

Chapter 1 : Understanding Prayer in light of God's Kingdom | Operation World

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Chapter 2 : Understand the power of prayer - Today's Word

Learn to pray--and change the world This study guide companion to Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer will ignite and transform the way you pray!Dr. Myles Munroe's biblically based, time-tested principles will take the mystery out of communicating with God.

Author, Speaker, Entrepreneur, Theologian The Purpose of Prayer in a Modern World Do problems with seeing prayer as divine intervention mean that prayer is a pointless exercise? Maybe we just need to rethink the purpose of prayer in a modern world. A popular conception of prayer is that if we have faith in God, pray diligently and if the cause we are praying for is a righteous one like the health of another person , then God will intervene in a supernatural way to make our wish come true. Many people can site examples where their prayers "have been answered" in such a miraculous way. But why do many other equally deserving prayers go unanswered? When we delve deeper into this topic, we may discover that we are asking the wrong questions. First, the idea that God intervenes in the world because of our prayers raises the centuries-old problem of theodicy discussed in my earlier post here. Why would God intervene in some cases but not in others? Innocent people -- including heart-breaking cases involving children -- experience tragedies, suffer and die by the thousands around the world every hour. Is it not a leftover conception of God from an age in which people performed rites and rituals to please the gods who controlled what we now understand as natural occurrences -- the weather, illness and fertility? As our scientific understanding of the mechanics behind the universe has grown, the spaces in which God can act on the universe have shrunken. Scientific theories like quantum mechanics, chaos theory and evolution teach us that not only is the world unpredictable but the inherent chance and probability within the universe is necessary to its creative process. A third problem arises when we consider the psychological aspect of this view of prayer. As humans, we have a powerful ability to control our environment; we have also evolved a psychological need to exercise this control. Is prayer like ancient ritual sacrifices nothing more than a psychological crutch that gives us the illusion of control over forces in the world that we do not and never will have control over? Fourth, when we examine the scientific data on prayer as a mechanism to influence outcomes, the results are not encouraging. One meta-study that examined ten double blind scientific studies on prayer involving participants found that "overall, there was no significant difference in recovery from illness or death between those prayed for and those not prayed for. Another meta-study at Syracuse University came to the same conclusions: Because randomness and chance are inherent mathematical and physical qualities of our universe, both positive and negative events will simply happen over time. Did God really select a certain musician to win a Grammy award or a certain football team to win the Superbowl? Medical studies are done as double blind experiments neither the doctor nor the patient know if they are receiving the real treatment or a placebo because the human mind has the incredible power to heal the body on its own. The placebo effect is often as powerful as many of the drugs we take to cure our illnesses. If the pill is red, the effect is even greater! The more confident a doctor is in delivering the pill, the stronger the placebo effect in the patient. Seen in this light, the mechanism behind faith healings can also be understood as the power of the human mind. Do the above problems with seeing prayer as divine intervention mean that prayer is a pointless exercise? Instead of seeing prayer as a method of asking God for something we want even if that something is good , maybe we can use prayer as a way of opening up ourselves to God. Prayer can become a means of connecting us with the divine ground that is the essence of existence. This model of prayer requires a different model of God for our modern world. As I discuss in a previous post Re-imagining God , if we conceive of God as the creative power that gives rise to existence itself rather than a supernatural being who resembles Zeus on Olympus, then God encompasses and is the source of the physical laws that govern the universe as well as space, time, matter, and energy that define the universe. This different model of prayer leads us in several directions: We can use prayer as a way of opening our hearts to God, not as a being living in an extra-dimensional heaven, but as the wellspring of creative energy within us and the universe. By quieting our minds, we can open ourselves to experience this divine ground directly. This experience may even lead us to new conceptions of our place in the universe and give us a way of

