



WILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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Prayer is Necessary

Hosea 12:6 – *Therefore turn thou to thy God; Keep mercy and Judgment, and wait on thy God continually.*

Habakkuk 2:3,4 – *For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold his soul, which is lifted up, is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.* God's Word teaches us in Luke 18:1 that *men sought always to pray and not to faint*

When it comes to prayer, we may ask: How may I find God? How may I overcome my fears? How may I be reconciled with an enemy? How shall peace come among men? How may I learn to live like Christ? In all these questions, we shall not gain an answer without labor in life and thought. We shall find no help in an individual life or social order that is delivered to selfishness. There cannot be shallowness in our prayer.

God does not guide us without our thinking – better, despite our thinking – but our thinking cannot stay on fortune cookies or horoscopes. We need rigorous work in thought and action! But even these are not enough – our mind must also be given respite, rest, quiet and creative silence...(still your mind). What better stillness than meditating on the eternities of God? This still quiet becomes the ultimate creativeness; when our mind is freed from the clamorous world and is at home in God, important answers flash in our minds. The world cannot solve problems of daily life or warring nations or deepest woes without the ultimate resource of prayer.

It is time that the people of God return to God, to His church and to prayer. Even our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was willing to be still in Psalms 62:5 when the Lord recorded these words “my soul, wait thou only upon God for my (hope) expectation is from Him”. See also Psa 39:7 – “*And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee*”; and Psa 71:5 “*For thou are my hope, O Lord God: Thou are my trust from my youth*”. Prayer is the necessary prelude to creative selfhood and a creative society.

So may we, the elect children of God, realize the wonderful gift granted us – that not only is the solid ground of our life in an Eternal Spirit, given to us by the Father and the Son Jesus Christ but our prayer could be the communication of friendship, joy, and light – the Lord is my light and my salvation!

Prayer goes deeper than the subconscious. It opens the very depths of our mind to the incalculable spring of God. *In the hidden part thou shalt make me know wisdom* (Psa 51:6)

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Upcoming Events:

September is Joash Offering month

- 9/4 – Missionary Charles Parton speaking 11 AM
- 9/9 – 9AM Men's Prayer Group Revival (13 weeks)
- 9/25 – 11 AM Joash Offering presented
- 10/20-23 Revival with Bro. Scott McDowell