Part 2 - Shavuot

Test of Faith and Prayer

- In John 6:5, Jesus sees a large crowd approaching and asks Phillip where they can buy bread to feed them.
- Jesus already knows the answer and asks this question to test Phillip's faith.
- Phillip gives the wrong answer by saying that 200-dinar worth of bread is not enough for each person to have even a mouthful.
- Andrew mentions that there is a boy with five barley loaves and two small fish but doubts that it would be enough to feed everyone.
- Jesus tells the crowd to sit down and there are about 5,000 men present.
- Jesus already knows what he is going to do and uses this situation as a test of faith and prayer.
- Prayer is emphasized as the key to understanding God's plans.
- God already knows what he is going to do before we pray, but prayer is still essential.
- Jesus tested Phillip to see if he would rely on prayer or try to figure out the solution on his own.
- The example of a problem presented to Phillip and the disciples is given as a lesson on the importance of relying on prayer rather than human understanding.
- Prayer should not be a mechanical or repetitive practice, but a meaningful and authentic communication with God.
- The focus is on understanding the purpose and importance of prayer before learning how to pray effectively.
- Yahweh knows what he is going to do before we pray, and our faith is tested in our willingness to rely on prayer.

The Purpose and Importance of Prayer

- Every problem in your life is designed to teach you to pray, not figure it out.
- Prayer is a surrender to God's will, not a search for solutions.
- God sends problems to test whether you've learned how to pray and surrender to His will.
- The purpose of prayer is to turn you into a child-like crybaby, dependent on God.
- Becoming like a little child is necessary to enter the kingdom of God.
- Prayer is a way to speak to the mountain and bring about change.

• Prayer is a test of how much of a child you have become.

The Power of Prayer

- Prayer involves admitting that we don't have all the answers or solutions
- Prayer is a way to humble ourselves and depend on a higher power
- Prayer unlocks the unseen realm and brings us into childlike faith
- Prayer allows us to depend on God and cry out to Him for help
- There may not always be a logical solution, but prayer connects us to a loving Father who cares for His children
- Prayer should be our first response, even when we think we know what to do
- Prayer is a reminder of our dependence on God for all things, even our daily needs and sustenance

The Importance of Prayer and the Need for Dependency in a Relationship with God

- Prayer is a test that God uses to mold individuals into becoming like children, relying on Him completely rather than their own abilities.
- Prayer is not about the words spoken, but rather about recognizing one's helplessness and dependence on God.
- Even when faced with problems, God often waits to see if individuals will seek Him for a solution or attempt to handle the situation on their own.
- The act of prayer is not redundant since God already knows what individuals need; it serves to establish a relationship of need and dependency.
- Needing God is similar to the concept of a wife needing her husband's provision, as taking away that need can lead to a breakdown in the relationship.
- God desires individuals to recognize their need for Him and to depend on Him in a covenant relationship.
- The speaker emphasizes that they are teaching eternal truths and not just sharing their personal opinions.
- The speaker expresses sadness when women declare that they don't need a man, as it goes against the concept of dependency and interdependence in relationships.

The Importance of Need in Relationships and Prayer

• The text emphasizes the need for women to have a man and the concept that every woman needs a man.

- The author argues that women should not have to bring home paychecks as it is not natural.
- The text criticizes people for being easily offended and urges them to grow up.
- The author defends the femininity of women, stating that they were created to need men.
- The text highlights the importance of needing and relying on a higher power, equating it to the need for a spouse.
- It questions the necessity of prayer and whether God truly needs humans to ask Him for anything.
- The author suggests that God, as the creator of all, already knows everything about individuals and does not need them to inform Him.
- It emphasizes that God has ordained and knows how to take care of everything without the need for human requests.

Importance of Praying in the Spirit

- Prayers are only answered when they align with God's will.
- The only prayers that God can answer are those that are in line with His will.
- Praying in the Spirit allows God to pray through you on your behalf.
- Praying in tongues is the only way to pray the will of God.
- Praying in English often limits the effectiveness of prayers.
- The gift of tongues allows for prayer beyond human understanding.
- God just needs your voice to release His words into the Earth.
- Praying in the Spirit is necessary for effective prayer.
- Some people may condemn praying in the Spirit, but it is a gift that cannot be taken away.
- Praying in the Spirit is a real experience that one should try.

Prayer and the Purpose of Prayer

- Praying in the spirit allows for direct communication with God, bypassing personal understanding and language barriers.
- The language of prayer in the spirit cannot be understood by humans of different languages.
- To pray according to God's will, one must be taught by the Holy Ghost.
- Being baptized in the Holy Ghost enables effective and right praying.
- God cannot act contrary to His will, so prayer is not meant to change His mind.

- Prayer is a means for individuals to align their voice with God's will to bring it into manifestation on Earth.
- Prayer is not meant to manipulate circumstances but to align with God's already stated will.
- Misunderstanding of prayer has led to the misuse of supernatural power and witchcraft.

