

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER -III

### “How to Pray”

Matthew 21:12-16

(Mat 21:12 KJV) And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, (Mat 21:13 KJV) And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. (Mat 21:14 KJV) And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. (Mat 21:15 KJV) And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, (Mat 21:16 KJV) And said unto him, Hearst thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

#### I. MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER

- A. House of purity - *"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves."*
- B. House of prayer - *"It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."*
- C. House of power - *And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them."*
- D. House of praise - *"And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things he did, and the children crying in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased..."*

#### II. SHOULD BE DELIGHT TO PRAY

- A. ***Why is it so difficult?***
  - 1. Can you not pray with me for one hour?
  - 2. The flesh is weak, but the spirit if willing.
- B. ***Must begin with desire.***
  - 1. Desire doesn't come by the flesh.
  - 2. Must be birthed by the spirit.
- C. ***Need for discipline*** - Through obedience, desire matures within us and moves into a place of holy DISCIPLINE.
  - 1. Root word of disciple is discipline--disciplined follower of Jesus.
  - 2. Jesus' life was a disciplined life of prayer, and the power of God flowed out of him.
  - 3. Discipline begins with exercise of the will.
- D. ***Delight will come after desire and discipline.***
  - 1. I delight to do thy will.
  - 2. We rejoice in His presence, His power, and His provision

- III. LORD TEACH US TO PRAY (Mat. 6:9-13).
- A. ***"Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."***
1. Enter into God's presence by hallowing Him--praising Him for His provisions.
  2. Provisions through the compound names of Jehovah.
    - a. Jehovah-jireh. The Lord our provider.
    - b. Jehovah-rophe. The Lord our healer.
    - c. Jehovah-nissi. The Lord our banner.
    - d. Jehovah-M'kaddesh. The Lord our sanctifier.
    - e. Jehovah-shalom. The Lord is peace.
    - f. Jehovah-tsidkenu. The Lord our righteousness.
    - g. Jehovah-rohi. The Lord our shepherd.
    - h. Jehovah-shammah. The Lord is there.
- B. ***"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done."***
1. In earth as it is in heaven.
  2. Set priorities.
  3. Domains in which God's kingdom should reign.
    - a. Self.
    - b. Family.
    - c. Church.
    - d. Nation.
- C. ***"Give us this day our daily bread."***
1. How to appropriate God's provisions.
- D. ***"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."***
1. Learning the power of forgiveness
  2. How to maintain a right attitude toward others.
- E. ***"And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."***
1. How to consistently defeat the devil.
  2. Building a hedge of protection about yourself and your loved ones.
- F. ***"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever."***
1. Extending God's domain.
  2. Close in praise.