

# 21 DAY FAST AND PRAY

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*"A revival of real praying would produce a spiritual revolution." - E. M. Bounds*

*Likewise, E. M. Bounds said these words about the prayer life of the church; "The life of the church is the highest life, and its office is to pray. Its prayer life is the highest life, the most fragrant, the most conspicuous. When God's house on the earth is a house of prayer, then God's house in heaven is busy and powerful in its plans and movements. 'For mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people' (Isaiah 56:7), says our God. Then, His earthly armies are clothed with the triumphs and spoils of victory, and His enemies are defeated on every hand... The very life and prosperity of God's cause - even its very existence - depend on prayer. And the advance and triumph of His cause depend on one thing: that we ask of Him."*

Jesus quotes Isaiah in Matthew 21:13 saying; "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer.'"

The Puritan Samuel Chadwick says,

*"Satan dreads nothing but prayer. Activities are multiplied that prayer may be ousted and organizations are increased that prayer may have no chance. The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayer-less studies, prayer-less work, prayer-less religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."*

## **Matthew 6:9-13 The Model Prayer**

9. In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
  10. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.
  11. Give us this day our daily bread.
  12. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
  13. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.
- For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer is to impress you with God, much more than it is to impress God with you or your needs. You don't pray because you want God to think you're holy, and you don't pray to get what you can get or get God to give you what you want. You pray rather to allow God to be on display.

In John 14:13: Jesus says, "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Why will God hear your prayer and answer? In order that the Father may be glorified.

Prayer is ever and always, first and foremost, a recognition of God's majestic glory and an act of submission to it. All our petitions, all our passions, all our supplications, all our requests, all our needs, all our trials, our problems are all subject to this, let's look back at the model prayer again.

They are subject to His name. (verse 9)

They are subject to His kingdom. (verse 10)

They are subject to His will. (verse 10)

All prayer begins there. Then you have in verse 11, give us, verse 12, forgive us, verse 13, lead us.

But the giving, forgiving, and leading of us comes only when God is put in the prior place of glory.

Here are Five prayers we can pray with one accord:

- **Pray for one another**
- **Pray for those who are over us in the Lord**
- **Pray for the Sick**
- **Pray for the Lost**
- **Pray for our Enemies**