



HUNGER GAMES

Prayer

WHAT IS PRAYER?

- Prayer is our means of communication with God.
- Prayer is the means by which we can know God and His will for our lives.
- Prayer is the means where we gain spiritual power.

SCRIPTURES ON PRAYER?

- ◆ 2 Chronicles 7:14
- ◆ Jeremiah 33:3
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- ◆ Colossians 4:2
- ◆ James 5:13-18
- ◆ Philippians 4:6

WHY DID JESUS PRAY?

- Jesus provided an example for his believers. Luke 11:1
- Jesus was One person possessing two natures (human and divine). If He was all divine, He would not have been able to offer Himself as a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins.

WHEN DID JESUS PRAY?

JESUS PRAYED ALONE: Mark 1:35, Mark 6:45-46

JESUS PRAYED FOR OTHERS: Matthew 19:13, Luke 23:32-34

JESUS PRAYED WITH OTHERS: Luke 9:28

JESUS PRAYED BEFORE MAKING A BIG DECISION: Luke 6:12-16

JESUS PRAYED DURING DIFFICULT MOMENTS: Matthew 26:36-44

LESSONS FROM JESUS ON PRAYER:

- ✓ **PRAYER IS NECESSARY:** We are never too busy to pray. Most of us, much of the time, feel as if we are too busy to pray. Each of us relies on God, and we demonstrate this reliance by praying. Jesus had the weight of the world on his shoulders, and yet he prayed. How much more should we?
- ✓ **PRAYER DEMANDS SOLITUDE:** Jesus got away from the crowd in order to pray. He sought a place of quiet. There is no command in Scripture to pray in solitude, and yet we should take to heart the model of our Savior.
- ✓ **PRAYER WILL OFTEN BE STRENOUS:** On that mountainside Jesus continued to pray all night. He once rebuked his disciples for failing to stay awake and pray. What makes us think that our prayer life should be easy? Persistence ought to be the hallmark of every believer's prayers. We are to plead with God faithfully, fervently, and passionately.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE-Conflict being waged in the invisible, spiritual realm that is being manifested in the visible, physical realm.

WARFARE PRAYER-Focusing biblical truths through prayer against the schemes and deceptions of the enemy.

WHY WARFARE PRAYER?

- ◆ **Increased Overt of Satanic Activity**
- ◆ **The Last Days-1 Timothy 4:1**
- ◆ **Sin Abounds**-A society that is deeply affected by sexual sins, drugs, alcoholism, sorcery, and witchcraft, is a society that will see much open and obvious activity.

- ◆ **Christians Controlled by Strongholds & Bondages**
 - An area of sin that has become a part of our lifestyles. A stronghold is a darkness in your thinking. It involves a recurring, compulsive thought patterns.
 - A stronghold is anything that exalts itself in our mind “pretending” to be bigger or more powerful than God.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

- ◆ **The Church**-Satan also attacks the church. He attacks her with discord, division, false doctrine, false teachers etc.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH

The church has a ministry of not only winning people to Christ, but of dealing with all kinds of people, wherever they are spiritually. We combat Satan to rescue people from his bondage and free them to become the men and women God wants them to be. But the church has recoiled from such warfare, because of our lack of faith.

Preparing for the Disciple's Fast

Aim: Achieving freedom from addiction or from a besetting sin.

Affirmation: I believe there is no earthly temptation that can enslave me, but that God has a way of escape for me (1 Cor. 10:13). I believe in the power of the blood of Christ and in the strength of the name of Christ (see Acts 3:16; 16:18). Therefore, I am fasting because I want the Son of God to make me free indeed (see John 8:36).

Vow: God being my strength, and grace being my basis, I commit myself to the Disciple's Fast outlined here.

Fast: Foods from which I shall abstain _____.