

- Application: The Prayer Hand (to save ink feel free to print this in black)

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#### (The Prayer Hand As A Diagnostic Tool)

**EPH 6:16** *in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one.*

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## **II. How We Pray Is Important To God...**

**Prayer is more than Confession & Supplication (Health, jobs and relationships)**

**Illustration: Husband/wife/food**

A. Error revealed in popular song, *"You don't have to know how to pray, you don't have to know what to say, as long as you say Jesus"* - Nothing could be further from the truth (Mark 5:7; James 2:19; 4:3 vs. Romans 1:5; 16:26)

B. Deut 12:13,14; 14:23; 16:5,6 **God not man defines prayer and worship**, what is and is not important in worship, how, when and where to worship. Man has never been free to worship God in any way he chooses.

C. I Sam 13:9 – 14 Saul and the hasty evening offering

D. I Sam 15:15 – 23 Saul and the spoil of the Amalekites

E. I Kings 12:30-33 Israel, the northern kingdom, sins by worshipping God on the high places

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- **Application: Spiritual Warfare**
- **What Spiritual Warfare is not: Interaction with or gleaning information from demons.**  
*1 Timothy 4:1-2*  
*But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, (Romans 1:5; 10:17)*  
*paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, (John 8:44; I John 4:1)*  
*2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,*
- **So called deliverance ministries**
- **Interacting with demons**
- **Learning about demons from demons**
- **Passing on information learned from demons**
- **“But Jesus did” – there are many things Jesus did to which we are forbidden**

Jesus	Man
John 3:18 & 19; II Corinthians 5:10 (Remember: Romans 8:1; I John 4:18)	Romans 12:18 & 19; Matthew 7:1
Revelations 14:10 & 11; 20:10, 15	James 4:12
John 6:46	Exodus 33:20, 21
Hebrews 4:15	Isaiah 53:6; I John 1:8 & 10
Mark 1:24; 3:11; 5:7; Luke 4:5-8; 8:30	I Timothy 4:1 & 2

- **It is possible to know what is forbidden**  
Matthew 5:27 & 28  
Proverbs 20:19  
Leviticus 19:11  
Exodus 20:13
- **Miracle Contest / Mystical or Metaphysical Victory: Revelation 11:3-10**  
Revelation 13:11-17  
Matthew 7:22, 23  
II Thessalonians 2:9 & 10  
Matthew 12:38 & 39
- **What differentiates us is not miracles and mysticism**
- **Any demon can do a miracle**
- **What is unique to the ministry of the Holy Spirit not miracles but “come to Jesus”**  
John 14:6  
Acts 1:8  
Revelation 22:17
- **We will die, satan and his demons will not die.**  
Hebrews 9:27  
Job 14:5
- **On earth, Christians will come and go, it will seem like satan and his demons have the upper hand, as if they are the constant and we are the variable, which is why God has given us the Holy Scriptures.**  
Revelation 20:10
- **Not A Spiritual Gift I Corinthians 12:27 & 28**
- **Not A Ministry or Calling Ephesians 4:11 - 13**

02.15.22

- **What Spiritual Warfare Is: The Battle for the souls of men and women.**
- **II Timothy 2:24 – 26**

