

INTRODUCTION

- * Our spring week of Prayer & Fasting is Monday-Friday, March 25-29.
- * Prayer is one of the most critical aspects of the life of the believer and, hence, the life of the church. Yet, it seems to take the least priority in the lives of many believers and churches.
- * This week, I was burdened by the Lord to teach two messages regarding the important impact of prayer. Hence, Lord willing, over the next two weeks we will be considering The Posture of Prayer and The Warfare of Prayer.
- * By definition, "Prayer" is "A reverent petition made to God, a god, or another object of worship. ... An act of communion with God, a god, or another object of worship." Communion is defined as: "The act or an instance of sharing, as of thoughts or feelings. Religious or spiritual fellowship."
- * The Bible is filled with many "balances" for our Christian walk (e.g. predestination v. free will; the perseverance of the saints v. the preservation of the saints). My definition of prayer reflects another of those balances; prayer is: "Communication with God in worship." When you believe on Jesus as your Savior, you are adopted as a child of God. Your loving heavenly Father has a desire for you to communicate with Him; He calls upon us to cast all of cares upon Him, because He cares for us. However, we need to remember ... He is still God.
- * As we consider the "Posture" of prayer today, we are focusing upon the latter part of that definition - the aspect of prayer being conducted in the demeanor of worship. Our "posture" refers both to our position and our disposition as we approach the throne of God above!

INSTRUCTION

I. OUR POSTURE OF WORSHIP IS REVEALED IN OUR DISPOSITION IN PRAYER

A. We Need to Remember Who _____ !

1. HE IS THE C _____ (cf. Psalm 95; Isaiah 45:22-23)
2. HE IS THE H _____ (cf. Psalm 99; Revelation 15:1-4)
3. HE IS THE J _____ (cf. Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1; 2 Corinthians 5:7-11)

B. We Need to Remember Who _____ !

1. WE ARE C _____ (cf. Genesis 2:7; Psalm 8; 39:4-6; 144:3-4)
2. WE ARE S _____ (cf. Isaiah 6:1-5; Romans 3:23; 5:12; James 2:10)
3. WE ARE R _____ (cf. Revelation 5:8-14; Ephesians 1:7; Titus 2:11-14)

II. OUR POSTURE OF WORSHIP IS REVEALED IN OUR POSITION IN PRAYER

A. **Ezra 9:4-10**

B. **Daniel 6:10**

C. **1 Kings 8:22-23, 54-55**

D. **Luke 22:39-46**

E. **Acts 9:40**

F. **Acts 20:36 (17-36)**

G. **Acts 21:5 (3-5)**

H. **Revelation 4:10; 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4**

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT DOES YOUR PRAYER LIFE REVEAL ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?
- * WHAT DOES YOUR PRAYER LIFE REVEAL ABOUT YOUR VIEW OF GOD?
- * IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE LACKING IN THIS AREA, WHAT WILL YOU DO TO CHANGE?
- * ARE YOU WILLING TO COMMIT YOURSELF TO SPENDING MORE TIME WITH THE LORD?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND THEREFORE ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How does our "individual" relationship with God affect us as individuals, and as a church?