

Bible Doctrine 2 – Lesson 3

Prayer

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Introduction: Prayer should be one of the most important pursuits of the believer's life. Nehemiah was a man of courage, action, and prayer. He learned to pray!

Nehemiah had before him a monumental task. At times it seems to be a mountain too big to climb. As with any task of this magnitude we are left to answer the difficult question of where do we begin? Where do people who want rebuilding, revival, and reform begin? The answer is down on our knees. It begins with prayer.

Prayer is underestimated by most of us as believers. If there is any area of our life we should be improving it is prayer.

- Are you mad at someone? Pray!
- Are you burdened about a need? Pray!
- Do you have health problems? Pray!
- Do you need a job? Pray!
- Do you have a loved-one that needs to be saved? Pray!

C.J. Barber said, "The self-sufficient do not pray; they talk to themselves. The self-satisfied will not pray; they have no knowledge of their need. The self-righteous cannot pray; they have no basis on which to approach God." Beloved, a wise believer is not self-sufficient, self-satisfied, or self-righteous.

I. What is prayer?

- A. Prayer is _____ to God.
- B. Prayer is _____ to God.
- C. Prayer is _____ God for _____.
- D. Prayer is _____ with God.

II. Will God hear my prayer?

III. How should I pray? Matthew 6:5-13

- A. Pray to _____, not to _____ people.
- B. Do not pray by _____ words.

C. Come to God with a _____.

D. Desire God's _____ in your life.

E. Ask for _____ needs.

F. Acknowledge your _____ and _____ those who have sinned
against you.

G. Pray for _____ and help.

H. Accept that God is in _____ and that He deserves _____.

IV. Why does it seem that some prayers do not get answered?

A.

B.

C.

D.

V. Practical tips on prayer.

A.

B.

C.

D.