

“The Benefits of Living for the Cross”

Communication in Prayer

Acts 9:1-12

Introduction:

Prayer – is simply communication with [God](#). Prayer should, be bi-directional; with us also listening to what God has to tell us. God can speak to us through the Bible, through others, through circumstances, but especially through His [Holy Spirit](#).

I. God Still Speaks to Us v.10

- a. God spoke to Ananias
- b. Ananias had a personal relationship with God
- c. He wasn't shock that God was talking to him

II. God Always Knows Where We Are v.11a

- a. God knew what city Saul was in
- b. God knew what street
- c. God knew at whose house Saul was at

III. The Lord Knows When The Righteous Prays v.11b

- a. Our Prayers are to be sincere and not just repetition of word
- b. God doesn't hear our lip service Matt 6:5

IV. We Can See More on Our Knees v.12

- a. In an intimate prayer life with God we can see more on our knees than we can on our tippy toes

V. Prayer is Powerful

- a. The prayer of the righteous is Powerful and effective James 5:16b
- b. The Power of Elijah's Prayer Jas 5:17-18

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VI. Prayer should be a Consistent Part of Our Life

- a. Jesus told His disciples they should always pray and not give up Lk 18:1
- b. We should rejoice in prayer regardless of circumstances 1 Thess 5:16-18

VII. For Whom and For What Should We Pray?

- a. We should pray for everyone 1 Tim 2:1
- b. Pray about everything Phil 4:6
- c. Pray for forgiveness of Sins Ps 25:11

VIII. How are We to Pray?

- a. Go into our Secret closet Matt 6:6
- b. Pray in the name of Jesus John 14:14
- c. Pray in Faith Matt 21:22

IX. What Hinders Our Prayers?

- a. Not praying hinders our prayers
- b. Unbelief hinders our prayer James 1:6-7
- c. Wrong motives Jas 4:3a
- d. Sin in our life Isa 59:1-2

X. God Sometimes Chooses to Delay Answers

- a. God Delays our answer to prayer sometimes to work into our character a specific quality that is desirable in His sight.

XI. If We Want To See More on Our Knees

- a. We must pray fervently
- b. We must pray with expectation of receiving
- c. We must listen for God’s response