transcending our own suffering. When bad things happen to us and our loved ones, we can find comfort in prayer that God is with us always, not sitting in judgement of us up in the sky, nor are we pawns in a cosmic chess game made to suffer according to some divine plan. We can use prayer to center ourselves, to accept who we are, and to become more present and aware. Various forms of meditation and centering prayers fall under this category and are practiced across religious traditions. Unlike intercessory prayer, contemplative practices have been shown to have significant medical benefits to its practitioners. We can use prayer as a way of expressing thanks. We can recognize that we are not independent, but dependent creatures, and be thankful for the blessings we have. Through thanksgiving we can begin to realize that we have enough, and that our societal pressure to always want more money, power, sex, material items, etc. We can use prayer as a method of forgiveness for both the things we have done in our lives and for the wrongs we feel have been committed against us. Many psychologists would say that healing cannot happen without forgiveness. We can use prayer to connect with others. We may pray for someone in trouble and wish them well, without the expectation that a supernatural intervention will make this so. Instead, the prayer for others may be about connecting with what that person is going through, with becoming empathetic with their experiences, and with expressing compassion. This connection with others will be strengthened as we realize that God who is the spark of our being, is also the spark of theirs. Many of you may think that re-conceiving prayer in this way is not new at all. The themes contained above -- openness to that which is greater than we are, contemplation, thanksgiving, forgiveness and compassion -- are traditional Christian themes. I have only tried to emphasize in a new light how we approach prayer through these themes in a modern world.

Chapter 3 : Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer Quotes by Myles Munroe

This book will help you obtain a deeper understanding of prayer and the purpose of prayer. It opened my eyes to the importance of prayer and how my prayers are influencing the earth. Also, how my lack of prayer is hindering the plans and purposes of God.

No matter the situation, we are in. God is working something out for us, this is just a reminder that we will get all that he has promised, for God oversees all things. Nevertheless, some churches would fail, but the church that Jesus is building would not die [Mathew The church is not peripheral to the world, but the world is peripheral to the church. Our purpose in prayer [Judges 3: In our family setting, many of our children have no sense of value only the sense of entitlement. God has a way of arranging tutorials for everyone, regardless of their background. We have a generation that is falling apart because they have not gone through any sufferings as did older generations. Everyone who has been a partaker of any war fought in this church, must be ready to put that behind them. We have a new horizon ahead of us and we have not been there before. Old rules would not work; things that worked before would no longer work. This prayer summit is going to turn our lives and cities around. In the next two weeks, we will be igniting a revolution in the country. We will not be fighting with guns and missiles, but with the superior weapon of prayer. Our five major pivotal scriptural text for the summit will be taken from Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Joel and Zachariah. Today, we are stepping up higher, for when Jesus is in the control tower, he rules over the affairs of men. This week, we are igniting the spirit of revolution and that would be done through receiving the spirit of grace and supplications. Three major reasons why we are igniting the spirit of revolution: We are taking our lives, families, cities and nations back from lawlessness and injustice. We are igniting a prayer revolution so that a divine protocol in establishing our authority within our spiritual jurisdiction can be imparted to us. Except God opens our eyes to see, we would be looking the wrong way. We have come to the fountain of blood that the Lord has opened for our purification, to cleanse us of all our sins. For the Lord shall cut off the names of idols from our land, so they shall no longer be remembered. Our looking clueless, powerless, senseless will come to an end, for our heritage shall not become a reproach. In our lifetime, Nigeria would be great as the Lord would help us raise an army of righteousness [Joel 2: Prayer Baptize us afresh oh Lord. Let the spirit of grace and supplications strengthen us and help us to rebuild the altar of our prayer life. Lord, let the Holy Spirit invade us with the spirit of grace and supplications. Father, we have come for cleansing, that You might purify us. Lord, cut off from amongst us the names of idols, false prophets, and marabouts around the corridors of power.

Chapter 4 : Understanding the Purpose & Power of Prayer Study Guide - Myles Munroe - Google Books

A good portion of the material for this series will come from, "Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer," by Dr. Myles Munroe. Seeking Understanding.

