost.
 - 2) We must pray and pray unceasingly for these souls.
 - 3) Have a compassion like the Apostle Paul -
Romans 9:1-3 Romans 10:1
- C. No matter where we are or where we look, the need is the same -
Prayer and more prayer.
 - 1) For ourselves
 - 2) For our families
 - 3) For our churches
 - 4) for our friends
 - 5) for the souls of people.

God has the answers to all our needs and has promised to meet our needs !
Why then do we find ourselves lacking ?
Could be the want of prayer.

Many things are wrought by prayer
This the world dreams of. Wherefore let
Thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of
Prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friends.

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