

21 DAY FAST AND PRAY

January 5, 2021

"A godly man is a praying man. As soon as Grace is poured in, prayer pours out. God comes down to us by his spirit, and we go up to him by prayer." - Thomas Watson

Heavenly Homework.

1. In the book, "God, Please Help Me Pray!" take a few minutes to read and research the scriptures listed in Appendix B; page 179.
2. Fast someday each day as God directs you.

When you pray, God inclines His ear toward you. Likewise, when you pray you should incline your ear toward Him. God does more than listen, He also speaks. If we are to hear what God has to say to us, we must have a listening heart. *"Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."* [you are the church.]- *Revelation 2:7a*

- a. **Does relationship really matter?** Do your children enjoy certain advantages and privileges just because they are your children? When you become child of God, everything changes. When God saves you, He adopts you. Now, when you pray, He hears you. As you travel through life, He leads and guides you, and when you disobey, He disciplines you. *"And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.*- *Corinthians 6:18*
- b. **Does it matter where you pray?** As a child of God, your life should be filled with prayer. We are told to pray constantly, about everything and at all times. However, God knows that the distractions of life and hinderances of the enemy will keep us from praying. So, He gives us this instruction about prayer: *"But when you pray, go into your most private room, close the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you."* - *Matthew 6:6 AMP*. Tomorrow, create a private place to pray in your home.
- c. **Does it matter if you speak when you pray?** Communion with God demands speech. A man who believes thinking he loves his wife is the same thing as saying, "I love you," is sadly mistaken. Hosea said, *"Take words with you when you return to the Lord and say to Him, 'Take away our iniquity and receive us graciously.'"* When you pray, speak out loud to God and never forget, what you say to God in prayer matters. Prayer is God's idea and He made it to be a life-altering, eternity-impacting force.

Four things to pray about tonight:

Pray for revival:

1. in your heart, 2. your home, 3. your church, and 4. your community

Appendix B

The High Priestly Prayer of Christ (John 17)

- Do you fully recognize who is the **only one true God**? (John 17:2)
- Does **God's glory** come **first**? (John 11:41-42; 17:4-5; cp. John 8:50, 54; cp. Daniel 9:17-19)
- Do you realize that God is glorified in the eyes of a sinful **world through your obedience**, and Him answering your prayers? (John 17:4; 17-23)
- Do you know **there is a plan for you** from God? (John 17:4-10)
- Do you make your requests **clearly known**? (John 17:7)
- Do you appreciate that **God is the source of all things**? (John 17:7)
- Is **Jesus the key to all authority** in your prayer? (John 17:1-11; cp. John 14:13-14)
- Do you put your **heart and soul** into prayer? (John 17:7; cp. Luke 11:5-9; Hebrews 12:4, 8; James 5:16)
- Do you **pray with humility and complete dependence** upon God? (John 17:7; cp. John 8:29; Philippians 2:8)
- Do you understand that **Jesus (and the Holy Spirit) is interceding for you** when your prayers are hard to put into words? (John 17:9; 20-21; Romans 8:26)
- Do you understand that **the Word is your most important weapon**? (John 17:14; Ephesians 6:17)