- Acts 26:18
- Colossians 1:13
- Ephesians 2:1 – 3
- In fact satan would much rather play miracle games and contests than have us engage in true spiritual warfare whereby he loses members of his kingdom.
- The fact is that satan would rather us engage in miracle, spiritist crusades, spectacle crusades than Jesus crusades.
- So called deliverance crusades, satan is all for it, in fact he will even join in. Matthew 7:22 & 23 Anything to keep us from preaching Jesus and freeing his slaves.
- What Spiritual Warfare Is: The Battle for the Word of God – both in our lives, to be in the Word and in the lives lost, that we would preach Jesus through the Word. I Peter 1:23. Both of these things are opposed by satan and both come under satan’s attacks.
- Matthew 4:1-10
- Mark 4:13-15
- Revelation 12:9; 13:14
- II Corinthians 4:1-6
- I Thessalonians 3:5
- The truth is that satan will be happy to engage us in miracles and mysticism as long as we do not take up the Sword of the Spirit Eph 6:17 and preach Jesus from the Word of God. II Corinthians 4:5, I Peter 1:23.
- What Spiritual Warfare Is: Resisting and Standing Firm In the Face of his Attacks
- Ephesians 6:10-12
- I Peter 5:8 & 9 ; Ephesians 6:10-17 what two pieces of the armor (after salvation) would satan most want us to lay down so that he might attack and devour us? The Sword of the Spirit (Word) Shield of faith (trusting and obeying Romans 1:5; 16:26 Jesus / The Word of God). If satan can engage us in miracles and spiritism contests rather than spiritual warfare being the obedience of faith he will win.
- Ephesians 2:1-3 vs Ephesians 5:1-5 resisting satan by manifesting moral excellence in contrast with our previous fleshly state.
- I Peter 2:11 – man would much rather engage in miracle contests than live a life of moral excellence.
- I Timothy 6:9 – man would much rather engage in miracle contests than living a life of trusting God rather than seeking riches. You can get rich doing miracle crusades but no one gets rich preaching Jesus and repentance.
- I Corinthians 10:13 – we will be attacked but we can overcome. The Holy Scripture says that where temptations and attacks by satan increase so does God’s grace. It does not say, where irresponsibility increases, so does God’s grace.
- We learn from Job that satan is on a short leash (Job 1:8-12), but a foolish man will approach a lion on a short leash to the man’s destruction.
- Rather than witnessing, mastering the Word of God and maintaining a high standard of moral excellence, satan would rather us become preoccupied with miracle contests and mysticism.

02.22.22

- What Spiritual Warfare Is: Opposing satan and his demons Through Prayer  
(Walk Through Spiritual Warfare Prayer Sheet)

03.01.22

- Application: The Prayer Notebook
- Begin by centering our hearts on God – reading program Know, Be, Do
- Adoration

03.08.22

- Confession

03.015 & 22.22 part one and two

- Thanksgiving

04.05

- Supplication
- How do we pray?
- To God the Father

*Matthew 6:9 " Pray, then, in this way: Our Father who is in heaven,..."*

- **In the name of God the Son**  
*1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"*
- **By the guidance of God the Holy Spirit (the Word of God)**  
*2 Peter 1:21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*
- **Does God hear prayers vs. does God receive prayers vs. does God answer prayers**
- **God hears and sees all men – actions, thoughts and words**  
*Genesis 6:5*  
*5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*
- **God only receives the prayers of Christians**  
*Acts 4:12*  
*John 14:6*  
*1 Timothy 2:5*
- **God only answers in the affirmative those prayers which correspond with His will.**  
*1 John 5:14-15*  
*14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.*  
*John 15:7*  
*7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*
- **Why pray if God is only going to do His will?**  
*Hebrews 4:16*  
*16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*
- **If prayer is only getting then there is no reason**
- **If prayer is spending time with God, then there are many reasons**
- **If praise and thanksgiving were the only prayers allowed, would you still pray**
- **Father "Would you like to spend the day with me running errands?" Child "Will you do whatever I ask you to do while we are running errands?"**
- **Are we inconsistent when weighing our prayers/will vs. God's will?**  
*Luke 22:42*  
*42 saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."*
- **We say we want to do God's will**
- **We say we want to walk with God**
- **We say we want to make Jesus Lord**
- **But then we become bitter when God does not answer our prayers**
- **If these two prayers, if unanswered will cause you to be bitter, then you will end your Christian life bitter.**
- **Yours or someone else's life**  
*Hebrews 9:27*  
*27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,*  
*Job 14:5*  
*5 "Since his days are determined,*  
*The number of his months is with You;*  
*And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.*

- Yours or someone else's suffering – health, wealth, freedom, happiness

*Philippians 3:10*

*10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;*

*2 Timothy 3:12*

*12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted .*

#### 04.12.22 part two supplication

- What should guide our supplications?  
I John 5:14 & 15  
John 15:7
- What if we do not have a verse?  
Luke 22:42
- Supplication and your prayer notebook? (attachment)
- Informal communication is important – talking off the top of your head, expressing emotions these are important both with man and with God.
- Formal nature of communication is directly in proportion to the importance of the communication – both in our relationships with God and man.
- What about persevering prayers?

