

Prayer: The Divine Dialogue — Session 6
Power and Practice of PRAYING SCRIPTURE 2
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We need to learn to pray from the Word of God. God's Word is the language of God and effective prayer is in the "language of God".

4 parts of praying the Scripture:

1) Identification

This Bible is a book of life, relationships, and many other things. But identifying Christ in and through all of Scripture is the power. John 20:29, Luke 24:44-49 — Jesus rebuked his disciples for not understanding the Scriptures. When He blessed and broke the bread, their eyes were opened.

John 5:39

"You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me."

- Every encounter with Scripture will bring us into closer proximity to Christ Himself. This is beyond Scripture as a "handbook".
- But Scripture is to be a "guide book" on how to get closer to God.

2) Meditation - A Biblical Orientation

- This is a word that needs to be reclaimed because meditation is a biblical word and a biblical concept.
- This is to be a discipline we practice.
- Meditation is an exercise in creating a higher state of consciousness of God.

- Such meditation is grounded in the Bible because God is a personal God. Meditation focuses on this and responds.
- Revelations of Scripture open to us the love of God.
- The origin of meditation is the Word of God as the means of knowing God.

3) Repetition & Remembrance

Matthew 6:7 — prayer is not “many words”; we agree with God by repeating what God has said about a thing in His Word. We remind God of His promises. We can use the right words but do so in a demanding way. Repetition has the end of reminding of what God has said and done. God doesn’t need to be reminded; we need to be reminded of what He has said.

2Chronicles 20:6-9,

Jeremiah 14:21 — “For the sake of your name...”

4) Application through personalization

- The issue for most is one of applying what is already inside us.
- Scripture and prayer are attached. We must prayerfully draw out what Scripture says and let it, by the Spirit, come alive to us.
- Thru the prayer and meditation upon the Word that makes it come to life.

2Thessalonians 1:11-12

Make ME worthy of your calling

Make ME every more resolute for good

Make ME ready for EVERY work of faith by your power

That YOU might be glorified in ME

Ephesians 1:17-23

Give ME the Spirit of wisdom and revelation

Do this that I might KNOW YOU BETTER

Open my spiritual eyes that I could see

- 1) Hope - both in this life and that which you have prepared for me in eternity
- 2) That I am your inheritance
- 3) The revelation of our resurrection power operating in my life

Ephesians 3:14-21

Strengthen ME with YOUR power

so that ... I can KNOW ...

that YOU dwell in my heart

Ground me and root me in your love

Let the revelation of that love overcome and overwhelm me

beyond what I can understand

Fill me with your fullness (whatever that means!)