

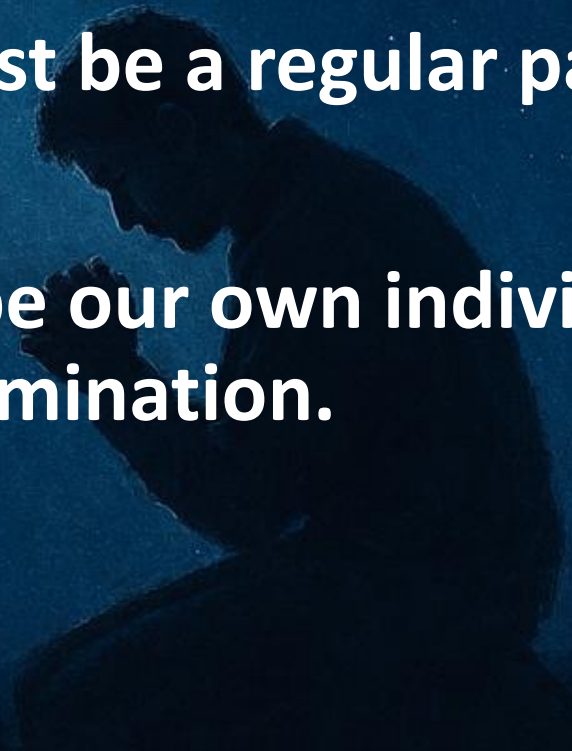
Devoted to Prayer

Romans 8:14-17



Introduction

- How often do you devote time to pray to God?
 - Praying to God must be a regular part of our daily lives.
 - However, it must be our own individual decision and determination.



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- **We pray when we come together.**
 - **This is a collective prayer.**
 - **One person leads the pray and we all pray along so we can say, “Amen” at the end of the prayer. Cf. 1 Cor 14:16**
 - **Generally, these public prayers are very focused on the work of the local church, the prayer requests of the members, etc.**

Introduction

- Prayer needs to be a daily part of our lives, not limited only to worship services.
- In this lesson, we are going to show the importance of being devoted to prayer.

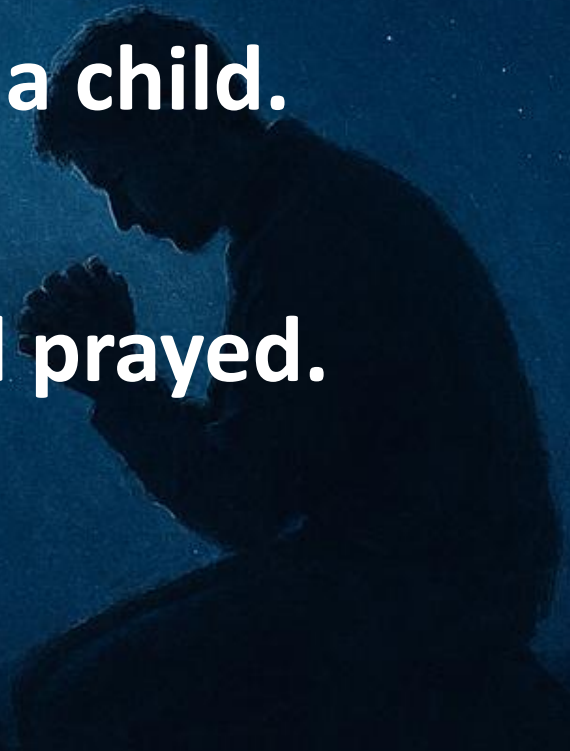


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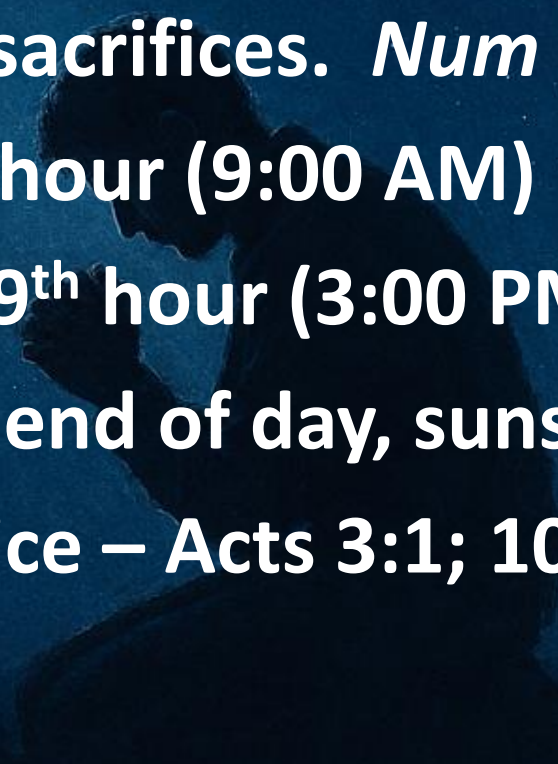
God's People Purposefully Prayed

- Abraham prayed.
- Moses prayed.
- Hannah prayed for a child.
- King David prayed.
- The prophet Daniel prayed.



