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“WHEN JESUS PRAYED! – PART 2

**“Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” Luke 18:1**

What type of prayers were being used in the Jewish community during the time of Jesus?
During the time of Jesus, the Jewish community practiced various forms of prayer, including personal, communal, and liturgical prayers. These prayers took place in synagogues, in the Jerusalem Temple, and in homes. These prayers, centered around the confession of God's kingship and were often accompanied by blessings.

**TYPES OF PRAYERS**

* **The Shema:** The most central daily prayer, the *Shema* which means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was recited twice daily, in the morning and evening, as prescribed in Deuteronomy.
Reciting this prayer affirmed belief in one God and served as a central statement of faith for both individuals and the community. **Deut. 6:4-5** *“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*
* **The Amidah:** This was a prayer known as the prayer of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Benedictions
this was another key element of the daily prayer services. The Amidah during Jesus's time, **consisted of a series of blessings, praising God, making requests for individual and communal needs, and expressing thanks**. The meaning of the word is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
It was recited several times daily, most likely at the same times sacrifices were offered at the Temple.
* Besides the official prayers in the **Temple – associated with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**and the **Synagogue – associated with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,**
Jews were expected to pray daily three times; at the third hour, the sixth hour and at the ninth hour (morning, afternoon and evening). Rabbinic tradition holds that the requirement to pray three times a day (morning, afternoon, and evening) was instituted to correspond with the daily sacrifices offered at the Temple. Prayers were either **communal** or **individually** uttered, and **structured or spontaneous**. The prayers used were multi and varied, even some of the Psalms were offered as prayers.

**OTHER TYPES OF PRAYERS OFFERED
Prayer of Blessings:** A strong prayer tradition centered on blessing God throughout the day for various occurrences and life events, from eating bread to surviving a dangerous journey. Prayers were also offered for both joyful and sad occasions.

* **Grace after meals**: The practice of reciting grace after meals was a long-standing tradition.
* **Personal prayers**: While formal liturgical prayers were a major part of Jewish life, individual, spontaneous, and informal prayer was also practiced. Many biblical figures, including King David and the prophets, offered personal prayers, and rabbis encouraged inserting personal petitions into the daily structure.

**How were the prayers offered:
Those that prayed took many positions to engage in conversation with GOD or to hear from Him:**

**Mark 11:25; Luke 18:11 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Gen. 17:3; Matt. 26:39 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Luke 22:41; Acts 7:60** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 4:4; 63:6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**John 11:41; Luke 9:16 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1Tim. 2:8; Neh. 8:6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Ps 141:1; 77:1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Ps 55:17; Heb. 5:7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Ps 46:10; 1Sam. 1:13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**What does Psalms 121:1-2 tell us to do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for
where does our help come from? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**There are many postures of prayer but - what is more important, our posture or the position of our heart? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Ephesians 6:18 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,***

**We are to seek GOD continually. Prayer is an exercise of faith and trust.
Jesus showed us much in the way of praying, may we seek to follow His example.
We see from His Jewish background – prayer was essential, and core to who He was.**