

GOD'S E.R.

FREED FROM ALL THINGS

Acts 13:39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things

Class 1 – Protecting Your Freedoms - Lesson Eight

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 11 'Give us this day our daily bread. 12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.' 14 "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions. **Matt 6:9-15.**

In the book of Exodus, the Lord gave Moses the instructions for the sons of Israel to build a tabernacle unto Him – a place where sacrifice and worship to Him could be carried out. The Lord gave very specific instructions on how to operate within the tabernacle and within the outer courts (see diagram on last page of this lesson).

The outer court was where the animals were sacrificed for sin offerings. There was no covering over the outer court. Moses was specifically instructed on how to offer the animal sacrifices. After the outside ceremonies were accomplished, the Priest would enter the Holy Place (5), through the first veil of the tent structure that was within the tabernacle courts.

Once inside the veil, the priest would stop and reflect at the lighted Lampstand (4) with the seven candles, then he would proceed to the table of shewbread (7) and partake of the shewbread with bitter herbs, he would then move on to the alter of incense (6) and burn incense to the Lord. This is as far as he would go, except for once a year the high priest would go into the Holy of Holies (9) to offer the blood sacrifice on the Mercy Seat (8).

Before the time of Christ, the Levites had to perform outward ceremonial prayers, offerings and sacrifices for the cleansing of the sin of the people. The priests were the only ones allowed into the Holy Place.

2 Chronicles 23:6 - "But let no one enter the house of the LORD except the priests and the ministering Levites; they may enter, for they are holy. And let all the people keep the charge of the LORD.

Everything in the Old Testament is a “type” that points to Jesus. Jesus is the *fulfillment* of the Law. He kept the Law completely, and finally, He became the spotless Lamb, the sacrifice once for all for the sins of mankind.

Heb 10:1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

John 1:35 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God !"

Jesus was slain for us, so that we could be reconciled, once for all time, to the Father.

Romans 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

But the Priests did more than kill the sacrifice and apply the blood. Our understanding that everything in the Old Testament points to what Jesus would fulfill in the New Testament, makes it evident that what took place inside the tabernacle tent was to become more than ritual.

Looking at the diagram attached, the Gates and Courts are the outer partition walls and the ground (courtyard) around the actual tabernacle tent. This is where animal sacrifice takes place.

We come to the Lord in reverence and submission to His will (1). The Alter of Sacrifice (2) is where the Priests slew and offered the sacrificial lambs. After the sacrifice, the Priest was able to enter the tent of the Holy Place after washing in the Laver (3).

The Tabernacle paves the way for us for Prayer:

Here is what Scripture says about entering into the Gates and Courts:

1. We see that Jesus was OUR Lamb that was slain and we *do* give the Father thanks and praise for His great Love and the sacrifice of His Son.

Psalms 100:4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

2. By the Blood of Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross, we can now enter through the first veil into the Holy Place (5) to have relationship with the Father

Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus ...

3. In the Holy Place are three areas where we surrender ourselves to God as we draw deeper and closer to Him in prayer:

- a. **Lampstand** (4) - this represents the place where we submit our mind to the Holy Spirit.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind

- b. **Table of Shewbread** (7)– this is where we surrender our own will for the Will of the Father.

Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

- c. **Alter of Incense** (6) we surrender our emotions here and exchange them for the heart and passion of Christ.

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

4. **Holy of Holies** (9)- the Mercy Seat on the Ark is the place of substitution – Jesus for us. We join hands in worship with the Lord here and we hear His voice. This is the place of true worship. The Holy of Holies is so small only one can go in at a time. – when in worship, it is just you and God!

John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Notice that all three areas in the Holy Place represent a renewal or exchange of your soul (mind, will, emotions) so that when you get to the veil between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, you have laid down all of the desires of your soul (mind, will and emotions). Only your submitted soul and spirit, in worship, gains entrance to the Holy of Holies, and all by the Blood of Jesus. In fact, the second veil was torn in two when Jesus was crucified, giving us full access to God, through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus!

This is true fellowship, true prayer – when we can enter in and give Him everything we are, in exchange for everything He is – then we can ask whatever we wish and it will be done for us.

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

How to Pray in the Holy Place in your private prayer time:

1. **Lampstand** – the oil in the lampstand sheds light – this is where we renew our minds, daily cleansing of the mind, and asking for the Holy Spirit’s thoughts in exchange for our own! Our intellect surrenders here. We yield our thoughts and thinking patterns to the Holy Spirit to be conformed to the mind of Christ. This is our own intellect submitted to the Holy Spirit. Laying down our own way of thinking each day and taking on the mind of Christ. **Ask the Holy Spirit, by His Power, to renew your thinking all day long.**
2. **Table of shewbread** – the shewbread (means “bread of the face”), it represents the Father’s Will and the will of man. The herbs on the bread were bitter, which signifies that persecutions will come. Our will must be surrendered here, pray: **“Thy Will be Done.”** We must lay down our will and take up the will of the Father through Christ Jesus each day in prayer. You will find that what you want no longer matters, and that you hunger for the will of God to be done in your life! Jesus said, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work.” **John 4:34**
3. **Incense alter – Surrender your emotions, your own prayers here.** Our Father wants worship in Spirit. So the soul is not dead but *conformed* in the Holy Place, and finally at the altar of incense, the only functioning part of you is the conformed soul and spirit. Words are inadequate here. Remember, the second veil is open now because of the ascension of Christ. This is the place of true worship where all of “you” has been crucified, and exchanged for all of Him! Just as the smoke of the incense filled the Holy Place AND the Holy of Holies, **our**

**worship now takes the entire atmosphere! You cannot see naturally – this is the
ATMOSPHERE OF WORSHIP!**

So then, the purpose of entering the Holy Place in prayer is to take our soul and allow it to be conformed into the image of Christ. In so doing, our spirit can enter into true worship!

Once you have established yourself in the Holy Place and in the Holy of Holies in worship, you are now able to pray effectively and with authority!

Here are the Elements of Prayer (not necessarily in this order):

1. Praise – Singing, Tongues - the purest form of prayer.
2. Confession – Acknowledge who God is and His majesty.
3. Supplication – Make your needs and requests known.
4. Adoration – Loving, adoring and worshipping the Lord.
5. Intimacy – Intense abiding in the Lord’s presence.
6. Communion – Awareness of the Passion of Christ.
7. Intercession – The Spirit reveals things to pray for – most prayer is in tongues here.
8. Thanksgiving – for allowing you to be a part of all that has just transpired.

Warning! No Witchcraft prayers!

You don’t have to be involved in witchcraft to be praying witchcraft prayers! Have you ever heard someone pray that someone else would do something and that something was not defined in the Word of God? If you prayed and declared that a friend meet and marry another friend of yours, but this is outside of the Will of God, this is a witchcraft prayer! If you prayed to get a certain job, or get out of a certain job, but it is against the will of the Father, it is a witchcraft prayer!

Any time we “pray in” something that is not God’s Will, we are operating in our own will AND operating in witchcraft!

Remember! We exchange our will at the symbolic table of showbread. *Always the Lord’s will is prayed, never our own.*

Father, not My will, but Thine be done! Matt 26:39

**Next week we will study the “Power in the Word, the Name of Jesus and the Blood” -
through which we have ALL authority to accomplish God’s Will on Earth!**

