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I PRAY SIX KINDS OF PRAYERS TO A SEVEN SIDED GOD
Ps. 102:24-27
1. Even before talking of 6 kinds of prayer to a 7 multi-sided God, there are some preparatory things to be said about prayer.
A. Perhaps as Murch did in his book "Teach Me to Pray" we could call it preludes to prayer. Preparatory to prayer we need:
1. Time & place.
   (a) Everything worthwhile takes time.
      (1) Sister Darnall had to leave early to do the rolls for the Mars Hill cafeteria.
      (2) We "take time to be holy".
      (3) Do we have God in our daily schedule?
         (a) Clips on Work Addiction.
         (4) Could communion c God mean more than food, drink, recreation?
         (5) Our Lord gave whole nites to prayer
   (b) Jesus had a place.
      Lu. 22:39 "And went as he was want
      And when he was at the pl
      (1) Have you a place as well as time for prayer?
      (2) What is yours in time & place?
2. Needs to be an attitude.
   (a) Orientals had rugs, kneeled, kissed ground between petitions.
(b) Jesus said little about such - we bow, kneel, stand.
(c) Reverence is our primary concern.
   (1) Moses took off shoes. Exo. 3
   (2) John fell as dead.
      Rev. 1:17 "fell at his ft. as tho dead"
(d) Do we show humility, love, thanksgiving?
3. We need quietness.
   Ps. 46:10 "Be still & know that I am
   Matt. 26:36 "Sit ye here, while I go & pray
4. We need full surrender.
   Jer. 29:13 "Ye shall seek me & find me
(a) Half hearted men do not succeed - business or marriage!
5. Pray in faith.
   Dan. 10:12 "Fear not, Daniel for from
   Ps. 63:7 "Because there has been
   (a) Lit. "give us today our dole of bread"
       just enuf for today.
   (b) Do we trust granary of God less than markets of the world?
B. Are these preludes yours:
   1. Time & place.
   2. Proper attitude.
   3. Quietness.
   4. Full surrender.
   5. Faith to expect.
II. With this prelude I talk to a 7 sided God.
   A. The Lord is real - alive - personable.
      1. He is a living being.
2. A real being
   John 4:4 "God is a spirit; They That are of the spirit are of God; They That are of the flesh are of the world."

3. All powerful
   Jer. 32:17 "Behold thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and an outstretched arm, and hast no other神 can be hindered.
   Jer. 32:27 "I am the Lord, the God of all lands, the mighty God, the Lord, the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth."

4. He knows all
   Job 42:2 "I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought is hid from thee."

5. God's ever present
   Matt. 19:26 "With God all things are possible."
   Ps. 139:7-10 "When I was in my mother's womb, thou knewest me; before I was born thou settest me at naught; thou ordnest mine ear, when I was not yet a man."
   Acts 17:24-28 'I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought is hid from thee."

6. He's everlasting
   Isa. 40:28 "The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth."
   Ps. 102:24-27 "What a man of age is there? the years of his life are as grass."

7. He's my Father
   (a) He hears, loves, & acts for me.
   (b) Illustrate with Jowett & electricity card.
   B. Is God to you:
   1. A real being
   2. All powerful
   3. All knowledge
   4. Holy
   5. Ever present
   6. Everlasting
   7. Father
4. All knowledgeable
5. All holy
6. Ever present
7. Everlasting
8. Your Father

III. To this 7 Sided God I Offer Kinds of Prayer

A. I share in these types of prayers:

1. Personal
   (a) Intimate & alone
   (b) Hannah prayed I Sam. 1, 2

   "Eli [name], Hebrew, polygamist. Yet worshiped regularly
   priest of Eli had yet his worship pure.
   Hannah got the worthy portion
   Peninnah provoked her sorely
   h. had intense desire for children - pray & vow
   wanted a boy - to serve God.
   Eli accused her of drinking - apologized
god grant," she prayed: "Horn put on the head to
hold veil - lifted up when woman had child"
   1st Mention in Bible of Messiah (Anointed)

2. Intercessory Prayer
   (a) This is prayer for others - born of
      unselfishness.
   (1) Lon Elkins called when his boy died
   Eph. 6:18 "Supplications for all sts.
   I Tim. 2:1 "I exhort therefore that
   James 5:16 Pray one for another
   (b) We can do this because Christ has
      made us kings & priests.
Rev. 1:6  And hath made us kings and priests.
(c) For whom do you feel prayers should be raised:
1. Sinners
2. Governments
3. Righteous causes
4. Missions
5. Peace
6. 2nd Coming
Matt. 6:6 "But thou, when thou prayest
(a) Christ went to desert (deserted place)
"apart".
(b) Privacy, like in a doctor's office, gives many advantages.
(c) E. M. Bounds card.
4. Cooperative Prayer
Matt. 18:19-20 "If 2 of you shall agree
(a) We need each other. Don't let pray be
(b) Agreement is necessary. Selfish, if mine
(c) Anna had help. Can't another be disappointed
Lu. 2:37
(d) So did Peter & John. Most are for escape, yet
Acts 3:1 God give victory
(e) And Paul. Jesus not the slave of
5. Family Prayer
(a) Job prayed believing "God blesseth the habitation of the just."
(b) Jer. startles with Jer. 10:25 "Pour out thy fury...upon t
(c) Neglect prayer life & you find path of
   sin.
(d) Bride & groom must.
(e) Children need to see.
(f) Jesus meets c 2 or 3.

6. Public prayer
   (a) It has restrictions.
      Matt. 6:7 "Use not vain...much speak
      Acts 2:42 Continued stedfastly

B. Do you share:
   Personal, Intercessory, Secret,
   Cooperative, Family, & Public Prayer?
A pious but cranky old lady who lived alone was greatly annoyed because her neighbors forgot to ask her to go on their picnic. On the morning of the event they suddenly realized their affront and sent a little boy to ask her to come along.

"It's too late now," she snapped. "I've already prayed for rain." — Thigpen’s Hardware News.
J. H. Jowett:

"I am told there is electricity in the house. I go into a room where it is said to be available and yet the room is in darkness. Where is it? Then I'm told that an action of mine, quite a simple one, is required. So I bring my will into play and I push a button or lift a tiny lever. My action completes the circuit and the subtle energy leaps into the filament and turns my darkness into light. So it is when I seek the holy sanctifying power of God, my prayer completes the circuit between my soul and God and I receive whatever the inexhaustible fountain of grace is always willing to bestow."
E. M. Bounds:

"The prayer chamber conserves our relation to God. It hems every raw edge; it tucks up every flowing and entangling garment; it girds up every fainting loin. The sheet anchor holds not the ship more surely and safely than the prayer chamber holds to God. Satan has to break our hold on, and close up our way to the prayer chamber, ere he can break our hold on God or close up our way to heaven."