## Lord Teach Me To Pray

(I have prayed this too long. Now God will not let me go... 10.26.11)

*Psalm 5:3 In the morning, O Lord, Thou wilt hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to Thee and eagerly watch.*

*Psalm 119:147 I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Thy words.*

*Psalm 119:148 My eyes anticipate the night watches, That I may meditate on Thy word.*

(Joshua 1:8, the Word of God, not mystical revelation)

*Isaiah 50:4 The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.*

*Isaiah 62:6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves;*

*Isaiah 62:7 And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

*Mark 1:35 And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there.*

***Luke 11:1 And it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."***

(1971 Began to earnestly ask God to make me a man of prayer, a true prayer warrior)

- *Luke 18:1 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,*

*Romans 8:26 And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;*

*Ephesians 6:18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert*

with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

- *Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;*

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- **Unanswered Prayer**
- **Deuteronomy 1:41-46 – The Prayer Is In Direct Disobedience To God’s Word**  
*41 " Then you said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will indeed go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And every man of you girded on his weapons of war, and regarded it as easy to go up into the hill country. 42 " And the LORD said to me, 'Say to them, "Do not go up nor fight, for I am not among you; otherwise you will be defeated before your enemies."' 43 "So I spoke to you, but you would not listen. Instead you rebelled against the command of the LORD, and acted presumptuously and went up into the hill country. 44 " The Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do, and crushed you from Seir to Hormah. 45 "Then you returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD did not listen to your voice nor give ear to you. 46 "So you remained in Kadesh many days, the days that you spent there.*
- **Job 14:5 – The Pre-ordained will of God**  
*5 "Since his days are determined,  
The number of his months is with You;  
And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.*
- **Psalms 66:18 – Clinging to known wickedness**  
*18 If I regard wickedness in my heart,  
The Lord will not hear;*
- **Proverbs 15:8, 29 – The Wicked**  
*8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,  
But the prayer of the upright is His delight.  
Proverbs 15:29  
29 The LORD is far from the wicked,  
But He hears the prayer of the righteous.*
- **Proverbs 21:13 – Heartless response to those in need**  
*13 He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor  
Will also cry himself and not be answered.*
- **Proverbs 28:9 – Lawless – both Word of God and secular**  
*9 He who turns away his ear from listening to the law,  
Even his prayer is an abomination.*
- **Isaiah 1:15 – Violent, murderers or those who allow injustice to result in death of another**  
*15 "So when you spread out your hands in prayer,  
I will hide My eyes from you;  
Yes, even though you multiply prayers,  
I will not listen.  
Your hands are covered with blood.*
- **Isaiah 59:1-3 – Know and practice wickedness**  
*Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short  
That it cannot save;  
Nor is His ear so dull  
That it cannot hear.  
2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,*



*And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.  
3 For your hands are defiled with blood  
And your fingers with iniquity;  
Your lips have spoken falsehood,  
Your tongue mutters wickedness.*

- **Jeremiah 7:9-10 - Hypocrisy**  
*9 "Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, 10 then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered!' — that you may do all these abominations?"*
- **Habakkuk 1:1-3 When the righteous are caught up in the judgement of the wicked**  
*2 How long, O LORD, will I call for help,  
And You will not hear?  
I cry out to You, "Violence!"  
Yet You do not save.  
3 Why do You make me see iniquity,  
And cause me to look on wickedness?  
Yes, destruction and violence are before me;  
Strife exists and contention arises.*
- **Matthew 4:7 A test to see if God is really God**  
*7 Jesus said to him, " On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"*
- **Matthew 12:38-39 – A sign or fleece rather than the written Word of God**  
*Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." 39 But He answered and said to them, " An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;*
- **Matthew 20:20-22 – Rash Prayers**  
*Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. 21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left." 22 But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to Him, "We are able."*
- **John 15:7 We either are not abiding in Christ, or His Word or both.**  
*7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you*
- **2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Suffering is the will of God for our life**  
*Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me — to keep me from exalting myself! 8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*
- **1 Timothy 2:8 We are part of dissension and/or wrath in the church**  
*8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.*
- **James 1:5-7 We are not asking for wisdom and we do not really believe, just covering the bases. “Taking a chance” on prayer.**  
*5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without*

*reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

- **James 4:3 – We are not thinking of the glory of God nor of the Kingdom of God – His Church**  
*3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures*
- **1 Peter 3:7 – Emotional abuse, physical abuse or neglect of our wife**  
*7 You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.*
- **1 John 3:22 – Indifferent to the commandments of God**  
*22 and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.*
- **1 John 5:14-15 – It is not God's will**  
*14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.*

