

God Hears Us

When We Pray According To *His* Will

by Dave Rogers

Some of the wisest men in Bible history spent much time in prayer, and the scriptures make it plain that this pleased God. There are, however, some prayers our Father **will not hear**: Some things are not appropriate to ask of Him, and Jesus described the Pharisee of Luke 18 as “unjustified” in his prayers. Peter urged us to “cast [y]our cares on him, for he careth for you,” in 1 Peter 5:7, and Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 that we should “pray without ceasing.” Christians ought to heed the words of Tennyson, who wrote

“More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of; wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain, day and night.”

We should also realize, however, that our prayers must conform to His will for them to be pleasing to Him; otherwise, our effort in prayer is wasted.

For God to hear our prayers, they must agree with His will as it relates to **the things for which we ought** to pray. John wrote that, “...this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us” (1 John 5:14), and so emphasized the importance of knowing the “boundaries” of what we may ask of Him. In James 4:3, the inspired penman notes that He will **not** provide us “supplies for SIN!” Our Lord’s “model” prayer gives a good sampling of things for which it IS appropriate to pray; for the Father’s will to be done, for our daily needs, for forgiveness of sins (as we forgive!), and for deliverance from evil. It is **not** fitting for us to ask God’s blessings with a sinful motive (Psalm 66:18), or in order that we might misuse them!

We likewise should pay attention to **how** we pray, if we want to Father to hear our prayers: His word shows us the “qualities” He looks for and expects in our prayers. The example of Daniel (Daniel 6:10) and the words of Paul (Romans 12:12) show that **regularity** in prayer pleases Him, and in Ephesians 6:18 we see that prayers (sincerely and properly offered) are acceptable at **any** time (there is no “specified” time of prayer in the scriptures). The Father also looks for **forgiveness** in us, Mark 11:25, and for **faithfulness** (James 1:6). James is very plain in stating that if we pray “faithlessly” (that is, without any conviction that our Creator will hear and respond to our entreaties) then He surely **won’t!**

As we examine the scriptures, we needn’t go very far before it becomes clear that there **is** a “pattern” or formula our prayers should follow if we want them to be accepted by God. In every example, prayers in the scriptures are directed **TO the Father**. This is also the instruction Jesus gave, Luke 11:2. There is no example of anyone praying to Jesus or the Holy Spirit (much less to apostles, saints, etc.)! Jesus, by His authority as our High Priest and through His propitiatory death for us enables us to approach the Father personally: Our prayers are thus directed **to** the Father, “THROUGH” the Son! In John 15:16 & 16:23, He instructed the disciples to ask “in my name” (i.e., **by HIS authority**). There is no authorization in the scriptures for any prayer other than one that is offered to the Father “in the name of” (through) the Son.

Let’s remember **TO** Whom we pray, “**THROUGH**” Whom we are to pray, **for what** we should (or shouldn’t) pray, and what our **attitude** should be in prayer!

What Do You Believe About The Bible?

by Larry Fitzgerald

“I can’t believe that’s true!” expressed a man in disbelief. The man was a preacher for a certain religious group. He went to a seminary. He was “ordained” by his denomination. Confessed Christ as Lord. Professed to believe in the Bible.

But when his preconceived notions about the Bible were shown to be false, his only defense was, “I can’t believe that’s true.”

This actually happened. The doctrine in question was the idea that we are “saved by faith alone.” It was pointed out to this denominational teacher that the Bible uses that phrase only once. It is found in James 2:24, “You see that a man is saved by works and **not** by **faith alone**.”

This brings up a serious question. If we are truly trying to follow Christ’s example – living like Christ (1 Peter 2:21), shouldn’t we have the same attitude as Christ did toward the Bible? What did Christ believe about the Bible? Here is what Christ believed about the Scriptures.

1. Christ believed that the Bible’s true author is the Holy Spirit (Matthew 22:43; Mark 12:36).
2. Christ believed that the miracles found

in the Bible were true, they actually happened and were caused by God. Some examples of this are found in Matthew 12:39-41, 19:4-6; Mark 12:26; Luke 17:26-27.

