

A Call to Prayer

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Part 2

From "I ask whether you pray, because there is no duty in religion so neglected as private prayer." to "Surely I may well ask -- DO YOU PRAY?"

What tempts us to neglect prayer?

IT IS A PRIVATE MATTER BETWEEN GOD & OURSELVES WHICH NO ONE CAN SEE. [¶ BEGINNING, "WE LIVE IN DAYS OF ABOUNDING RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.", LAST SENTENCE]

How many of your prayers are the exact words repeated from other prayers?

WHATEVER ANSWERS ARE GIVEN, EMPHASIZE THAT WE ARE VERY PRONE TO DO THIS. [¶ BEGINNING, "I BELIEVE THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS WHOSE PRAYERS ARE NOTHING BUT A MERE FORM...", 1ST SENTENCE]

"Words said without _____ are as utterly _____ to our souls as the drum-beating of the poor heathen before their _____. Where there is no heart, there may be _____ and _____ but there is _____ that God listens to; there is no _____."

HEART / USELESS / IDOLS / LIP-WORK / TONGUE-WORK / NOTHING / PRAYER. [¶ BEGINNING, "MANY, EVEN OF THOSE WHO USE GOOD FORMS, MUTTER THEIR PRAYERS...", 3RD & 4TH SENTENCES]

What makes the author assert that people are not praying against sin?

THEY PLUNGE INTO IT." [¶ BEGINNING, "HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE LIVES THAT MANY LIVE?", 2ND SENTENCE]

"Praying and sinning will never live together in the same heart." Can you think of a Bible verse(s) that teach this principle?

ANSWERS WILL BE SIMILAR TO, EG., NO MAN CAN SERVE TO MASTERS (MATT. 6.24). [¶ BEGINNING, "I BELIEVE THERE

ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS WHOSE PRAYERS ARE NOTHING BUT A MERE FORM...", 6TH SENTENCE]

"There is _____ on God's _____ to make prayer _____, if men will only _____ it."

EVERYTHING / PART / EASY / ATTEMPT. [¶ BEGINNING WITH ABOVE QUOTE, 1ST SENTENCE]

How did God open the way for any man to draw to God?

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST AND THE SACRIFICE HE MADE ON THE CROSS. [¶ BEGINNING, "THERE IS A WAY BY WHICH ANY MAN, HOWEVER SINFUL AND UNWORTHY, MAY DRAW NEAR TO GOD THE FATHER.", 2ND SENTENCE]

What does Christ our Advocate do with our prayers?

"HE MINGLES OUR PRAYERS WITH THE INCENSE OF HIS OWN ALMIGHTY INTERCESSION." [¶ BEGINNING, "THERE IS AN ADVOCATE AND INTERCESSOR ALWAYS WAITING TO PRESENT THE PRAYERS...", 3RD SENTENCE]

What makes a bank note have value, and what makes our prayers have value?

THE SIGNATURE / CHRIST. [¶ BEGINNING, "THERE IS AN ADVOCATE AND INTERCESSOR ALWAYS WAITING TO PRESENT THE PRAYERS...", 6TH - 8TH SENTENCES]

What is one of the Holy Spirit's responsibilities concerning our prayers?

HE ASSISTS US AS WE SPEAK TO GOD. [¶ BEGINNING, "THERE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT EVER READY TO HELP OUR INFIRMITIES IN PRAYER.", 2ND SENTENCE]

What are some of the promises to those who pray?

MATT. 7.7-8 / MATT. 21.22 / JN. 14.13-14; LUKE 11.5; 18.1. [¶ BEGINNING, "THERE ARE EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES TO THOS WHO PRAY."]

What Scriptural answers to prayer does the author use?

PARTING OF RED SEA; SUN STOOD STILL; FIRE FROM THE SKY; AHITHOPHE'S COUNSEL REVERSED; DEFEAT OF

SENNACHERIB'S ARMY. [¶ BEGINNING, "THERE ARE WONDERFUL EXAMPLES IN SCRIPTURE OF THE POWER OF PRAYER.", 5TH - 9TH SENTENCES]

What is most striking about Abraham's prayer for mercy?

GOD KEPT GIVING UNTIL ABRAHAM STOPPED ASKING. [¶ BEGINNING, "THERE ARE WONDERFUL EXAMPLES IN SCRIPTURE OF THE POWER OF PRAYER.", 19TH & 20TH SENTENCES]

How has this chapter encouraged/challenged you to pray?

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availeth -- sustains, accomplishes
enmity -- hatred, warfare
forlorn -- useless
infirmities -- weaknesses
procured -- obtained, persuaded
rote -- from memory