God's People Purposefully Prayed

- The Jews prayed three times a day.
Dan 6:10; cf. Psalms 55:17
 - Connection: Daily sacrifices. *Num 28:1-8*
 - First sacrifice – 3rd hour (9:00 AM)
 - Second sacrifice – 9th hour (3:00 PM)
 - Third prayer – The end of day, sunset
 - First century practice – Acts 3:1; 10:30



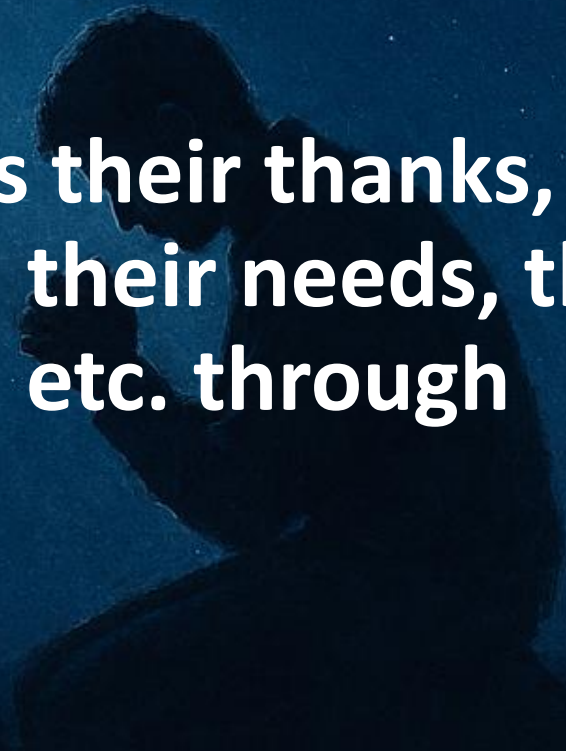
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- Jesus prayed to the Father.
 - At His baptism. *Luke 3:21-22*
 - In the upper room, the night before His death. *John 17*
 - Later that night in the garden. *Matt 26:36-46*



God's People Purposefully Prayed

- God's people understood the importance of petitioning the Lord through prayer.
- They would express their thanks, their fears, their desires, their needs, their joys, their sorrows, etc. through prayer.



**We Purposefully Pray
to God**

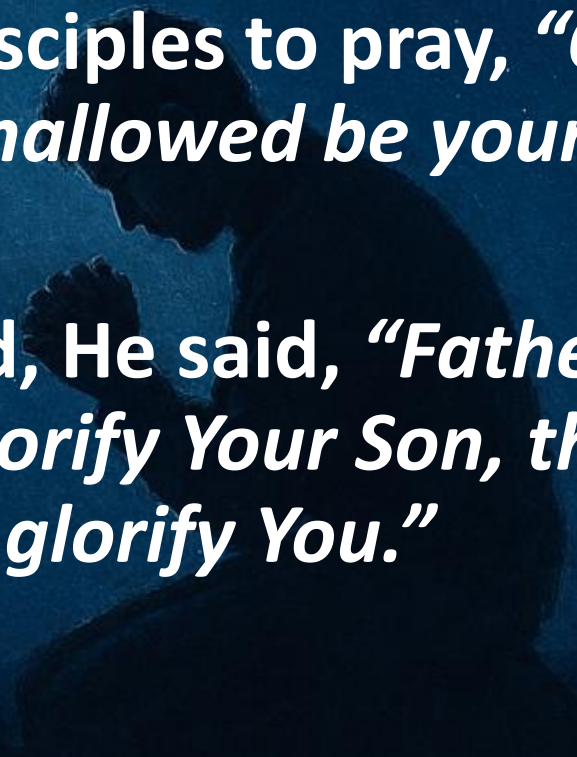


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- Jesus taught His disciples to pray, “*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.*” *Matt 6:9*
- When Jesus prayed, He said, “*Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You.*” *John 17:1*



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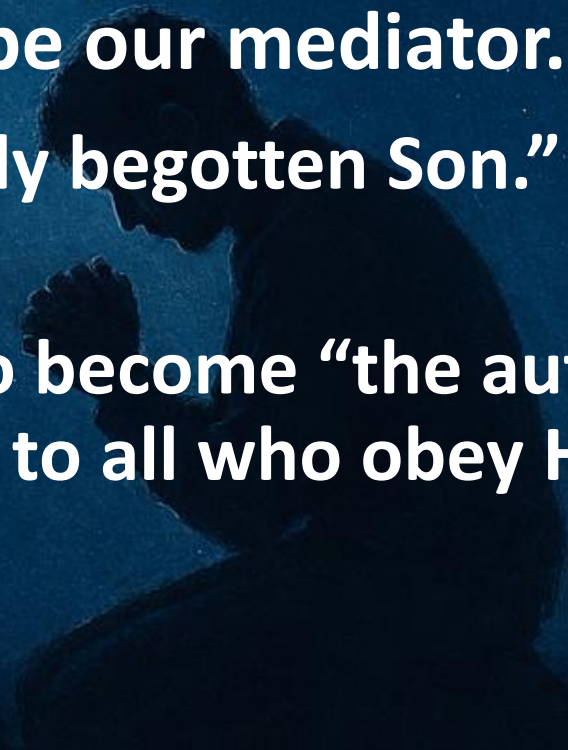
- God sent Jesus to be our mediator.