Understanding Prayer and Witchcraft

- Prayer is not meant to change the mind of God but to align oneself with His will. It is not about controlling circumstances or others but about allowing God to work within oneself.
- Witchcraft, on the other hand, seeks to manipulate and control through prayer, often using spells and incantations.
- Prayer should be focused on praying for the needs of others, not just oneself.
- Believers pray with the understanding that ultimately it is God's will that should be done.
- Using prayer as a means of trying to control or fix situations is considered witchcraft in God's church.
- The Holy Spirit should guide prayers, enabling believers to pray in accordance with God's will.
- Effective prayer requires having faith and belief in the power of prayer to bring God's will into a situation.
- Prayers without faith are ineffective and can be repetitive and empty.
- The foundation of prayer is believing that when one prays, they are bringing God's will into the situation, not necessarily getting what they want.
- The key to a successful prayer life is to pray with faith and in alignment with God's will.

The Power and Purpose of Prayer

- The destiny of the whole world lies in the prayers of a man.
- Understanding the significance of prayer is crucial for an effective prayer life.
- Praying effectively means bringing the will of God on Earth.
- When praying, submitting as a child is necessary, acknowledging helplessness and dependence on God's will.
- Prayer is a power entrusted to humans by God, making them the official representatives of the Heavenly court on Earth.
- Only humans possess the ability to pray; animals and robots cannot.

- The power of prayer was given to humanity to fulfill their destiny and bring about the fulfillment of God's plan.
- Without individuals praying, the destiny of the world will never come to pass.
- Praying for all men is emphasized, as each person's prayers contribute to the overall plan.
- Men, in particular, need to understand and embrace their role as the Kings and Priests of God on Earth.

The Role of Man in Christianity

- Man is created in the image and likeness of God, with the purpose of praying, naming animals, and ruling the Earth in God's place.
- Man's elevation comes from God, not from human efforts or achievements.
- There is a special power in men's prayers, with the potential to move mountains.
- In the Torah, a husband has the authority to undo his wife's vow to God.
- The role of man as a priest is to walk in submission to God's authority.
- The difference between image and likeness is that image refers to appearance, while likeness refers to behavior or characteristics.
- Adam prayed and communicated with the angel of the Lord, who served as a proxy for God.
- God gave Adam the Earth to rule through prayer.

The Role of Prayer and the Mediator Between God and Man

- The power of prayer was broken when the fall happened, allowing the Nephilim to take over the world and leading to the need for the flood.
- The Bible states that if God's people would pray, he would heal the land and there would be no need for a flood.
- Men are needed to govern through prayer and speak on behalf of God on Earth.
- Man was meant to be a prophet, priest, and king, interpreting God's will, representing nature's needs to God, and dispensing God's blessings.
- Touching a man of God, who carries the divine order of Heaven, is significant and should be done with reverence.
- God is calling his men to rise up and bear his rule on Earth, as they bear his image.
- The building of the church is done by man, carrying out God's purpose and plans based on understanding his mind.
- The speaker emphasizes that he has found God's mind and is carrying out his purpose.

Understanding the Importance of Getting into the Mind of God

- Getting into the mind of God is essential for receiving blessings and financial support in ministry.
- God trusts those who understand his purpose and plan to finance and support that purpose.
- Prayer is not begging, but a way to align oneself with God's will and gain insight and guidance.
- Being in the mind of God leads to the ability to move mountains and accomplish great things.
- The speaker's experience with receiving insight from God and using it to build a kingdom-like sanctuary.
- The importance of the speaker's role in the work and the need for their vision and understanding.
- Without the speaker's involvement, the work would not have progressed.

A Vision of Building a Place for Gathering

- The speaker witnessed something that inspired him and made him want to build a place for people to safely gather.
- The speaker believes that the church needs to mature and grow.
- The speaker feels confident and secure in the mind of God and is not bothered by the enemy or criticism from others.
- The speaker emphasizes the importance of supporting and following a leader who is aligned with God's vision.
- The speaker believes that the work will get done if everyone works together in the mind of God.
- The speaker expresses a desire to clean house and remove anyone who may drag him down.
- The speaker is frustrated with people sending him messages or posting things that he finds distracting.
- The speaker claims to have no enemies or problems and feels detached from worldly concerns.
- The speaker encourages the audience to keep their eyes on the prize and endure challenges.

- The speaker recalls times when he had a vision of where they were going and took actions to make it happen.
- The speaker acknowledges that they did not know all the details but had faith in the vision.
- The speaker mentions facing obstacles from the enemy when moving forward.
- The speaker shares a personal incident of losing a lens from his glasses while preaching.