04.26.22

- **Intercession**
- **Spouse Ephesians 5:25 & 26 (Husbands)**  
Did Jesus pray for the church John 17  
Luke 22:32  
“Sanctify”
- **Children**
- **Grandchildren**
- **Pastor**
- **Church/Ministry**
- **Missionaries**  
*2 Corinthians 1:11*  
*11 you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.*  
*Ephesians 6:18-20*  
*18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*  
*2 Thessalonians 3:1-2*  
*Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; 2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.*  
*Philemon 22*  
*22 At the same time also prepare me a lodging, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you.*
- **Government**  
*1 Timothy 2:1-2*  
*First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in*

*all godliness and dignity.*

*Proverbs 21:1*

*The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD;*

*He turns it wherever He wishes.*

- **Lost Romans 10:1**

- **Can we confess the sins of our family, ministry, nation?**

**I Timothy 2:5 – Jesus is the only mediator**

**I Peter 2:9 Universal Priesthood of believer is a fact but the authority is limited - proclamation and not a mediatorial roll Old Covenant Priests – this is in Christ alone.**

**Hebrews 4:16 –**

**16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that *we may receive mercy and find grace* to help in time of need**

**We receive mercy, we find grace, but we cannot receive and then dispense in the name of God**

**Romans 14:12 So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.**

**In the New Covenant we may pray for others but we may not confess their sins. Each individual must hear, believe, receive, repent, confess, be baptized, walk with God and all other aspects of the Christian life for himself. Another may not do these things for him.**

**05.03.22**

- **Fasting, Persevering Prayer and Unanswered Prayer**

**Daniel 9:1-4**

***In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans — 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. 3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.***

**Matthew 17:21**

**21[" But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting ."]**

- **Verbal vs Nonverbal Communication**

- **Verbal/Words**

- **Intentional talking**

**Psalms 3:4**

***4 I was crying to the LORD with my voice ,  
And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah.***

**Psalms 5:3**

***3 In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice ;  
In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.***

- **Singing**

**Psalms 42:8**

***8 The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime;  
And His song will be with me in the night,  
A prayer to the God of my life.***

- **Thoughts/Heart**

**Psalms 94:11**

***11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man,  
That they are a mere breath.***

**Psalms 139:23**

***23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me and know my anxious thoughts ;***

- **Emotions**

**Romans 8:26**

*In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;*

- **Non-verbal – Scripturally sanctioned means but not commanded**
- **Kneeling**

*Psalms 95:6*

*6 Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

*1 Kings 8:54*

*When Solomon had finished praying this entire prayer and supplication to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread toward heaven.*

*Daniel 6:10*

*10 Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.*

*Acts 21:5-6*

*5 When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another.*

- **Bowing Down / Prostrating**

*Psalms 138:2*

*2 I will bow down toward Your holy temple  
And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth;  
For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.*

*Psalms 5:7*

*7 But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house,  
At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.*

*Revelation 22:8-9*

*8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."*

- **Raising hands**

*1 Timothy 2:8*

*8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.*

*Psalms 63:4*

*4 So I will bless You as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands in Your name.*

- **Fasting falls within this category – is nothing more nor nothing less than non-verbal communication with God.**

- **Mans methods but not given in Scripture**

- **Folding hands**
- **Palms touching, fingers upraised**
- **Holding hands**
- **Sign of the cross at the end of the prayer**
- **Bowing head**
- **Closing eyes**

- **We differentiate between what God sees and hears and what we call prayer**

- **Groans and weeping**

*Exodus 6:5*

*5 "Furthermore I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are*

*holding them in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant.*

- **Unintentional talking, complaining**  
*Numbers 14:27-29*  
27 *"How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who are grumbling against Me? I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they are making against Me. 28 "Say to them, ' As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will surely do to you;*
- **Sinful actions**  
*Ezra 9:6*  
6 *and I said, "O my God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift up my face to You, my God, for our iniquities have risen above our heads and our guilt has grown even to the heavens*
- **How our sins affect others**  
*James 5:4*  
4 *Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.*
- **Do we fast, wear sackcloth and cover ourselves with ashes in the New Covenant? Daniel 9:1 – 3**
- How do we decide?  
*Matthew 5:17*  
Fasting and the Law – sack cloth and ashes included  
They were in the Law,  
do they continue or are they fulfilled like confessing sins to priest and animal sacrifices  
*Matthew 6:16-18*  
Fasting continues: “When you fast”  
Sackcloth and ashes are fulfilled: *“anoint your head and wash your face...not be noticed by men”*
- Is fasting more powerful than the name of Jesus? *I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:14-16*  
Is anything mentioned besides Jesus?  
Do we need anything besides Jesus to approach God and the Throne of Grace?
- Does there exist a set of second-class Christians who do not fast and only pray in the name of Jesus? The answer is a resounding “no”.  
*Ephesians 1:3*  
3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,*  
  
