

25 Days of Preparation – Look Up!!! - The Believers Attitude for the Battle - Ephesians 6:18-20

First Words:

1. Why do we need to pray?

a. Dependence

Luke 18:1 - *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.*

b. Direction

Hebrews 2:10 - *For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.*

c. Deliverance

Philippians 1:19 - *For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance...*

d. Danger

Luke 22:40 - *And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”*

2. How should we pray?

a. Pray _____ – **Ephesians 6:18a** - *Praying at all times.....with all prayer and supplication.*

b. Pray _____ – **Ephesians 6:18b** “*In the Spirit...*

- 1) We have access to God via the Spirit - **Ephesians 2:18**
- 2) The Spirit lives in us making us God's habitation - **Ephesians 2:22**
- 3) Controlled by the Spirit - **Ephesians 5:18**
- 4.) Not speaking of an ecstatic utterance - **Jude 20**

c. Pray _____ - **Ephesians 6:18** - *To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...*

Mark 13:33 - *Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.*

Nehemiah 4:9 - *And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.*

“Prayer is not getting man will done in heaven but God’s on earth” – R. Law

d. Pray _____ – **Ephesians 6:18c-19a** - *...for all the saints,¹⁹ and also for me...*

a) For all saints – concerning all saints

1 Peter 5:8-9 - *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.*

b) And for me – in behalf of me

1 Thessalonians 5:25 - *Brothers, pray for us.*

2 Thessalonians 3:1 - *Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you...*

e. Pray _____ – **Ephesians 6:19b-20** - ... that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

1) Prayer for opportunity

2 Corinthians 5:20 - Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2) Prayer for effectiveness

Acts 28:30–31 - He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him,³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

f. Pray _____ - **Ephesians 6:18-20** – Is all in the “you” plural sense

Acts 4:31 - And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Daniel 2:17–18 - Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,¹⁸ and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Today's Takeaways

