



Read Through The Bible In A Year

Week 32 – Pray without ceasing 2

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36

1. Looking Back - The Kingdom splits due to Solomon's excesses and the people's apostasy. Judah is bad; Israel worse. God raises up prophets to speak to the people and urge them to repent before it's too late.

2. What happened in this week's reading Aug 2-8 (983-1010)

- a. Effect of Jeremiah's Preaching 983
- b. Assyria Falls and Babylonia Emerges 987
- c. Jeremiah Faces Charges 989
- d. Jeremiah's Judgment Against Egypt 991
- e. Habakkuk's Questioning Prophecy 994
- f. First Deportation from Judah 999
- g. Jeremiah Tells Length of Captivity 1000
- h. Jehoiakim Burns Jeremiah's Scroll 1003
- i. Daniel the Faithful Captive 1006
- j. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream 1007

Prayer Objective: Define prayer and determine how to communicate with God most effectively.

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Luke 11:5-28; John 14:1-18; John 11:41-42; Matthew 6:5-6; Acts 1:8-14, Acts 2:41-47

1. What is prayer?. Prayer is a dialogue. *Dialogue is what is essential to prayer. Prayer makes a difference in what happens. (James 4:2) Our understanding of prayer will correspond to our understanding of God. When God is seen as desiring to bless (James 1:5) and sovereignty free to respond to persons (Jonah 3:9), then prayer will be seen as dialogue with God. God will respond when we faithfully pursue this dialogue. Prayer will lead to a greater communion with God and a greater understanding of His will. Randy Hatchett*

a. We speak to God Praise – Psalm 148:1-14; Confession – Psalms 66:18-20; Thanking God – Colossians 4:2; Asking God for His intervention in our lives and the lives of others - 1 John 2:22-24

b. God speaks to us. How does God speak to us?

2. Why pray?

a. God tells us to pray – Matthew 6:9

b. Prayer works – Scientific studies

c. Answers are promised - Matthew 7:7-8; Luke 11:9,10; John 15:7; 1 John 3:21-24; John 14:13, 14

3. Conditions for effective prayer

a. Pray for God's Will – John 15:5-8, 1 John 5:14-15; Matthew 26:39

b. Pray unselfishly – James 4:3

c. Pray with persistently - Luke 18:1-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

d. Pray in faith– Mark 11:22-24; Hebrews 11:6

e. Pray in the name of Christ – John 14:13-14; 16:23, 24

4. Prayer models

a. The Lord's prayer Matthew 6:9-13

b. ACTS

5. Prayer practices

a. Journaling

b. Specific time and place

c. Daily subject

d. Keep a log of prayer requests

e. Pray without ceasing