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Prayer Pt 6 The Necessity of Prayer in our spiritual battle

This is our sixth and final study on prayer. In our previous teaching we established three points– (i) God answered the OT saints’ prayers by speaking to the prophets, (ii) Today God answers our prayers through the Holy Spirit, and (iii) the Lord answers our prayers through the Holy Scriptures.

In this study we establish an additional three points–.(i) Put on the whole armour of God– by asking God in prayer, ii) Use the weapons of our warfare by prayer, iii) put on the Lord Jesus Christ by prayer.

It is from our search of the scriptures that we establish our three points–

1. The armour of God– we put on by asking God to do so in prayer.

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph.6: 11).

2. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal– they are mighty through God– by prayer

“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)” (2 Cor.10: 4).

3. We put on the Lord Jesus Christ– by prayer

“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof” (Rom.13: 14).

Illustration

I have my share of weaknesses. The devil taunts me, I am tempted of my own lusts, and if I do nothing I will inevitably give in to the devil’s taunting, and or my own lusts. But the moment I open my mouth and beseech the Lord in prayer– there is potential for a different outcome– victory!. I have evidence of doing both and the outcome is only dependant on whether I USE the weapons and armour to defend myself – because when I USE the word of God it is powerful!!

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb4: 12)!

Questions of the scriptures

In the context of this study – what is one of the visible impacts on the body of Christ in turning their back on the Holy Scriptures?

Answers from the scriptures

Many corrupt copies of scripture change the weapons. And given that the word of God is “the sword of the Spirit– they have a limp sword – ineffective in the battle. When we pray a prayer that includes the words of God which are “quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb 4:12) then wow!

My challenge: next time you are tempted by the lusts of your flesh – regardless of your brand of weakness– pray, use the armour to defend yourself, and if the temptation comes via a thought– use the weapons through prayer, asking the Lord to bring the thought unto captivity to Christ. Then observe the power of God, when you pray His word, use His weapons, and the armour in His word! They are FULL of Power! Use them by prayer!