

October 31, 2021
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Isaiah 62:6-7; John 17

“Watchmen on the Walls”

1. **The** _____

The purpose for prayer is not to see _____ will accomplished, but to see _____ will accomplished.

Prayer is always centered around and in the _____ .

- cf. Eph. 1:12

New Testament prayers that are clearly God’s will:

- Acts 4:29; Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:3
- Ephesians 1:15-19
- Ephesians 3:14-19
- Eph. 6:10ff
- Philippians 1:9-11
- Col. 1:9-12
- 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13
- 1 Thess. 5:25

2. **The** _____

3. **Our** _____

- Acts 6; 1 Sam. 12:19-25; 1 Thess. 5:17

- Ezek. 22:30 (cf. 13:1ff; Ps. 106:23; Exod. 32:7-14; Jer. 18:7-10)

- God desires _____ prayer! (cf. Lk. 11:9-10)

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. How much time do you spend daily in prayer? Do you feel that this is sufficient time? Explain. If you don't feel it is sufficient, what can you do to improve it this week? When and where will you pray?
2. Do you meet with others for prayer? How often?
3. What is your definition of prayer? What does prayer include?
4. What are some common excuses for not praying? What biblical answers would you give to each of those excuses?
5. Read Daniel 9:1-3. Why was Daniel motivated to pray? (Read Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10 for further clues). What role does Scripture play in motivating us to pray? What role does Scripture play in giving us content for prayer?
6. Isaiah 62:6 mentions "watchmen." What is the role of a watchman? Read Is. 56:10-12 [note: the watchmen in this context were the prophets & priests of Israel]. What were the watchmen doing instead of watching?
7. Read 1 Sam. 12:19-25. What was Samuel's perspective on intercession? Why did he think that way? Why don't a lot of spiritual leaders think that way?
8. Read Ezek. 22:25-30. What was the problem in Ezekiel's day? What should the leaders have been doing to remedy the problem? Why didn't they? What kind of person was God looking for?
9. Read Ps. 106:23; Ex. 32:11-14; Dt. 9:25-29. What principles do you learn from the life of Moses on being a true watchman (intercessor)?
10. Look up the New Testament examples of prayer from the front of your outline. What are some of the things we can pray for that are clearly God's will?
11. Read John 17. What specific things did Jesus pray for? What similarities do you see in this list and the things Jesus taught the disciples to pray for in Mt. 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4?
12. Which do you consider to be the most important element of the acrostic ACTS? (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) Why?
13. What are you doing to train others to pray? (Spouse, kids, disciples, etc.) Be specific as to when, where, what methods, how you model it, books you utilize, etc.
14. What is your role in the prayer ministry of your church? What responsibilities could you take away from the pastors and elders of the church so they could focus their attention on prayer and the ministry of the Word (Acts 6)?
15. Can you honestly say that your church can be called a "House of Prayer"? What could you do to make it more of a "House of Prayer"?