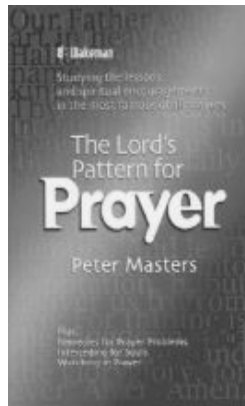


Take and Read

From our Library

Studying the lessons and spiritual encouragements in the most famous of prayers. This volume is almost a manual on prayer, providing a real spur to the devotional life. The Lord's own plan and agenda for prayer - carefully amplified - takes us into the presence of the Father, to prove the privileges and power of God's promises to those who pray. Chapters cover each petition of the Lord's Prayer. Here, too, are sections on remedies for problems in prayer, how to intercede for others, the reasons why God keeps us waiting for answers, and the nature of the prayer of faith.



Reviews

"I have to say this is one of the best treatments of the Lord's Prayer I have ever read."

"Dr Masters meticulously examines each phrase of this wonderful prayer, drawing out meaning and application, giving nine points on just the phrase "Our Father." Dr Masters sees the Lord's Prayer as a pattern for our prayer life - not just to be recited - but a pattern to follow: 1) Adoration To God, 2) Affirmation, 3) Thanksgiving, 4) Intercession 5) Dedication, 6) Spiritual and Bodily needs, 7) Repentance, 8) Prayer for help in Holiness, 9) Submission and glorifying in the Lord and His Eternal Plan."

"Added to this, the last three chapters tackle the topics, Do You Have A Ministry Of Intercession?, Long Term Praying & Remedies For Problems In Prayer."

"A great book - one from which you learn much!"

Quote of the Month

*"The most profound word... GOD!
The most profound fact... GOD IS!
The most profound experience... GOD IS HERE!" (A.W. Tozer)*

Calendar of Events

November 2008

- Sunday's Church Services — 2nd,9th,16th,23rd,30th
- Tuesday's Women's Bible Study — 4th,18th
- Wednesday's Church Bible Study — 5th,12th,19h,26th
- Thursday's Prayer Meeting — 13th,27th



"More than conquerors"

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"...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" - Romans 8:37.

The Pastor's Letter

Dear Saints,

We are often guilty of indifference to the glorious coming of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We have not kept our lamps of expectation burning or bought the oil of eagerness in hope for the Bridegroom to return. Instead we have involved ourselves too much in the proceedings and business of this fleeting world. In this respect we need to ask God's forgiveness.

Our wandering affections need to be turned towards Him who loved us and washed us clean in His own blood. Are we eager to change? Are we ready to incline our hearts to Christ? To be sensitive to what the Spirit of Truth and Holiness is telling us? We need to learn to make the 'blessed hope' a happy and all-satisfying hope, that it may break our addiction to this world. In His grace the Father will surely set our minds on things above where Christ is seated at His right hand. He can work in us to 'hope fully in the grace of God that is coming at the revelation of Jesus Christ.' He is able to deliver us from too much dependence on earthly circumstances.

Oh that we may become a radical band of risk-takers in the cause of love because we know that this mortal flesh will put on immortality! For 'if Jesus Christ be God and died for me, there is no sacrifice great enough for me to do for him.'

Shalom

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Catechism Corner

Question 11 What are God's works of providence?

God's works of providence are his most holy, (Psalms 145:17) wise, (Isaiah 28:29) and powerful, (Hebrews 1:3) preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions. (Psalms 103:19; Matthew 10:29)

Question 12 What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the state wherein he was created?

When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; (Galatians 3:12) forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death. (Genesis 2:17)

Question 13 Did our first parents continue in the state wherein they were created?

Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the state wherein they were created, by sinning against God, (Ecclesiastes 7:29) by eating the forbidden fruit. (Genesis 3:6-8)

Question 14 What is sin?

Sin is any want of conformity to, or transgression of the law of God. (1John 3:4)

Question 15 Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself but for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression. (1Corinthians 15:22; Romans 5:12)

Remember and Learn

REMEMBER Balaam's ass, (Num.22:22-34) and the good Samaritan, (Lk.10:25-37) and LEARN that God may sometimes choose to speak to us, and send us his help through the most unlikely vessels.