3. Christ believed that the Scriptures were to be used to interpret the Scriptures. He quoted Moses to interpret Psalms (Matthew 4:6-7 compared with Psalms 91:11-12 and Deuteronomy 6:16).
4. Christ believed that Scripture “cannot be broken” even to suit some pet doctrine or twisted in some way to justify a commonly held belief (John 10:35).
5. Christ did not believe that the Holy Spirit gave each person his own special interpretation. It did not matter how sincere the person was in his belief. If he was wrong, he was wrong. He was in error because he did not know the Scriptures or the power of God (Matthew 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-38).
6. Obeying Christ’s commands (found in the Bible) is a major sign of love. If you love Him, says Christ, you will keep His commandments (John 14:15).

Now, the question is, do you have the same attitude toward the Bible as Christ did?

July Fifth Sunday Evening Service Projects			
		Coordinator	Service Project
1	Visitation Project	Paul Lyons	David Lee
2	Building Projects	Andy Johnson	Projects around the building
3	LTL Project	David Hopkins	Lads to Leaders Activity
4	Encouragement Project	Sally Wallace	Write letters of Encouragement

Family Matters

Ruby Fowler – Is in Piedmont Fayette Hospital, room 221, for a pacemaker.

Mary Lawrence – Will have surgery soon.

Amy Nash – Will have knee replacement surgery on July 27th.

Members With Health Problems: RuPearl Sharpe, Sally Wallace, Becky Higginbotham, Bob Howell, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Theresa Green, Ruby Fowler, Bill Benton, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, Mattie Williams, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, Forrest & Burma Chapman

Shut-ins: Butch & Joann Trawick, David & Shirley Lee, Valorye Whittaker, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

Others With Health Problems: Craig Johnson (Jean's son), Caylee Williamson (Terri Durden's niece), Earl Hopkins

(David's father), Cole Gilman, David Fredricks (Jeannie Pyron's brother), Meg Wallace (Sharon O'Brien's cousin), Willard Mann, Bree Couch (Ginny's daughter-in-law), Gregory Crook (Lucille Amon's nephew), Jean Benefield (Annette's daughter-in-law), Norma Tolle (Lewis Armstrong's cousin), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Dylan Carter (11 month-old daughter of the Hagins' friends), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb (Annette Benefield's S-in-L), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-i-L/S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

Prayer Requested - Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

Prayer Requested – Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

Military Members Deployed: AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

FEMA Deployed: Missy Campbell is in West Virginia for a



Dear FCOC Members,

I am so grateful for the beautiful shower that was thrown in honor of my marriage. Thank you for the generosity and kindness that helped me celebrate this special time in my life. I am blessed to have your support.

All My Love, Lauren Sorrell-Heger

Dear Church family,

We would like to thank everyone that helped , gave gifts and came to the shower last week. The shower was incredibly wonderful! Brenda and José are overwhelmed and overjoyed with the love shown to them.

Thank you, Meggi Quinn

To my Church of Christ of Fayetteville Family:

I want to thank you so much for your love and support during this difficult but joyous time of my father's passing. It was so thoughtful of you all to send such a beautiful flower arrangement to my father's funeral, my heart is so appreciative and full of love. Again, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers that you have bestowed upon my family. May God bless you all!

Much love always, The Greathouse and Stinson Family

Calendar

July 31 – Service Sunday and Congregational Luncheon

Aug 4-13 – The church office will be closed during our Scotland Mission Trip. If you have any questions you can call Greg Nash or Jim Garner during this week.

Aug 15 – Ladies' Night Out hosted by Catherine Kelly.

