

A STUDY ON PRAYER

MORE THAN WORDS

*Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.*
—Isaac Watts

I. Review of where we are

- A. We can adore God through our study and praying of the Scriptures.
- B. We need to strike a proper balance between Form and Freedom.
- C. We need to communicate effectively

II. Methods of Communicating

- A. Verbal
- B. Nonverbal
- C. Weeping and Singing
 - 1. Scripture
 - a. Psalm 39
 - b. Psalm 6
 - 2. Modern Example
- D. Kneeling and Lifting Hands
 - 1. Are they appropriate?
 - 2. When are they appropriate?
 - 3. What is our focus?

III. Rehashing our Thoughts about

- A. Biblical Fasting
 - 1. For Jesus to Come Back—Matthew 9:14-15
 - 2. For Help in a New Venture in Ministry—Matthew 4:1-2 & Acts 13:3
 - 3. To Avert Some Danger or Threat—II Samuel 12:16 & Ezra 8:21
 - 4. To Express Sorrow and Loss—II Samuel 1:12 & I Chronicles 10:12
 - 5. To Express Repentance and Grief for Sin—Joel 2:12-13
 - 6. Not for the Praise of Men—Matthew 6:16-18
- B. Communicating Gratitude
 - 1. The Cause and Purpose of Gratitude
 - a. Words of Gratitude offered to Extol
 - b. Our Stories Retold in Prayer
 - 2. The Results of Gratitude is Inward Strength and Joy

IV. Looking Forward

- A. How can we apply this?
 - 1. Establishing the Proper Relationship between Form and Freedom
 - 2. Make our Communications more scripturally related
- B. Realize that our Communications are more than Words