Sayings of: - John Bunyan (1628 - 1688)

- Beware of the word 'SOON'!
- In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.
- Take heed not to be a painted fire wherein is no warmth, or a painted flower which retains no smell and of being a painted tree, wherein is no fruit.
- He that is down needs fear no fall. He that is low, no pride.
- Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.



Experimental Christianity

7 Reasons for Unanswered Prayers.

(Taken from lessons shared during our prayer meetings)

There can be no doubt that our God is a 'prayer hearing' God (Ps.65:2). On this point the Scriptures speak plainly enough. Nothing can be more definite. All men are commanded to pray, at all times, in all places, and for all needs. Assurances abound that prayer is heard. The promises are explicit, and the Scriptures are full of examples and encouragements. Christ's own word is, "Every one that asketh receiveth" (Matt. 7:8)

Yet, our hearts are grieved to see so little attention given to personal and united prayer by so many Christians. How can we expect a blessing if we are too idle to ask for it? As we have studied the subject, it has been made clear that there are conditions and laws of prayer. Experience has also taught us that not all our prayers are granted. As a result many persons complain and say: "Well, we have prayed and no answer came, nothing was changed, so why bother to pray at all?"

Even in the Bible we find many unanswered prayers. Think of the prayers of Moses (Deut. 3:23-29) of Elijah (1 Kings. 19:4) of the mother of Zebedee's sons (Mat. 20:20-23) and of Paul (2 Cor. 12:8,9). In truth, none of these prayers was unanswered. They were not granted, but they were answered, and "NO" was the answer. "No" is as truly an answer as "Yes".

Why, then are many of our prayers not answered?" There is always a reason, 'Ye ask and ye receive not because-' (Jas. 5:3) The following are seven of the most common reasons for unanswered prayers.

1. The first hindrance is Sin. (Isa. 59:1-2) Our disobedience keeps God from granting our requests. Because if He did give us what we asked for, while we are still in sin, He would be encouraging our disobedience.
 2. The prayers of a proud man (if he prays at all) will also not be heard. (Jas. 4:6) We must always remember to make requests and not dictate demands. Whenever we come to God in prayer we should always do so, 'In forma peuperis' (in the form of a beggar). The 'lower' our prayers start the 'higher' they will ascend. Since a proud heart does not know how to wait, it demands and if it does not receive immediately what it asks for it leaves off praying altogether. On the contrary, a humble prayer is patient and will persevere.
 3. Another reason why our prayers are not answered is because we 'pray amiss'. (Jas. 4:3) Our motives are wrong, we pray with a selfish purpose. We want a thing just because we want it—for ourselves.
 4. A defective marital relationship can and often does hinder our prayers (1 Pt 3:7)
 5. A lack of personal and daily communion with the Lord Jesus is also another obstacle worth mentioning. (Jn. 15:7) Our *Union* with Christ is 'in the Heavens', eternal, fixed, unchangeable and cannot increase or decrease, but our *Communion* with Him is here and now and can change, it increases or decreases. 'It is what we are (in life) that gives weight to what we ask (in prayer)' (A.Murray)
The above hindrances, as you must have noticed are all 'internal'. The next one is what is called 'the great Outside hindrance'.
 6. Satan has the power to hold the answer back, FOR A WHILE, and delay the result for a time. He has not the power to hold it back FINALLY. (Dan. 10:1-14). We must neither overestimate nor underestimate Satan, and never forget that, yes Satan is mighty, but God is Almighty!
 7. Finally remember that God's delays are not his denials! If our petitions and intercessions are not granted, it could be that God is delaying the answer. He does this either for our own good, or because the answer would bring us positive injury. Sometimes it is also that a higher and better blessing might come to us. At other times He delays His answer to test our faith and integrity. God never refuses or delays without reason.
- The purpose of our petitions and intercession should always be to see God's will done. Let us not be discouraged if our prayers have not been answered yet. If for some reason or another we have left off prayer, let us start afresh. If in our experience with praying we discover any of the above reasons let us do our utmost 'to amend' the situation. Let us therefore draw near to the throne of grace. (Heb.4:16) Let us pray as individuals and get together, even two or three of us, (Matt.18:20) committing ourselves to regular, fervent, believing and persevering prayer. And finally let us always turn to the Blessed Holy Spirit who alone is the proper and only help in prayer. (Rom. 8:26)

Oh! For the day when God shall look at us and be able to say; "My house IS a house of prayer!"