Aug 17 – Graham McDonald USA Visit

Aug 20 – Hurt's 50th Anniversary

Aug 19-25 – Polishing the Pulpit Week

Aug 29 – GSOP classes will resume (fall quarter)

September 11 – Bridal Shower for Maggie Mobley at 3pm

September 18-21 – Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Joey Barkley

October 7-8 – Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center. Please let Luann Rogers know if you would like to help organize it. If you plan to attend, *please sign up*; the cost will be \$80.00 for over-

Youth Events

July 26 – God's Ranch – Peach Pickin'

Aug 6 – Stone Mountain Trip – All L2L, leaving the church building at 2 – late

Aug 19 – Youth Program - Movie Night at 6pm

Aug 21 – Area Wide Youth Devo – Fayetteville

Sept 18 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Shannon

Oct 23 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Forest Park

October 29 – God's Ranch - Feed the Homeless

Nov 13 - Area Wide Youth Devo - Fairview

Dec 18 - Area Wide Youth Devo – Tara

Area Events:

Aug 13 – Lithia Springs Church of Christ 24th Annual Ladies' Day, Speaker: Diane W. Hutcherson, Active Sojourner

Sept 8 - October 20 – Buford Church of Christ GSOP Enrollment, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Instructor: Mike Gifford

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Call To Worship

Scripture Reading
Prayer
Song Leader
Preside Lord's Supper
Server
Server
Server
Server
Server
Server
Server
Sermon
Response Elder
Announcements
Song
Closing Prayer

7/24
Jordan Madison
Ray Cozart

Jim Garner
Zeke Poskevich
Rory Bell, Sr.
Rory Bell, Jr.
Hugh Kelly
Jerry Kendrix
Shirley Allender
Jake Garner
Eric Hagin
Dave Rogers
Jim Garner
Greg Nash

Jim Garner

7/31
Randall Bell
Andy Johnson

Thomas Quinn
Zeke Poskevich
Rory Bell, Sr.
Rory Bell, Jr.
Hugh Kelly
Jerry Kendrix
Shirley Allender
Jake Garner
Eric Hagin
Dave Rogers
Jim Garner
Greg Nash

Jim Garner

Evening Service

Prayer
Sermon
Server
Server
Closing Prayer

Eric Hagin
Song Service
Rick Sharpe
Paul Lyons
Jim Pelfrey

Ray Russell
Service Sunday
Jimmy Garner
Jake Garner
Greg Nash

Fall Gospel Meeting
September 18-21
Speaker:
Joey Barkley
Member at
East Main
Church of Christ
Murfreesboro, TN

Communion Preparation

Miranda Kendrix

Nursery

24 Linda Johnson

31 Leisa Allender

Care of Building

16-31 Keith Killingsworth/

David Hopkins

1-15 Paul Lyons/Bill Ruffer

16-31 Bob Howell/Dennis Graham

Ushers

24 Gayle Pelfrey/Thomas Quinn

31 Larry Rose/Jack Sorrell

8/7 Michael Boelsterli/Paul Lyons

14 Steve Burdette/Bill Ruffer

21 Jimmy Garner/Rick Sharpe

28 David Hopkins/Harry Williams

Media Center Helpers

July 24 & 31 Morris Jones

Aug 7 & 14 Rory Bell, Jr

Aug 21 & 28 Brad Hopkins

Open Arms

24 Susie Graham, Margaret McCain,

Barbara Edmonds, Theresa Green,

Tom & Terri Durden

31 Martha Vickery, Jessa Quinn,

Connie Kelly, Anne Siebert,

Hugh Kelly & Ron Biles

Wednesday Evening Devotional

27 Zeke Poskevich

8/3 Luke Quinn, 10 Paul Lyons,

17 Brad Hopkins, 24 Eric Hagens

31 Jake Garner

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Hugh Kelly

Jerry Kendrix

Andy Johnson

Paul Lyons

Stan Mitchell

David Poskevich

Anthony Ravenell

Jack Sorrell

Assembly Schedule:

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes

10:00 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning

Bible Class

(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night

Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night

Ladies Class

(September-May)

The Fountain of Life with

Larry Acuff

Saturdays at 7 am, on channel 57

In SEARCH of the Lord's

Way

Sunday at 7:30 am, on channel 57

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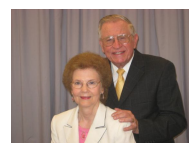


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July 2016

Evangelism

Response Elder - Jim Garner

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

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