

YAIY NEWS



Pray Without Ceasing

Without communication there cannot be a relationship between two parties. Is it any wonder then, that we're told to, *Pray without ceasing*, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV. It means don't stop, don't give it up, continue doing it every day and always. It's good to read this in context of the next verse, which says, *Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is Yahweh's will for you in Messiah Yahshua*, 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 NIV. It's Yahweh's will that no matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are to give thanks. Given the troubles we see in life, this can be somewhat challenging. So we have to look past our current troubles and look ahead to the promises to come.

The Messiah is Coming!

Prior to Messiah coming, looking back and making a parallel to our own times, we find this account of the people coming out of Babylon, *For thus says Yahweh: when seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you My promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares Yahweh, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart*, Jeremiah 29:10–13 ESV.

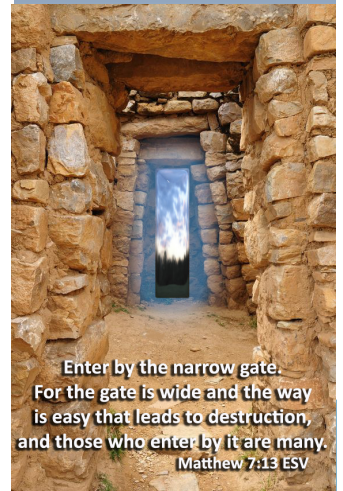


Yahweh does not change, and for those coming out of symbolic Babylon today, we can hear these same words "I know the plans I have for you, declares Yahweh, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Our responsibility is to seek Him with our whole heart and being. Not just a casual thing, but rather an intense yearning and desire to know and love Him. As He says, "You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart."

There is a worldly repentance, which is not what Yahweh wants. He wants dedication on our part toward Him from the heart. When travesty comes upon the world, it will be those that call upon Yahweh which will be saved, not those who will just wail and cry over the destruction they see.

Yahweh had redeemed Israel from Egypt, but it kept backsliding after-

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James 5:16 AV



Enter by the narrow gate.
For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction,
and those who enter by it are many.
Matthew 7:13 ESV

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wards. Yahweh would bring punishment to turn them around to Him, but they refused to stay the course (read the book of Amos). Finally, they were taken away and dispersed through Assyria. Hosea prophesied about 22 years prior to this judgment.

Woe to them, for they have strayed from Me! Destruction to them, because they have transgressed against Me! And I Myself have ransomed them, yet they have spoken falsehoods against Me, and did not cry out to Me with their heart when they wailed upon their beds. For grain and new wine they assemble themselves; they turn away from Me, Hosea 7:13-4 TS.

We need to learn a lesson that Yahweh wants obedience and prayer from the heart. He doesn't want us just looking at the physical food we can eat, but rather the Spiritual food He offers, that is, His Word.

Going back to the Babylon captivity, there were those praying to Yahweh for mercy and forgiveness.

Then I set my face toward the Yahweh Elohim to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. And I prayed to Yahweh my Elohim, and made confession, and said, O Yahweh, great and awesome El, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments, Daniel 9:3-5 NKJV.

This is a powerful testimony and a powerful heartfelt prayer. One that Yahweh no doubt heard, as Daniel was one who strived to be obedient to Yahweh even under the most difficult of situations. He never gave up and never ceased to stop praying to the One Whom he knew could save him. We are to do the same.

Elder David Brett



The Meaning of Prayer

Many know by memory the Master's Model Prayer. Yet, do they think of what they are really asking when they repeat His words? Here is a lesson about prayer that bears repeating.

It has always been man's innate desire to reach out beyond himself, to tap the unseen powers beyond his own sphere, in an effort to achieve results outside his reach.



Even primitive, pagan man acknowledged unseen powers or beings beyond himself. Because he was not able to see or prove the existence of such supernatural powers, he created icons of these imagined forces. With them he hoped to get a physical handle on powers of the invisible spirit world.

Some pagan practices involved carving a talisman or totem pole from wood or stone and then inviting a spirit deity to inhabit that humanly created object. Other objects might include a "good luck" bracelet, ring or brooch to ward away evil spirits.

The Bible tells us not to rely on icons, images or figures made by man for our worship or protection, neither are we to bow down to them. Yahweh is the only true Creator and Heavenly Father.

To Whom Do We Pray?

As far back as Adam, many Biblical examples reveal that man was able to converse with his Creator and He would respond. We are not to take up the ways of the heathen, but to follow examples of righteous men given us in the Bible.

The Meaning of Prayer....cont.

Our Savior told the woman at the well in John 4:24, *Yahweh is spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.* Yahshua was obviously alluding to the fact that He would soon die for the sins of the world and shortly thereafter the Temple would be destroyed. Yahweh's ways had become so corrupted that Yahweh allowed Jerusalem to be conquered by the Roman armies in 70 C.E. For almost two thousand years there has been no sacrificial animal offerings carried on in Jerusalem.

Since the destruction of the Temple, the priesthood is no longer functioning and sacrifices are now in abeyance. Anciently an offering had to be brought by the worshiper. Now, however, it is possible for repentant sinners to approach the Mighty One of the universe directly in prayer at all times. By accepting the sacrifice of the Savior, we acknowledge our sins and can approach the throne of Almighty Yahweh.

The question before us as believers in the Bible is, to Whom are we to direct our prayers and worship? Who will answer our prayers? Christianity teaches a Trinity, that is, three persons make up one G-d. This Trinity supposedly consists of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all of whom are said to be equal.

If they are all equal and able to answer prayer, to which of the three should we preferably direct our prayers of praise and thanks?

Do we pray to the Father? To the Son? To the Holy Spirit? What does the Bible teach on prayer? To which member of the heavenly Majesty do we address our prayers? Your Bible has the sure answers, Acts 17:11.



Excerpt from YAIY Mini-study:

<http://www.yaiy.org/literature/MeaningPrayer.html>

Preparing for Marriage Supper

The following image was taken before this year's Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread, but we had about the same in attendance. Sorry, no other pictures taken this year. This image certainly reminds us of the Marriage Supper prophesied to come. Praise Yahweh!

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, Write this: “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And He said to me, “These are the true words of Elohim.”

Then I fell down at his feet to worship Him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Yahshua. Worship Yahweh. For the testimony of Yahshua is the spirit of prophecy.”

Revelation 19:7-10 ESV



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