

Developing A Life of Prayer

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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“For the Glory of God”

I. Why did Jesus Pray?

A. As 100% God

- 1. The Unique Character of Jesus*
 - a. 2nd person of the triune Godhead*
 - b. Co-equal, co-eternal, and co-existent with the Father and the Holy Spirit*
- 2. Independent of humanity as demonstrated by*
 - a. Healing diseases*
 - b. Forgave sins – Mt 9:6*
 - c. Commanded natural forces*
 - d. Took authority over demonic spirits*

B. As 100% Man

- 1. Was dependent on the Father in Heaven*
- 2. Demonstrated by emptying Himself – Phil 2:6-8*
 - a. Laid aside the voluntary use of certain non-communicable attributes*
 - b. Humbly accepted the role of a Servant*
- 3. Demonstrated dependence in actions*
 - a. Prayer – Jo 17*
 - b. Never acted on His own initiative – Jo 5:19, 30; 8:28; 9:4; 12:49; 14:10*
- 4. Set an example for us of Dependence on God*

II. Jesus' Prayer Life

A. Early in the morning – Mk 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

B. After and before miracles

- 1. After Feeding the 5000/ Before walking in water - Mt 14:23, Mk 6:46*
- 2. Before Raising Lazarus from the dead - Jo 11:41-42*
- 3. Thanksgiving before – Mk 6:41*

C. For His disciple's faith – Lk 22:32

D. Before the Transfiguration – Lk 9:28-29

E. When Heavy in Heart over a known difficulty in the future – Mt 26:39,42; Mk 14:35,39; Lk 22:41,44; Jo 12:28

III. Jesus' Prayer for God to be Glorified

A. Through submission to God's will - Mt 26:39,42; Mk 14:35,39; Lk 22:41,44; Jo 12:27-28

B. By Asking Directly – Jo 17:1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said:

- 1. "Father, the hour has come.*

- a. *Statement of understood truth*
 - b. *Being honest before God and self about what you are understanding is a good start to understand the solution is truly only found in Him*
 - i. *De 8:2-3 "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble you and test you**, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. "So **He humbled you, allowed you to hunger**, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that **He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.***
 - ii. *2Co 1:7-10 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation. For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, **that we should not trust in ourselves but in God** who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,*
 - iii. *I have this problem, I can't fix it, I've tried but I can't fix it b/c only you can*
2. *Glorify Your Son,*
- a. *The personal request, the only one in this prayer*
 - b. *Not self-serving*
 - i. *Asking to receive back what was His to begin with – Jo 17:5*
 - ii. *Not asking so that He may bask in it after years of serving on earth*
3. *that Your Son also may glorify You,*
- a. *the Purpose of the personal request*
 - b. *the same as His whole life on earth – Jo 17:4*
 - i. *The death on the cross -Phil 2:8; Heb 12:2*
 - ii. *To buy back rebellious sinners that they may glorify God – 1 Co 6:19-20; 2 Co 5:15,21; Eph 1:5-6*
 - iii. *To put those sinners into a new relationship with the Father – Jo 17:3,21*