

Weekly Morning Meditations

Prayers That Get Answers

Monday

LESSONS FROM JOB

And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: Job 42:10a [KJV]

LESSONS

- To get **answers to prayer** you must
 - Remove **PRIDE** (Job 13:15b)
 - Remove **PRETENSE** (Job 1:5, 4:3-6)
 - Remove **PERCEPTION** (Job 42:5)
- **Answered prayers** are for those who
 - ‘fear the LORD’ (1:1)
 - shun [Heb - turn off {from}] evil (1:1)
 - abhor [Heb - make disappear] themselves (42:6, cp 40:8)
- **Answered prayer** is a result of a PROCESS, not an EVENT
- PRIDE is revealed when we are always willing to **GIVE TO OTHERS**, but are never/rarely willing to **RECEIVE FROM OTHERS**
- We can claim NO RIGHTEOUSNESS nor any GOOD WORKS, expect by the Grace of GOD (Eph 2:8-9)
- Is the true purpose and perception of our ‘GOOD WORKS’ to honor GOD, or to SCORE POINTS in hopes to avoid TRIALS, TRIBULATION, and TEMPTATION? (cp 1Sam 16:7)

Wednesday

LESSONS FROM HANNAH

And she [Hannah] was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. [11] And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. 1 Samuel 1:10-11 [KJV]

LESSONS

- **Answered prayer** occurs when OUR DESIRE harmonizes with GOD’s DESIGN
- **Answered prayers** are ‘shaped’ through
 - **TIME**
.....year by year (1:7a)
 - **TORMENT**
.....And her adversary also provoked her sore (1:6)
 - **TRAINING**
.....she vowed a vow (1:11a)
- **Answered prayers** have lasting effects (e.g. Samuel - asked for of GOD)
- Persecution produces the *passion*; *passion* uncovers the *purpose*; *purpose* fulfills the *promise*
- Only the EXPERIENCE of DEATH can give one the DESIRE for LIFE

Friday

LESSONS FROM SOLOMON

In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. 1 Kings 3:5 [KJV]

LESSONS

- An **answered prayer** is a
 - **PROVEN** prayer
.....And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father; a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. (v 3a, 4b)
 - **PROMPTED** prayer
.....and God said, Ask what I shall give thee (v5)
 - **PURPOSED** prayer
.....Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? (v9)
- When you pray
 - remind GOD
 - ✓ that **HE is yours** (my GOD
 - ✓ that **you are HIS** (thy servant...)
 - ✓ that **they are/it is HIS** (thy people.....)
 - ✓ of what **he has already done** (thou hast shown, thou hast made...)
 - tell him **WHO/WHAT YOU ARE**
I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.-v7
 - ask him not to remove, destroy, or change, but to **EQUIP**
Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad -v9