

The Gospel of John
Part 40
The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus
John 17 pt 5

1. **Much** prayer = **much** blessing, **little** prayer = **little** blessing, **no** prayer=**no** blessing.

luke 18:1-7

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. "There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' "For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.' " And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?"

Luke 11:5–13 Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.' "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? "Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

2. The first blessing that comes from much prayer is that God **protects** us from the **temptations** and **harassment** of the **devil** and his **demons**.

Psalm 17:8–12 Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings from the wicked who despoil me, my deadly enemies who surround me. They have closed their unfeeling *heart*, with their mouth they speak proudly. They have now surrounded us in our steps; they set their eyes to cast *us* down to the ground. ¹² He is like a lion that is eager to tear, and as a young lion lurking in hiding places.

3. The second blessing that comes into our life when we pray faithfully and give God time is God's **glory**.

John 5:44 "How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and only* God?"

4. The third blessing is that our **personal relationship** with God becomes **real** and **intimate** because we spend time with Him in prayer.

Psalm 73:28 But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

5. The forth blessing that comes from much prayer is that we live life with great **victory** and **success** because God gives us His **strength**

Psalm 10:17 O Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear

1 Chronicles 28:20 "Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you

Isaiah 41:10 'Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 40:28–31 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, and to *him who* lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow

weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up *with* wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

6. The fifth blessing of much prayer is that our **faith** grows **rapidly**.

Romans 4:20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,

James 2:18–22 But someone may *well* say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected;

7. The thing that **disappointed** Jesus most often about His disciples was the **littleness** of their **faith**.

Matthew 6:30 “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith!

Matthew 8:26 He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.

Matthew 14:31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Mark 9:19 And He answered them and said, “O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!”

8. Without **faith** it is **impossible** to **please** God.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Ephesians 5:10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

9. We were created for accomplishment, and the greater our faith the greater our accomplishments.

Matthew 17:20 And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

Luke 17:6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.

Matthew 9:29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith."

10. The power of our prayers is determined by our faith.

James 1:6-7 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

Matthew 21:22 "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

11. Most Christians don't pray much because they don't believe that it makes much difference.

12. The activity that builds great faith is prayer.

13. With little faith the volume of our prayers can be driven by our level of discontentment - discontentment.

Isaiah 62:6–7 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Psalm 123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their master, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes *look* to the Lord our God, Until He is gracious to us.

14. With little **faith** the volume of our prayers can be increased by the **goals** we write to pray and that we **read** daily.

15. With little **faith** we can increase the volume of our praying by being in an **accountability group**.

Hebrews 10:24–25 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 3:13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.