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**“Everyone turn to 2 Chronicles 7:1-3”**

1 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

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2 And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.

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3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."

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Solomon was dedicating the temple here. In the dedication he offered thousands of sacrifices. God sent fire down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering.

In this time – right now we are the temple… God has an all-consuming fire that He wants to send to us. He wants to consume the offering of our lives.

This glory that God shown in the time of Solomon filled the temple so much that the priest could not even enter it…

But this is the same glory- that God wants radiating out of us- for we are His temple. They praised God then as we do this day. “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever.”

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“Everyone turn to Luke 18:9-14”

**9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:**

**10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.**

**11 "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men-extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.**

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**12 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'**

**13 "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'**

**14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."**

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**This prayer verse is a favorite to me but stood out to me because of the Parable of the Vineyard in an Old Testament Book.**

**What do you think this scripture tells us about Prayer?**

We see that the Pharisees in this Parable were trusting in themselves… they did all the right things. They fasted – twice a week, gave tithes of all that they possessed….

**Where did they go wrong?** They were trusting in their own righteousness.

**What was the difference with the tax collector?** God looks at the heart. He sees through all the talk and looks at the walk. This shows us that when we have a humble heart and come to God in repentance- we are justified by Him through faith – in other words we are made right before God by Christ’s sacrifice for us – when we come humbly with the heart to turn toward Him and away from the sins we have committed.

The tax collector thought about who he was before an Almighty God – he caught the woe is me!

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**Psalm 121**

**121**I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
From where shall my help come?  
**2**My help *comes* from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.  
**3**He will not allow your foot to slip;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.  
**4**Behold, He who keeps Israel  
Will neither slumber nor sleep.

**5**The Lord is your keeper;  
The Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
**6**The sun will not smite you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.  
**7**The Lord will protect you from all evil;  
He will keep your soul.  
**8**The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth and forever.

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**Romans 10:11-15**

**11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."**

**12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.**

**13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

**14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?**

**15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"**

John Wesley:

“The same Lord of all is rich - So that his blessings are never to be exhausted, nor is he ever constrained to hold his hand. The great truth proposed in Ro 10:11 is so repeated here, and in Romans 10:13, and farther confirmed, Romans 10:14,15,as not only to imply, that "whosoever calleth upon him shall be saved;" but also that the will of God is, that all should savingly call upon him.”

**Why this verse for prayer?… well because it says call on the name of the Lord.**

**What does call mean though?**

***Epikaleomai*** (ep-ee-kal-eh'-om-ahee);   
Word Origin: Greek, Verb   
middle voice from (1909) and (2564)   
to put a name upon, to surname

to permit one's self to be surnamed

to be named after someone

to call something to one

to cry out upon or against one

to charge something to one as a crime or reproach

to summon one on any charge, prosecute one for a crime

to blame one for, accuse one of

***to invoke***

***to call upon for one's self, in one's behalf***

***any one as a helper***

***as my witness***

***as my judge***

***to appeal unto***

***to call upon by pronouncing the name of Jehovah***

***an expression finding its explanation in the fact that prayers addressed to God ordinarily began with an invocation of the divine name***

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**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

pray continually**,**

Adialeiptos: 89

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| **ajdialeivptwß** ***Adialeiptos*** (ad-ee-al-ipe'-toce);  Word Origin: Greek, Adverb  from (88)   1. without intermission, incessantly (non stop), without ceasing |

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Our prayer verse…

**Proverbs 15:29 (NKJV)**

The Lord is far from the **wicked** but He **hears** the prayer of the **righteous.**

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Wicked

***Rasha`*** (raw-shaw');   
Word Origin: Hebrew, Adjective   
from (07561)

**wicked,** criminal

**guilty one,** one guilty of crime (subst)

**wicked (hostile to God)**

**wicked, guilty of sin (against God or man)**

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Hears

***Shama`*** (shaw-mah');   
Word Origin: Hebrew,   
a primitive root   
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**to hear, listen to**, obey

**to hear with attention or interest, listen to**

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***Tsaddiyq*** (tsad-deek');   
Word Origin: Hebrew, Adjective   
from (06663)

just, lawful, righteous

just, righteous (in government)

**just, right (in one's cause)**

**just, righteous (in conduct and character)**

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“Everyone turn to **Luke 10:21-22 (NKJV)**

**21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.**

**22 "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."**

Who do you think were the wise and prudent?--- these were the Jewish leaders of the time… the Sanhedrin which were leaders that included Pharisees, Sadducees.

When Jesus said revealed to babes – He meant those who were His new followers.

Jesus shows in the end of His prayer to the Father that He is the One who wills to reveal Himself to others… this statement would be blasphemy to the wise and prudent…. But was the truth because Jesus Christ was God on earth.

This message of Christ revealing Himself here in Luke was specific to this time… There were many in this time that would not see the whole picture –

In Paul’s letter to Timothy, we see the desire of God.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

**2**First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, **2**for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. **3**This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4**who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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This prayer is out of The Book of Common Prayer.

Almighty God, kindle, we beseech thee, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility thy dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*