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Prayer and Worship

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Who Prayed? What About? And unusual words?

1. There are several types of prayers recognized in the N. T.
   A. Private prayer.
      1. Secret.
      2. Personal.
   B. Prayers requested of friends.
      2 Cor. 1:11 "Ye also helping together by prayer for us"

C. Prayers of Jesus.
   1. His ones for us.
   2. His own personal prayer life.
   3. "The praying Christ is the supreme argument for prayer" (J. S. Stewart).

D. He prayed at critical moments.
   (a) Baptism. Lu. 3:21 Jesus likewise being baptized.
   (b) Choosing 12.
   Lu. 6:12 "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray,
   (c) Transfiguration.
   Lu. 9:28 "And it came to pass about an eight days after, that he went up again into a mountain alone to pray.
   (d) Garden. Lu 22:41 Stoned of the world pond

Heb. 5:7 "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had
   5. Jesus prayer for various things.
   (a) Deep fellowship c God.
   Lu. 9:29 "And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered:
   (b) Thanx.
   Lu. 10:21 "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said unto them:
   (c) Intercession.
   Mk. 10:16 "And he took them up in his arms, put his

D. Holy Spirit praying for us.
E. The church engaging in corporate prayer.
Matt. 18:19-20 "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as concerning any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of heaven."
Acts 2:46 "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people."
Acts 12:5 "Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayeth fervently to God." 1. Fervently (NEB) = in a stretched out manner.

II. Contents of Prayer & Praise of the Early Church.
A. They believed God was sovereign disposer of human affairs.
Acts 1:24 "And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, wert an holy God, true and righteous: Thou judgest righteously."
B. Jesus was Lord.
Acts 13:1 "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch prayerfully...."
Acts 7:59 "And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 2 Cor. 12:8 "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, whether I should tarry in the flesh, or depart." Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name." C. Maranatha.
1 Cor. 16:22 "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema."
1. Our Lord cometh or
2. Our Lord come - means it is a -
3. Prayer to Jesus.
Rev. 22:20 "Even so come Lord Jesus.
4. Oldest Chr. prayer on record - shows recognized Jesus as Lord.
1 Cor. 1:2 "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, and are justified by our Lord Jesus Christ..."
D. Special words.
1. Abba.
Mk. 16:32-39 "by faith under fire but ye have receiveth the spirit of adoption."
Rom. 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bond.
Gal. 4:6 "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth (a) Means God with special depth of meaning.
(b) Abba is child's word of earthly father - Jew
didn't use it in addressing God as daddy. Abba was too daring.
(c) Jesus tho used it & taught disciples to use it.
(d) God is concerned c things infinitely great & infinitely little — Kingdom to daily bread.

(a) Endorsement.
(b) Lit. "to be firm, true"
Rom. 1:25 "Who changed the truth of God into a lie,
Eph. 3:21 "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ,
2 Tim. 4:18 "And the Lord shall deliver me from every
Jude 25 "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory,
(c) If in tongues no amen.
1 Cor. 16:16 "That ye submit yourselves unto such, an
3. The thanksgiving.
1 Cor. 16:16 "That ye submit yourselves unto such, an
(a) Different from general usage of thanx as seen in
2 Cor. 1:11 "Ye also helping together by prayer for us
9:12 "For the administration of this service not
1 Thess. 5:18 "In every thing give thanks: for this is th
(b) Rather it's "the thanksgiving" - perhaps at
Lord's table.

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One of the Best

Hearing that writer William Faulkner received $10 per word, some undergraduate students sent him $10 and asked, "Please send us one of your best words."

Back came the word: "Thanks."

Amarillo, Texas H.M.

Thanks!

An elderly mountaineer woman was having difficulty in getting her donkey to pull a heavily loaded cart up the hill. Observing her plight, the village lawyer got behind and pushed both animal and cart over the top.

"Thank you," she said appreciatively. "I'd never have done it with just one donkey."

Pueblo, Colo. Stan
"Home devotions are the primary way we stimulate faith. We begin the day together with God." It's been the Schuller's practice to have breakfast together every day. The children have never been allowed to take an early morning class at school because from 7:30 to 8:00 A.M. breakfast and devotions are required.

At the table each reviews the verses assigned each week. Then prayer requests are given such as, "Please pray for me. I have a stiff history exam." Dr. Schuller would ask for prayer for a 10:00 o'clock speaking engagement. Robert, Jr., would announce that he had a wrestling match that day he wanted to win.

Then all seven would hold hands around the breakfast table to give their requests to the Lord.

"Of course, when it comes right down to it," says Arvella, "the best way to impart faith to a child is to live faith in front of
him. A child can see right through phonies. They pick up what our relationship with God and Christ really is. And so at our house when things get rough I just explain to the children, 'The only answer I know is God. So we'll just have to stop right now and pray about it.'

"Our most beautiful time with our children is around the dinner table. Here, the person of Christ is often shared with the children. When the children were young we had an extra chair at the dinner table and the children learned that Jesus was right there with us."

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