

Wednesday Evening Prayer 6/3

5 PRAYER POINTS FOR THE WEEK

1.) PRAY FOR AN INDIGNANT SPIRIT WHEN THE LORD IS BLASPHEMED

Over and over in this text, we see that David is indignant that Goliath would insult the living God and His covenant people. "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God." Disbelief and flagrant blasphemy should stir our spirits and drive us to pray for divine displays of God's sovereign authority.

2.) PRAY WE WALK CONFIDENTLY IN THE LORD & NOT PRIDEFULLY IN OURSELVES

Today, the account of David and Goliath is often used to bolster confidence when facing difficult or trying circumstances. This is not wrong; however, we should be careful in whom we are placing our confidence. Is it in ourselves, or is it in God to act on behalf of His name and His covenant people? Even as David described his defeat of the lion and the bear, he says it is "the Lord who delivered me."

3.) PRAISE GOD THAT HE DISPLAYS HIS POWER & PRESENCE THROUGH SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS

The author goes into great detail of how big and experienced Goliath is and how young and seemingly ill equipped David is. Often, the people of God find themselves in seemingly impossible situations. Why is that? So that when the Lord acts, "all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel." When David defeats Goliath, it becomes evident to all that God acted on his behalf. Have you considered that maybe your difficulties exist in order to make the power and presence of God known to others?

4.) PRAY FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

Continue to pray for church leadership to have wisdom in navigating how to regather in a post-pandemic setting. Also, pray for wisdom during the social and civil unrest during this time. This week, pray for Loray Baptist Church off of West Franklin. Pray for biblical faithfulness and an effective witness in their community. Pray for Pastor Cranford, that he labor well.

5.) PRAY FOR THE UNREACHED

This week, pray specifically for Morocco. This North African country has 36 million citizens, 99.6% of whom follow Islam. Praise God the church is growing and may be up to several thousand members throughout the entire country. Pray for an openness to the gospel and that centuries of religious and cultural barriers be broken down. Pray for a church to gather in each of the 10 languages spoken in Morocco.

Spend some time reading chapter 17. Linger in the text and pray that God speak through it in a powerful way. May we take risks for God's glory, the expansion of His Kingdom, and the accomplishment of His purposes.