

PRAYER THAT AVAILS MUCH FOCUSED PRAYER

INTRODUCTION:

Prayer is essential to the victorious life of the one who believes in God, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Maturing in one's prayer life is a lifelong pursuit.

In the last lesson, we briefly discussed what prayer is, the different types or kinds of prayer, and what constitutes "effectual fervent" prayer. (James 5:16c)

This lesson continues our discussion of *focused prayer*, and why it is vital to praying effectively and fulfilling our responsibility as "workers together with God" (2Cor. 6: 1-2)

THE RECORDED PRAYERS OF JESUS

Jesus came to do the will of His Father. Jesus prayed throughout his time on earth. The recorded prayers of Jesus align and reveal the Father's will. Let's examine some of those prayers.

Luke 3: 21; Luke 5: 16; Lk. 6: 12; Lk. 9: 18, 29; Lk. 11: 1; Lk. 22: 9: 32

Mark 1: 35; Mark 6: 41, 46; Mark 6: 30, 31

Luke 10: 21

John 6: 15; John 12: 28; Jn. 17

Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26: 36-56; Mark 14: 32-42; Luke 22: 39-46 (John 18: 1)

Jesus prays from the Cross

Three of the Seven last expressions of Jesus were prayers to the Father.

Which were they?

Matthew 27: 46; Mark 15: 34; Luke 23: 34, 46

Discussion:

- 1. Do the prayers of Jesus reveal anything about His focus? If so, what?**

- 2. A. Write any similarities you see in the prayers of Jesus and your prayers.**

B. Write any differences you see in the prayers of Jesus and your prayers.

- 3. List any things regarding your prayer life that you intend to change.**

There are many other prayers in both the New and Old Testaments. We will examine some of them in future lessons.