

**Get a G.R.I.P.**  
**Week 5**  
**PRAYER IS ASKING IN JESUS' NAME**

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees. And looks to that alone, laughs at impossibilities and cries it shall be done." -- Charles Wesley

**Biblical Examples**

Abraham had a closet of prayer. Genesis 21:33: "And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the everlasting God." Abraham planted a grove. He planted a group of trees in a dry place. What for? So he could have a quiet, shady, private place of prayer.

Jacob, when coming to the brook Jabbok, sent his wives and servants away in order to be alone with God. "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day" (Ge. 32:24). Jacob was accustomed to the secret place of prayer. It is in those places where we can wrestle with God to receive the blessing that otherwise would not be ours.

David made many a hillside and valley his closet of prayer when he served as a shepherd. Later, as a fugitive, he prayed in caves. Oh, what tremendous prayer literature is recorded in the Psalms of David which has come out of his secret prayer closets.

Daniel, it is recorded: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime" (Da. 6:10).

Jonah apparently did not have his regular times of secret prayer. And so, unbeknownst to himself, he developed an attitude that stirred up the whole eastern Mediterranean Sea. What all are you stirring up by not frequenting the secret place of prayer, by not building yourself a grove to meet there with God alone? What are you stirring up in your marriage, in your church, or on your job because you are prayerless?

Hanna had her place of prayer. As a woman in those days, she found it difficult to find a geographical place of prayer. But she was shut up in her soul and prayed silently, only her lips moving. And, yet, God heard her just the same and gave her the first prophet of Israel: Samuel.

Jesus knew the power of shutting himself in. He admonished us to do likewise. It was said of him, "And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray" (Mk. 6:46). In this passage, Jesus sent the multitudes away. Why? Because it was time to pray. What are you willing to send away so that you might get to prayer?

Cornelius prayed always.

Peter found a closet of prayer wherever he went. In Joppa, he found it on a rooftop: "On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour" (Ac. 10:9).

List 3 reasons why you think people fail to pray each day?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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#### **GEORGE MUELLER'S PRAYER LIFE**

In November, 1844, I began to pray for the conversion of five individuals. I prayed every day without a single intermission, whether sick or in health, on the land or on the sea, and whatever the pressure of my engagements might be.

Eighteen months elapsed before the first of five was converted. I thanked God and prayed on for the others.

Five years elapsed, and then the second was converted. I thanked God for the second, and prayed on for the other three.

Day by day I continued to pray for them, and six years passed before the third was converted. I thanked God for the three and went on praying for the other two.

These two remained unconverted.

“The man to whom God in the riches of his grace has given tens of thousands of answers to prayer in the self-same hour or day in which they were offered has been praying day by day for nearly 36 years for the conversion of these individuals, and yet they remain unconverted. But I hope in God, I pray on, and look yet for the answer. They are not converted yet, but they will be.”

This was the faith that carried him through every difficult place. He met emergencies by asking and in due time God supplied whatever the need might be.

Were those prayers unanswered you ask? In 1897, those two men, sons of a friend of Mr. Muller's youth, were not yet converted, after he had entreated God in their behalf for 52 years daily. But after his death, God brought them into the fold. (Excerpt from the book George Muller by Basil Miller pg. 146)

**P – PETITION**

**R – RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND MAN**

**A – ABIDING IN CHRIST AND ADORATION OF PRAISE**

**Y – YIELD AND SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL**