

THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF PRAYER

The Wednesday Night Bible Study class is studying prayer. Our study will be based on the book by T. W. Hunt, "The Life-Changing Power of Prayer". We will be studying all aspect of prayer as discussed in this book and in the Bible. It will be a life changing study in which we develop a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior.

I. The Foundation of Prayer: The God Who Cares

- A. Prayer is Universal
 - i) Universal in time
 - ii) Universal in space
- B. Prayer is Based on God's Nature
- C. Prayer is Effective
 - i) Relates to human needs
 - ii) Old Testament effectiveness
 - iii) New Testament effectiveness
 - iv) Throughout Christian history effectiveness
 - v) Today's effectiveness

II. Our Example and Our Helper in Prayer

- A. Jesus our Example in Prayer
 - i) Jesus prayed continually
 - ii) Jesus taught his followers to pray
 - iii) Jesus taught the importance of Prayer
- B. The Holy Spirit, Our Helper in Prayer
 - i) The indwelling Presence of Christ
 - ii) Continues the work of Christ
 - iii) Helps us know God's will
 - iv) Our Guide and helper

III. Prayer that Transforms

- A. Prayers of Adoration
 - i) Worshipping God for His attributes
 - ii) Worshipping God for His creative power
 - iii) Worshipping God for His work in Christ
 - iv) Thanking God for His goodness
- B. Prayers of Intercession
- C. Prayers of Petition
- D. Prayers of Repentance
 - i) Forgiving others
 - ii) Receiving God's forgiveness
- E. Prayer of Deliverance
- F. Invocation

IV. Answers to Questions About Prayer

- A. If God Already Knows Everything, Why Should We Pray?
- B. If People Are Free to Make Choices, What Good is Praying for Others?

- C. For What Is It Proper to Pray?
- D. Does God Hear the Prayers of Non-Christians?
- E. Why Do Christians Pray in Jesus' Name?
- F. How is Fasting Beneficial?
- G. What is the Purpose of Prayerwalking?
- H. Does God Always Answer Prayer?
- I. What is Your Prayers Are Not Answered?
- J. Does Prayer Change God's Mind?
- K. When Is it Right to Pray for a Miracle?
- L. Does God Hear One Person More than Another?
- M. How Long Should You Pray?
- N. Is There An Order of Praying?

V. Overcoming Hindrances to Effective Prayer

- A. Prayerlessness
- B. Wrong Motives
- C. Lack of Faith
- D. Not Abiding
- E. Rebellion and Sin
- F. Lack of Persistence

VI. Participating in God's Plan Through Prayer

- A. Prayer in the Early Church
- B. Prayer in the Church Today
- C. Prayer in the Home
- D. Prayer in the Believer's Life

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