

A STUDY ON PRAYER

WHY PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

If thus thrown back upon your own soul, alone, all alone, in the midnight, in the bush, in the very embrace of death itself, have you a Friend that will not fail you then?

— John G. Paton

I. Review of the Trinitarian Communion with God

- A. John Owen Structure
- B. Biblical Passages

II. The Benefits God gives Us in Prayer

- A. Praying in Biblical Truth
 - 1. Biblical Truth Saves—I Timothy 4:16
 - 2. Biblical Truth Frees from Satan—John 8:32
 - 3. Biblical Truth Imparts Grace and Peace—II Peter 1:2
 - 4. Biblical Truth Sanctifies—John 17:17
 - 5. Biblical Truth Serves Love—Philippians 1:9
 - 6. Biblical Truth Protects from Error—Ephesians 4:13-14
 - 7. Biblical Truth Is the Hope of Heaven—I Corinthians 13:12)
 - 8. Biblical Truth Will be Resisted by Some—II Timothy 4:3
 - 9. Biblical Truth, Rightly Handled, Is Approved by God.—II Timothy 2:15
 - 10. Biblical Truth: Continue to Grow in It!—II Peter 3:18
- B. Perfects our Faith as a Witness to Men and Testimony to God
 - 1. Mark 11 Parable
 - 2. Only Seeking His Will? Or Are Prayers not answered?
 - 3. Keeps us from being consumed by the things of this world
- C. Enriched blessings and Filling our Joy
 - 1. John 16:7-27
 - 2. Count it all Joy?
- D. Tangible Benefits
 - 1. Relieves us of Worry
 - 2. Gives us Strength

III. Should we Fast?

Biblical Passages on the Presence of God the Father and Son and Holy Spirit

Hebrews 13:5-6

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," so that we confidently say, "THE Lord IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

II Corinthians 6:16

Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE."

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.

Matthew 28:20

...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.

John 14:16-17

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Biblical Passages on Our Fellowship (Communion) with the Three Persons of the Trinity: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

I John 1:3-7

What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

I Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

II Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Philippians 2:1-2

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.