

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:1-18

SERMON: The Joy of Prayer!

8 March 2015

POINT: ENJOY PRAYING!

INTRODUCTION: JOY & PRAYER (see 1Th.5:16-18; Phil.4:4-7; see Gal.5:22)

THEME: THE JOY OF PRAYER

- A. THE JOY OF THE FATHER IN PRAYER** (Mt.6:9; 7:11,7f; 19:14; Jms.4:2; see Lk.12:32; Jn.16:27)
- B. THE JOY OF THE SON IN PRAYER** (Gen.3:24&Heb.10:19f; 7:25(Rom.8:34); 4:16; see Ps.113-134; Jn.16:26)
- C. THE JOY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PRAYER** (Rom.8:26f; see Eph.2:18)
- D. THE JOY OF PLEASING GOD IN PRAYER** (Ps.141:2; Lk.1:10; Rev.5:8; 8:3f)
- E. THE JOY OF RELIEF FROM EVIL THINGS IN PRAYER** (Ps.55:22; Phil.1:19; 4:6,7; 1Pt.5:7; Psalms!)
- F. THE JOY OF ANTICIPATION OF GOOD THINGS IN PRAYER** (1Jn.5:14,15; yet see Jms.4:1f)
- G. THE JOY OF RECEIVING GOOD THINGS IN PRAYER** (Ps.34:6; 66:16; 119:26; 120:1; Jon2:2 /Ps.13:1f,etc)
- H. THE JOY OF MEANS OF GRACE IN PRAYER** (Acts 2:42 /1Jn5:14,15; 1Cor.11:24f(2C5:21; 2Sm7:25); Jms.5:16)
- I. THE JOY OF GIVING IN PRAYER** (1Th.5:25; 2Th.3:1; Heb.13:18; see 2Cor.1:11; Phil.1:19; see Mt.6:2f&5f)
- J. THE JOY OF DEVOTION IN PRAYER** (Col.4:2; see Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4; Rom.12:12 /Mt.6:15f&5f; 1Cor.7:5)
- K. THE JOY OF OVERCOMING SATAN'S DISTRACTIONS IN PRAYER** (Mt.26:38f /1Pt5:6f; Acts6:4,1f)
- L. THE JOY OF A SIMPLE OUTLINE IN PRAYER** (i.e., A.C.T.S.; see Mt.6:9f; Phil.4:6)
- M. THE JOY OF SIMPLY POURING OUT YOUR SOUL IN PRAYER** (Ps.42:4; 1Sm1:15 /Phil.4:6f; 1Pt.5:7)
- N. THE JOY OF ANY TIME & PLACE IN PRAYER** (Jn.4:21f; see 1Kng.8:29f with Heb.12:22; Mt.6:9)
- O. THE JOY A GIVEN TIME & PLACE IN PRAYER** (Ps.55:17; Dan.6:10; Ps.3&4; see Mt.6:6; Lk.6:10)
- P. THE JOY OF MEALS IN PRAYER** (1Tim.4:3-5; see 1Cor.10:30)

CONCLUSION THE JOY OF THE LORD'S PRAYER IN PRAYER (Mt.6:9f; see Lk.11:2f)

POINT: DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO JOY IN PRAYER! (Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4; 10:2; Rm.12:12; 1C.7:5; Col.4:2)

Discussion question:
*Brethren, what shall **WE do?*** (see Acts 2:37f)