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Job 42:8, 10

A YEAR OF PRAYER

WEEK 24

PRAYER OF PRAISE

(1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Daniel 4:34-35)

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS SOVEREIGNTY

"Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all."

1 Chronicles 29:11

God is a God of sovereignty. This means that He is the sole ruler of all things. His will, His word, His law is final and absolute. He controls the entire universe.

In prayer, let us seek to honor God for His sovereignty. Let us come before Him with humility and reverence, recognizing that He is God and we are not. He knows and does what is best. Yet, let us pray with boldness; for, God will do right when He hears and answers our prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

(1 Corinthians 11:18)

PRAY FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

"For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it."

1 Corinthians 11:18

There is a sad contrast in this verse. The church was coming together - assembling - but they were torn apart - divided one from another. God desires unity among His people, not factions and schisms. Unity is based upon Truth, but also requires love (Eph. 4:1-6; 1 Cor. 13).

Let us pray for the church - locally and worldwide. Pray that each congregation will strive for local unity. Pray that there may be unity throughout the brotherhood. Pray that divisions may be healed by a return to Truth and a love for one another.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(1 Timothy 5:5)

PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

"Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day."

1 Timothy 5:5

The word 'desolate' means, "Left all alone" - thus, without another to help. Christians are to care for those who are in need. We are to be the ones who reach out to those who are desolate.

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Let us pray for the needy. Pray that their needs may be met. Pray that they may find help, comfort, and strength to endure. Pray that their situation may turn for the better. Yet, let us also be willing to do whatever we can to help.

PRAYER FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

(Matthew 6:25-34)

PRAY FOR CLOTHING

"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? ...But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:30, 33

We are to pray for our clothing. Yet, we should remember that God has promised to provide for us if we seek Him first. We should pray with complete trust in God to meet our needs.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(Matthew 9:1-8)

"...Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. ...[T]he Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins...."

Matthew 9:2, 6

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

(2 Timothy 2:24)

PRAY FOR GENTLENESS

"And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient...."

2 Timothy 2:24

Gentleness refers to moral goodness, excellence of character, and integrity. It is much more than just being gentle; it is certainly not being weak. A gentle person will treat others with honesty and kindness.

God is gentle toward us. He is honest about our sins; yet, lovingly forgives. In kindness he teaches and edifies us (through His Word) encouraging our growth. Let us learn to be gentle toward God and toward others. Pray for gentleness.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Daniel 6:10)

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

Daniel 6:10