

*\*This is not a “learning how to pray and fast” class as we would comprehend such, but a time of seeking for the Son to be revealed in us. Not an “informational” time, but a “relational” time. Question will not be taken during class... but I will make myself available either after class or on Sundays, etc... to sit with you and answer any questions.*

*Luke 11:1 “And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught His disciples”*

The disciples had never heard anyone pray that way before. **It was the Son with His Father.**

The first words heard by the disciples in relation to true prayer was...“OUR FATHER”. *They witnessed in the flesh the essence of eternal communion breathed through the lips of the Son before mortals.*

These disciples were eye witnesses of God the Son communing with God His Father.

\*\*\*“OUR” ..... “FATHER”..... CANNOT BE TAUGHT... LEARNED... IMITATED..

The only way to reach the first principle of prayer... The only way to BEGIN properly is for the SON to be revealed in you. We want to begin by learning a method that we might imitate to be more effective in getting answers for our prayer requests, or to make us mightier prayer warriors. We set our pace to learn SOMETHING, instead of positioning our hearts for SOMEONE to be REVEALED IN US (II Cor. 3:16-18)

THE PERSON OF PRAYER IS THE SON... not YOU.

“In the Beginning... GOD”. If God is not our beginning, then we will never have truly started.

Prayer can be something we do,... a religious activity of our flesh for God... or the communion of the Son with His Father through us His Body. *“Prayer is not a thing of the right terminology but of the right relationship. Anyone can*

*say “our Father” but only the Son can truly fellowship with the Father. Matt. 11:27”*

*OUR...* The first words out of Jesus’ mouth was OUR. This is a huge clue to us that His desire is to bring us into His fellowship with the Father through oneness. If Jesus had started with MY Father, the relationship would have been exclusively His, and we simply bystanders adoring from afar the beauty of Their relatings. But rather He speaks of His desire to bring us into the fellowship of eternal Life. How glorious that we could partake of this eternal oneness that was from the beginning.

We pray as we know not... according to our understandings, desires, needs and lusts. (*James 4:3 “You ask and receive not because you ask amiss that you may consume it upon your lusts”*) The Son prays in oneness with His Father’s will, desires, spirit and heart. The Son prays this way because He is one with His Father.

The Father’s pleasure is with His Son Who is One with Him in all things by sameness of nature (the same was in the beginning with God). We may learn to say the exact same words and pray the exact same requests as the Son would,... but our essence is different and the Father KNOWS His Son. Hence, the Cross becomes our METHOD of dealing with OUR prayers, and the Son becomes our WAY to reach the heart of the Father. What emanates from US must be reckoned dead and not offered to the Father as a prayer. What emanates from the Son is heard and received by the Father.

*“A single sigh of our divine Victim’s Heart was more pleasing to God than all the hymns of heavenly spirits throughout eternity.”*

Strong’s Pray = 4336 to supplicate, worship from 4314 a prep of direction ; forward, toward... the side of...”

*John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.”*

*With = at the side of*

18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

ALL THINGS... includes prayer. Colossians 1: 16b -19 “all things were created by him, and for him: 17 and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

*John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.”*

Col 1: 17b – 19 “all things were created by him, and for him: 17 and he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;””

John 1: 16 “And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. 18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”

John 3:34 “...for God giveth no the Spirit by measure unto Him .” 35 “The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand.”

John 4:21-24 “ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

John 5:19 -20 “Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.”

John 5:30 “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me”

John 6:57 “57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.”

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

John 11:41-42 “Father I give Thee thanks that Thou has heard me. I know that Thou hearest me always”.

John 14:19b “..because I live you shall live also”

John 17 21 that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

*(From the book)* “In Ephesians 1:3 Paul says, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” Paul knew that God was not his Father, but the Father of Jesus Christ. Paul knew that the New Birth was receiving the Life of the Son. Paul understood that it was NO LONGER PAUL but Christ living in him (Gal. 2:20), and for this cause Paul was able to bow his knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ on the basis of the life of Christ within (Eph. 3:14). Only on the basis of the Son can we all pray, “Our Father”.

Only the Son can call God Father. We need this “eternal ABBA” to fill our hearts and cry out through our prayers.

Gal. 4:5-7 “God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

The Spirit of the Son in Prayer.

There is an attitude of heart in prayer that only the Son possesses. He is the Lamb and as such is willing to bear in His being the death necessary to answer that prayer fully. We pray that God might answer through His resources on our behalf. The Son, Christ in us, prays fully willing to fulfill that request through His own suffering. The difference is one of nature. Our nature will not enter such activity of sacrifice in the Spirit of love... only the Son's Lamb nature will pray with such a pure and willing motive.

*“Mental prayer rightly understood is an entire sacrifice of self to God in the spirit of Jesus the Victim (Lamb).”*

*“Jesus Christ will be a priest forever, because He will ever offer Himself to His Father, and the Saints will be victims along with Him forever, and He will offer them eternally in union with His indefectible Sacrifice; and thus, His priesthood will be an eternal priest hood.”*