Importance and Power of Prayer

- The speaker emphasizes the importance of focusing on one's purpose and not getting distracted by lesser things.
- They mention the need to surround oneself with people who have a clear vision and goals.
- It is advised to ignore distractions, such as negative influences or skeptical individuals.
- When it comes to prayer, the speaker acknowledges that one may have doubts or questions about its effectiveness but encourages individuals to pray regardless.
- The speaker suggests that one does not need to fully understand how prayer works to make use of it.
- They share a personal example of their grandmother's simple yet fervent prayers, emphasizing the power of sincere and heartfelt communication with God.
- The importance of praying, even without full understanding or expertise, is emphasized.
- The speaker explains the necessity of prayer by using the analogy of preserving meat; just as meat needs preservation to last, prayer helps in maintaining spiritual well-being.

The Power of Prayer in Preserving Loved Ones

- When someone is laid on your heart to pray for, it is like being entrusted with a piece of meat that needs to be preserved.
- Just as meat needs to be placed in a freezing unit or refrigerator to retain its qualities and be protected from decay, praying for someone moves them into another environment where they can be preserved.
- Praying for someone keeps them in an environment of prayer, preserving them from rot and decay.
- Even if it seems like God is not answering your prayers for your loved ones, keeping the
 refrigerator door of prayer closed and continuing to pray will eventually lead to their
 deliverance.
- The story of the speaker's stepson who was running from God but was preserved through the prayers of three people.

- The speaker emphasizes the importance of keeping loved ones in prayer, even when it seems hopeless, or they are unreachable.
- The speaker shares the example of their uncle, who was involved in criminal activities and dangerous situations, but was protected and preserved through their grandmother's prayers.
- The act of praying for someone, even if you can't change them, is a way of entrusting them to God's care and protection.

The Power of Prayer and the Unseen Realm

- Prayer is a powerful tool that can bring about change in someone's life.
- Praying for someone places them in the "unseen realm" where the power of God can protect and influence them.
- God works through prayers of believers to reach others and bring about change in their lives.
- Praying for all men is important because it allows God to reach them and influence their lives.
- Satan is the god of this world, so prayers are necessary to transport people from his influence to God's influence.
- The exact mechanics of how prayer works may be unknown, but it is effective.
- Personal anecdote about a son's car accident and how continuous prayer brought about protection and safety.

The Power of Prayer

- Prayer has the ability to bring about desired outcomes, even if they seem illogical or impossible.
- There is a realm beyond human logic where God operates through faith.
- Although God knows all needs and loves all people, he chooses to involve humans in the process through prayer.
- God's power is unlimited, but he chooses to work through people to manifest his power.
- Prayer is a means for God to reach and impact the lives of individuals.
- The story of Paul and Silas in prison highlights the power of collective prayer in bringing about miraculous interventions.
- Despite the inherent power in prayer, many people tend to avoid or neglect it.
- God is always looking for individuals who are willing to pray and partner with him to accomplish his purposes.

The Power and Importance of Prayer in Christian Life

- Prayer has the power to extend one's life, as seen in the example of Hezekiah who prayed and was granted an additional 15 years to live.
- Prayer is like a divine transmission, similar to electricity flowing through wires. God's power flows through the body of Christ when we pray.
- The church is called to pray, regardless of the length of time it takes or the brevity of the prayer.
- The book of Colossians highlights the importance of laboring fervently in prayer. Prayer is seen as work, not to convince God, but to align with His will.
- The example of Brother Epaphras is given as someone who continually labored in prayer for others, demonstrating the importance and dedication required in prayer.
- Prayer may sometimes feel like work, but it is necessary to stand perfect and complete in the will of God.

Prayer as a Work of Fighting with Oneself to Connect with God

- The act of praying involves fighting with oneself, not with God.
- It takes effort and work to fight against one's own thoughts and desires to connect with God.
- In the writer's experience growing up in the old church, they observed people wailing, moaning, and groaning during prayer.
- These intense expressions are a way of working with God and trying to break free from one's own desires and thoughts.
- Prayer requires labor, time, and sometimes turning off distractions to fully engage with God.
- Groaning in the spirit is a form of pressing into prayer and laboring to align oneself with God's mindset.
- Prayer can sound like death because it requires someone to die to their own desires and surrender to God's will.
- People pray fervently because they are seeking a breakthrough in their circumstances, wanting to hear God's promises and guidance.
- When one truly prays, they enter into the mind of God and can receive His direction and assurance.

The Power and Importance of Prayer

• Prayer includes speaking to God and seeking His guidance and direction.

- The act of prayer has the ability to bring about positive changes in one's life.
- When praying, it is important to speak words of faith and positivity, as the power of life and death lies in our tongue.
- Praying helps to eliminate enemies and worries, replacing them with happiness and confidence.
- After praying, it is important to declare and speak out what was heard during the prayer.
- Prayer is a source of power and has the ability to bring about transformation and miracles.
- One is encouraged to pray in all things and to rely on prayer as a key to overcome challenges and obstacles.
- Prayer is likened to a key that unlocks doors and can move mountains, symbolizing its ability to overcome seemingly impossible situations.
- Prayer is the only way to make it through storms and difficult times.
- The text encourages everyone to stand and pray, highlighting the significance of prayer in our lives.