

Words to Find:
 Abraham
 Daniel
 David
 Elijah
 Elisha
 Gideon
 Hannah
 Hezekiah
 Isaac
 Jacob
 Jesus
 Job
 John
 Manasseh
 Moses
 Paul
 Solomon
 Stephen
 Zacharias



They Prayed

The Use of Prayer

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One night the mother of two little girls was away at their bedtime, and they were left to do as they normally would.

"I'm not going to pray tonight," said Lillian when she was ready for bed.

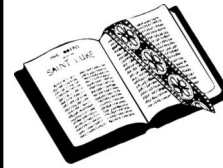
"Why Lillian!" exclaimed Amy, with round eyes of astonishment.

"I don't care. I'm not going to. There isn't any use."

So she tumbled into bed, while Amy knelt and prayed. The little prayer finished and the light extinguished, Amy crept into bed. There was a long silence; then Lillian began to turn restlessly, giving her pillow a vigorous thump and saying crossly, "I wonder what is the matter with this pillow?"

Then came a sweet, sleepy, little voice from Amy's side of the bed, "I guess it's 'cause there isn't any prayer in it."

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When "All" Is Enough

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"Well, I guess all we can do is pray."

Often, this statement is heard when people are at the end of their rope. They have done all they can do to fix a problem. They have knocked on every door of opportunity available to them. They have acted out every possible solution to a problem.



Isn't it strange they did not get to the point of prayer sooner? If they really believed that there was a God in heaven who answers prayer, prayer would have been the first step in changing a situation or solving a problem.

All through the Bible, God gives evidence of direct answers to prayer. In many of these situations, prayer was not only "all" that could be done; it was what should have been done first. Prayer was always the solution to the problem at hand. It

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Some time ago at a meeting held in a large seaport town, two sailors, when spoken to about salvation, said, "It ain't no use. If we gave up drinking and swearing tonight, we should be as bad as ever tomorrow."

The leader of the meeting took his watch from his pocket and said, "Do you think the maker of this watch could wind it up again?"

"Of course he could, sir!" was the answer.

"Well, God is your maker, and don't you think he could wind you up and keep you going?" asked the leader.

"I never thought of that, sir," said one of the sailors.

"Come to him, then, and prove his power," invited the leader. "He can put you in good working order, and keep you going on board ship just as well as on land."

They both sought salvation.

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was enough. Some biblical examples are:

♪ In I Samuel 1:10-13, Hannah prayed that God would open her womb, that she might have a child to dedicate to Him. She had been barren for some time, and all she could do was pray. Prayer was more than enough to meet her need. Not only did God give her a son, Samuel, whom she dedicated to the Lord; He also gave her three more sons and two daughters (I Sam 2:21).

♪ Elijah told Ahab (I Kings 17:1) that there would be no rain or even dew for three-and-a-half years. Eventually, there was no more food. A widow and her son thought they would die because of the famine (I Kings 17:12). God supernaturally fed them, as well as Elijah, for the remainder of the three-and-a-half years. At the end of that time, Elijah had proven to the Baal worshippers who was the true and living God, and it was now time for the drought to end. Elijah, himself, could not make it rain. All he could do was pray and ask God for the rain. In I Kings 18:42, he did

just that. In verse 45, the rain not only came, but it was a “... great rain...” more than enough to end the drought.

♪ King Hezekiah was sick unto death, as told in II Kings 20:1. He went to the Lord, and begged for more time after Isaiah told him that he would die. In verse 6, the prophet Isaiah returned to the king, and told him that God had heard and answered his prayer. He would be given fifteen more years of life.

♪ In Acts 7, we learn of Stephen, one of the first deacons. Because of his stand for the Messiah, he was stoned by the Jews. Before he died, he asked God to “... lay not this sin to their charge ...” (Acts 9:3-6). God answered that prayer by allowing Saul of Tarsus (Paul), one of the men at the stoning, to be saved and go on to write many books of the New Testament.

♪ Jesus prayed many times during His earthly ministry. While on the cross, he prayed “... Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do ...” (Luke 23:34). God answered that prayer by allowing many Jews to be saved after the resurrec-



“God has three answers to prayer: yes, no, or wait; and ‘wait’ is the most frequent answer.”

tion. Although the Romans actually crucified Jesus, it was the Jews who demanded that he be killed (Luke 23:21). That did not keep God from saving them, however, when they called on His Son in faith for salvation.

There are many more biblical stories that could be told of the power of prayer. Suffice to say that the next time someone says to you, “Well, I guess all you can do now is pray”; I hope you will say to them with confidence, “Great, because I know that is enough.”

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Some eight or nine months later, when they returned from a voyage and were asked how they got on, they replied, “All right, thank God! We made up our minds that every morning we would kneel down and ask him to wind us up for the day, and every night we would thank him for having done it; and He did!”

Never think that your temptations will be too strong, or that it is not good for you to try. Remember that “The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms ...” (Deut. 33:27)

The Way to Pray

Sam Foss

“The proper way for a man to pray,”

*Said Deacon Lemuel Keyes,
“And the only proper attitude
Is down upon his knees.”*

“No, I should say the way to pray,”

*Said Reverend Mr. Wise,
“Is standing straight with out-
stretched arms,
And solemn, upturned eyes.”*

*“Oh, no, no, no,” said Elder
Show,*

*“Such posture is too proud;
A man should pray with eyes fast
closed
And head contritely bowed.”*

*“It seems to me his hands should
be*

*Serenely clasped in front,
With both thumbs pointing to the
ground,”*

Said Reverend Mr. Blunt.

*“Last year I fell in Hodgkin’s
well*

*Head first,” said Seaman Brown,
“With both my feet a-stickin’ up
And my head a-pointin’ down;*

*“And I prayed hard, right then
and there,*

*Best prayer I ever said;
The prayin’est prayer I ever
prayed
Was standin’ on my head.”*

“Prayer pulls the rope below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly; others give but an occasional pluck at the rope; but he who wins with heaven is the man who grasps the rope boldly and pulls continuously, with all his might.” — Spurgeon

“If you need something, ask God. If you don’t, thank God!”