

PRAYER ON COMUNION

Introduction:

To the true Christian prayer is life's highest and holiest privilege and greatest delight. It is a tragic thing for a person to pray not assured of a real access to God.

Perhaps the over all theme of these messages is "Progress in Prayer" Matt. 26:39- "and HE went a little further" It is just like the riding of a bicycle, the person must keep on going, otherwise he falls. This is true in the prayer life.

We have considered the first stage of prayer of petition. Simply means that we must ask God for what we need and desire. This is the petition stage and this is where true prayers begin. Of course, if you are not yet saved, you can ask God tonight of forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

We have now the second stage of prayer which is communion.

In the early part of Genesis, we find that Enoch walked with God (Gen. 5:24). Walking together implies communion. We read also in the NT about 2 disciples in the road walking in deep sorrow and frustration because of Christ death and suddenly Jesus joined them in the way and walked and talked with them. Luke 24:32.

In Ex. 33:11, we find Moses who tailed with God face to face. He communed with God in Mt. Sinai and when he came down, his face shown with divine radiance so that he had to put a veil when he addressed the people. There was a reflection of the Shecinal glory of God.

In James 2:33 because of Abraham's faith and constant communion with God, he was called the friend of God. Jesus said about friendly communion in John 15:15.

II Corinthians 13:14 tells of the communion or fellowship with Holy Spirit in prayer.

"Pray without ceasing" was not simply referring to the act of saying prayes, instead, speaking of prayer as an attitude and state of heart, involving one's very life and daily walk. Example ... My heart does not beat because I chose and will that it should beat, but it beats because spontaneously by the volition and operation of God. Prayer is the breathing of the Spirit. We breath spontaneously. Communion and fellowship with God ought to be to the spiritual life what breathing is to the physical life. This experience makes our souls like the magnetic needle of a compass is turned or tossed about, the needle always swings toward the magnetic pole of the north. A Christian who has come to a closer communion or fellowship with God in prayer, no matter what the experience in lie automatically his soul within him turns to God. David says: Psalm 42:1; this is a far highest plane of praying than that of mere petition.. a songwriter expressed it like this:

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear
Falling on my ear
The son of Gs discloses

And He walks with me and He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other have ever known.

People who progress in prayer must come to this lane of prayer Jesus went to a little further to commune with God, why, not of personal desire but a deep passion to know and do His Father's will. It was a matter of fulfilling the will and purpose of God in His life.

Conclusion: Hebrews 4:15,16.