

Sermon Notes – 03.06.2022 – A Heart of Prayer for Today

Give ear to my words, O LORD

Psalms 5:1-12 For the choir director; for flute accompaniment. A Psalm of David. Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my groaning. 2 Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, For to You I pray. 3 In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch. 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity. 6 You destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit. 7 But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house, At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You. 8 O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes; Make Your way straight before me. 9 There is nothing reliable in what they say; Their inward part is destruction *itself*. Their throat is an open grave; They flatter with their tongue. 10 Hold them guilty, O God; By their own devices let them fall! In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out, For they are rebellious against You. 11 But let all who take refuge in You be glad, Let them ever sing for joy; And may You shelter them, That those who love Your name may exult in You. 12 For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.

This is the Time to Pray Big Prayers – Our Hope is In God!

Luke's Gospel Pictures Jesus Praying More Than Any of the Others

Luke 3:21 ... Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,

Luke 5:16 But Jesus Himself would *often* slip away to the wilderness and pray.

Luke 6:12 ... He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

Luke 22:41 (In the Garden of Gethsemane) ... He knelt down and *began* to pray,

Luke 22:44 And being in agony He was praying very fervently;

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus Called Us to Pray

Luke 6:28 bless those who curse you, *pray for those who mistreat you.*

Luke 11:1-8 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." 2 And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. 3 'Give us each day our daily bread. 4 'And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'" 5 Then He said to

them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.' 8 "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

The Parable of the Unjust Judge & the Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1 & 7 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times **they ought to pray and not to lose heart,** 7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?

Don't Just Pray About the Evil Acts – Pray Against the Cause

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

A Heart Prepared for the Last Days is Prepared for Every Day

Luke 21:36 "But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Marching Orders

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

16 Rejoice always;

17 pray without ceasing;

18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not quench the Spirit;