- God sent His “only begotten Son.”

John 3:16

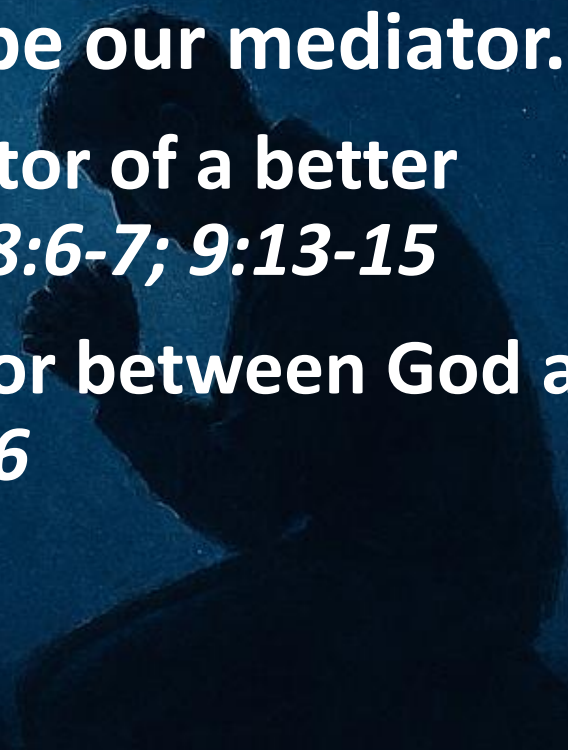
- God sent Jesus to become “the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”

Heb 5:5-11



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 - God sent Jesus to be our mediator.
 - He is the “Mediator of a better covenant.” *Heb 8:6-7; 9:13-15*
 - He is the Mediator between God and man. *1 Tim 2:5-6*



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- God sent Jesus to be our mediator.
 - We can walk in fellowship with God the Father, praying always to Him, crying out “Father, Father.”



We Purposefully Pray to God

- Through prayer, we thank our Father in Heaven for all He has done.

Eph 5:20



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- Through prayer, we seek the needs of others. *1 Tim 2:1-4*



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- Through prayer, we seek our own needs. *Phil 4:6-7*



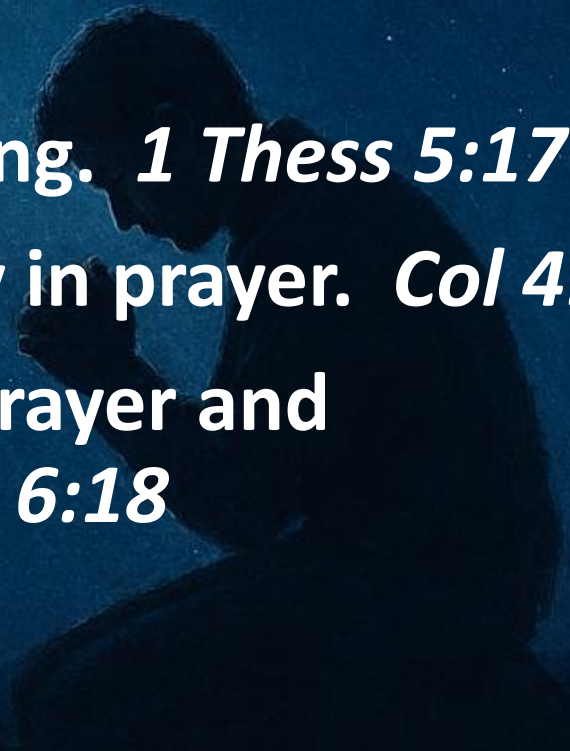
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- Through prayer, we ask God to forgive us of our sins.
 - Jesus taught His disciples to ask for the forgiveness of sins. *Matt 6:12*
 - We are to confess our sins to God. *1 John 1:9; cf. Psalms 32:5*



We Purposefully Pray to God

- Be urgent and steadfast in prayers.
 - Continue steadfastly in prayer. *Rom 12:12*
 - Pray without ceasing. *1 Thess 5:17*
 - Continue earnestly in prayer. *Col 4:2*
 - Pray always with prayer and supplications. *Eph 6:18*



We Purposefully Pray to God

- Seek God's will above our own.

1 John 5:14, 15



We Purposefully Pray to God

- Pray from a humble heart.
Luke 18:9-14; cf. 17:10



Conclusion

- **Praying to God must be purposeful.**
 - **God is our heavenly Father.**
 - **God loved us enough to send Jesus to be the mediator so we can approach Him in prayer.**



Conclusion

- All though God's knows our needs (cf. Matthew 6:8), the Bible teaches us the importance of being devoted to purposeful prayer in our lives.