*2 Peter 1:3,4*  
3 *seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*
- Is fasting a good way to mortify the flesh and gain victory over it?  
*Colossians 2:20-23*  
contrasted  
*John 17:17*  
*Joshua 1:8*  
*John 14:15*
- By fasting do we prod God to action by showing Him how we are willing to suffer for this request?  
*Hebrews 10:18*  
*Isaiah 53:5*

Isaiah 53:11

- What then is fasting?  
Going without food for a set period of time  
*2 Samuel 12:21*  
*21 Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food"*
- Will God judge you for breaking your fast?
- Is there a difference between "Lent" and fasting?  
*1 Timothy 6:17*  
*17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.*
- Can we "fast" from an activity or a specific food? No, we enjoy those things which God has blessed us and we repent and lay aside sin.
- Do we prove our love for God by giving up, setting aside or doing away with something He has given us? No
- Does God require us to "give up" something we like in order to prove our dedication and commitment to Him? I Timothy 6:17; Philippians 4:12
- Can we fast, repent and confess the sins of others in the New Covenant? No, we cannot repent for another, confess the sins for another, receive Christ for another nor be baptized for another.  
Daniel 9:5, 20 vs I Timothy 2:5

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- **ACTSIS – Begin with one page for each**
- **Adoration: The Worship of God without reference to man**
- **Confession: Confessing our sins, repenting for the sake of restoring fellowship, not gaining actual forgiveness**
- **Thanksgiving: The Worship of God in reference to man**
- **Supplication: Presenting our personal requests to God, but submitting these requests to His will**
- **Intercession: Presenting our request for other to God, but submitting these requests to His will**
- **Spiritual Warfare: Using the Word of God to oppose specific and general works of satan**
- **Meditation: Reading a passage and then reflecting on truths for the ultimate purpose of obedience.**
- **Extended time with God in prayer**
- **Passages dealing with exact periods of time are Historical and not Doctrinal in nature**  
*Luke 6:12*  
*It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.*
- **How not to spend a day/night in prayer**  
*Matthew 6:7-8* *7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.*  
*1 Kings 18:26-28* *26 Then they took the ox which was given them and they prepared it and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon saying, "O Baal, answer us." But there was no voice and no one answered. And they leaped about the altar which they made. 27 It came about at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened." 28 So they cried with a loud voice and cut themselves according to their custom with swords and lances until the blood gushed out on them.*

- **How to spend a day/night in prayer**

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- **The Word of God and Prayer – shaping our prayers (Opening prayer)**
- **Meditation and The Word of God and Prayer – listening prayers/The written Word of God vs. mysticism/Spirits, voices and thoughts**
- **Practical applications for meditation**
- Know, Be, Do
- ABC
  - Adoration
  - Be
  - Confess
  - Do
  - Express
- Website devotional sheets
- **The Doctrines Behind Prayer**
- Jesus and Prayer
  - I Timothy 2:5
  - Hebrews 4:16
  - I John 5:14
  - John 15:7
- O.C. vs. N.C. Prayer – our salvation
  - Confession and Salvation
  - Universal Priesthood of the Believer
  - Entering into the presence of God
  - The Holy Spirit
  - Punishment/Fear vs. Discipline/Good
- Historical Revelation vs. Doctrinal Revelation and Prayer
- Repentance and Prayer
- The Written Word of God and Prayer
- **What About...**
- “Listening Prayer”...
- Repetitive phrases
- Human Intercessors
- Roman Catholic
- Pentecostal/Charismatic
- It is and always has been a sin to accept money for miracles.
- It is and always has been a sin to give money for miracles.
- Seed Gifts
- The Gift of Tongues
- Unconfessed Sin
- Praying to the Dead
- Praying to Angels