

Prayer Quest – Lesson 2 “The Blessings of Prayer”

A. “Prayer is no fitful, short-lived thing. It is no voice crying unheard and unheeded in silence. It is a voice which goes into God’s ear, and it lives as long as God’s ear is open to holy pleas, as long as God’s heart is alive to holy things.” E.M Bounds, E.M. Bounds on Prayer

1. What blessings are we reaping today because of someone else’s prayer?
2. What blessings are we sowing in prayer today for the next generation?

B. “. . . the mightiest successes that come to God’s cause are created and carried on by prayer. God’s day of power; the angelic days of activity and power are when God’s church comes into its mightiest inheritance of mightiest faith and mightiest prayer. God’s conquering days are when the saints have given themselves to mightiest prayer. When God’s house on earth is a house of prayer, then God’s house in heaven is busy and potent in its plans and movements.” E.M Bounds

1. Moses
 - a. Pharaoh appeals to Moses to intercede for Him (Ex. 8:8, 28, 9:28, 10:17)
 - b. Moses intercedes on behalf of Israelites (Deut. 9:13-29)
2. Elijah
 - a. Raised a child from the dead. (I Kings 17:19-23)
 - b. Prayed for rain (I Kings 18:41-46)
3. Jonah
 - a. Delivered from the belly of the whale (Jonah 2)
 - b. But God is not our puppet, answering prayers as we please! (Jonah 4)
4. Hezekiah
 - a. Recovery from illness (II Kings 20:1-7)
5. Jesus
 - a. A man of prayer always going away to pray.
6. The early church
 - a. Dorcas restored to life (Acts 9:36-43)
 - b. Peter freed from prison (Acts 12:5-17)

C. “Even when we are praying for or about things other than our own spiritual needs and growth, the effect of conversing with God cannot fail to have a pervasive and spiritually strengthening effect on all aspects of our personality. That conversation, when it is truly a conversation, makes an indelible impression on our minds, and our consciousness of him remains vivid as we go our way.” Dallas Willard, The Spirit of the Disciplines

1. Psalm 54 – David encourages himself in the Lord
 - a. Looking at the problem – verses 1-3
 - b. Looking to God – verses 4-5
 - c. Praising God for (future) answered prayer - verses 6-7



“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”
II Corinthians 9:6