

A TIME FOR REFLECTION

[Pastor Gene Henderson (edits by Pastor)]

What does “*talking to God*” mean?

Does the fact that billions of people are praying at the same time bother God? How does He keep it all separated? How does He ever clear His inbox?! How does He prioritize which prayers are the most important? Is there a weekly or daily limit to the number of prayers He answers?

Given our status as carbon-based life forms locked in Time and Space, all those questions are natural and valid. But the answer to some of them is that whatever elements compose the Almighty, **He is not locked in Time and Space and He is supernatural.** So that gives Him a pass on how He can listen to all the prayers at once (because for God, “*at once*” is irrelevant), He’s multi-dimensional. You’ll have to ask someone else to explain what that means. Maybe Stephen Hawking (if you are able to talk to the dead)?

As for how He prioritizes or decides what prayers to answer, that we can at least consider. And we have to begin by asking what we mean by “*answer*”. We probably agree that when we think about an answered prayer, what we mean is that God has granted our request and made what we wanted to happen. But that’s a problem. In a way we might not like to admit, that makes God our Uber-rich Almighty Grandfather who says “*yes*” to His favorite grandkids. We know better – **God is not our Heavenly Vending Machine.** But we’re still left with some frustrating “*why*” questions with unanswered prayers – especially the prayers we believe are deserving of His attention no matter who we are. We’ll come back to that. Meanwhile, let’s ask one more question.

Have we ever considered that prayer doesn’t always have to be “*petition*” – **asking God for something.** Prayer can actually be conversation Father to son, Father to daughter, Friend to friend. Does that change anything? Are you up for that?

Philippians 4:6:

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with gratitude, make your requests known to God.

Welcome!

September 30, 2018



“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.”

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity In Prayer: 6:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Kid’s Club & Youth

Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Evening Prayer – our hour of prayer at 6:00 PM. Join us as we ask God for direction and revival.

Wednesday Bible Study – Romans and Kid's Club. Come and learn about the Word

of God!

Snacks For Children – There is a basket in the foyer for donations of snacks for our children's programs. Thank you!

Promoting Our Church – in order to make it easier to advertise our church one on one, Debbie DeVries designed and produced a one page flyer to introduce New Life to neighbors and friends. Please stop by the table in the foyer and take the number you need to help grow our church. God bless our efforts!

Joyce Meyer will be in Worcester, MA at the DCU Center, 50 Foster St., on Friday, October 5th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, October 6th at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

Ladies Meeting – October 14th at 6:30 PM at New Hope Ministries, 334 Second Ave., Albany. Please let Caroline or Leah know if you plan to attend so we can RSVP.

Teen Challenge Banquet – October 19th, 7:00 PM at the Albany Hilton Hotel, 40 Lodge Street. We have purchased a table with 8 tickets for sale at \$50.00 per person. We need those who would like to go to sign up on the table in the foyer so we can plan if we need to purchase a second table.

10th Annual Rebuilding the City Benefit – November 3rd, 6-8:15 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 63 Mountain View Ave, Albany. The cost is \$30 per person. Come and support this great Ministry while enjoying great music and fellowship.

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SERMON NOTES

A BAD DAY

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; 4:7

The treasure Paul refers to is the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ. 1 Timothy 5:23

Guilt, fear and anxiety are all _____ of the mind. Ephesians 2:8-9

All power rests in God including the power to _____ truth and _____ a godly life.

1. _____

You are not being unspiritual while _____ such _____. 2 Corinthians 7:4-6; 12:15

The Lord is never _____ to us, never more _____ to help us, than when we're _____ and hurting.

When we experience bad days, our heavenly father takes _____ of them to draw us _____ to himself!

2. _____

We should become more _____ in our bad times that we have all the _____ needed to deal with the enemy.

His great desire is that in the midst of our _____ we'll begin to grasp the knowledge of who we are and what we _____ as His children. Galatians 4:1, 3, 6-7

The law is the _____ that instructs us in God's _____.

3. _____

He would urge him to appropriate the _____ that are his! Galatians 3:26; Colossians 2:9; Philippians 4:19

God wants us to know that His _____ is full of everything we need and it's all _____ to us!