Re-Energizing Your Prayer Life This morning we take what I believe will be an extended pause from our Proverbs series, because I am led to teach on a topic that has been on my heart for quite some time. I have been praying about when to actually start it and I believe I have the release to do so now. To my surprise, I did not. After all the years of teaching I was amazed that I had not addressed this topic, especially since it is so critical to success in Christian living. Concerning this topic In Dr. Jews do it, Muslims do it, Hindus do it, Buddhists do it, pagans do it, heathens do it, Christians do it, everyone does it. Few are sure it works, and even less believe it is necessary. The answer is Prayer! I am extremely excited about this series. We are all supposed to pray, but it has been my experience that not all believers do, because many have questions about how, when, if, what, and etc. Think about it! the King of Glory, the Lord who sits on the Circle of the Earth, gives us access to Him through prayer. Well, we have access to the only true and living God, and the sad reality is that most of us never use it. I believe the Lord wants us to change that fact. This poem helps remind me of the importance of prayer. So what does this mean to you today? It means the Father wants you to prepare your heart to re-energize your prayer life. Prayer can make all the difference in your life. If your prayer life has been lacking or maybe even borderline nonexistent, get ready for an inner-revival! Father, my heart is open to You. I am Your sheep and I have a blood-bought covenant right to hear from You daily. I yearn to commune with You in prayer and I declare that I will. I make a faith confession that my prayer life is flourishing, because I make the time to spend time with You daily. You lead me and I follow. You speak to me and I listen. I speak to You and we commune one with another. I am never hopeless, because I am never helpless. You are with me every second of every day of every year of my life. My prayer life opens the door to Your best for me today and everyday. I declare this by faith! Apply it and Prosper! Jesus is Our Example John 5: He does only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. What He meant was that He was being led of the Father. Jesus spent much time in prayer every morning and throughout the day. It was like He was receiving His marching orders from the Father. In fact, the Father will show Him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Jesus was led of the Father to do all He did. Jesus acknowledged that He was not the manufacturer of what He was doing, but rather simply the distribution center. Said another way, He was not coming up with His daily divine appointments. It is to me. What did He mean by that? He meant that He was not on the earth to perform His own will. He came as a human, and as a human He had to seek the Father just like we do. He did not have an advantage over us, because if He did then He would not be a true example. We could never replicate what He did if He came as God, but since He came as a man, then we have every opportunity to walk as He walked and to do as He did. Therefore, My judgment is just, because I carry out the will of the One who sent Me, not My own will. Jesus walked the earth as a man, and as a man He sought guidance from the Father to do all that He did, and since the Father was leading Him, then it is obvious to see why everything He put His hands to do was blessed! How do you think Jesus received the words of the Father? The answer is simple; Jesus received the will of God daily in prayer. We will learn more about this in this series and we will also learn how to replicate what Jesus did in our own lives. Jesus was fully God, but He was also fully man. One of the reasons He came as a man was so that we could emulate what we see in His life. As a man Jesus needed to pray for guidance. If Jesus attempted to do things without hearing from the Father it would be no different than us when we get outside of His will. If Jesus saw a clear need to spend time in prayer, then how do you think you can ever succeed in life without it? Jesus counted on the Father daily and so must you. Receive your marching orders for today in prayer. Father, I thank You for this revelation. I am learning how much Jesus relied on His prayer life and it is humbling to me. I realize I have been selling myself short by not cultivating and developing my prayer life fully. I declare, by faith, that I will learn how to pray, I will develop in prayer, and I will pray daily. I want to hear from You. I know that without You I can do nothing. Just like Jesus needed to hear from You, I need to hear from You; and I will,

from now on, in prayer. My ears are anointed to hear, my eyes are anointed to see, and my heart is anointed to understand all that You desire to share with me in prayer. I am open to hear from You Father. Speak Lord, Your child is listening. Jesus is Our Example Part 2 Mark 1: Jesus got up and left the house. He went to a place where he could be alone. Now, how was He led? Did the Holy Spirit physically take Jesus by the hand? This was an inner leading. The Father was leading Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, through the internal relationship they had. This leading is part of our prayer life. While Jesus was in the desert we know that He fasted for 40 days. Prayer always accompanies biblical fasting. After having fasted, prayed, and successfully resisted the temptations of Satan in the wilderness, Jesus came out of the desert ready to start His earthly ministry. He immediately preached the Gospel of Kingdom of God, called His first disciples, drove out demons, and healed many who were sick. The way Mark records this, it seems like this could have happened all in the same day. Whether it did or not is not significant, but what Mark records next is. But Jesus was not going to face a new day without hearing from the Father. He spent time with the Father early in the morning. Simon later known as Peter, and his friends, went looking for Jesus. I want to go to the nearby towns. I must preach there also. That is why I have come. We will learn in the series that He also prayed throughout the day. There is so much more I want to say about this, but I will stop here for today. Jesus spent time alone with the Father. Praying with or around others is fine, Jesus did this too, but there is nothing like giving the Father your undivided attention. Make time to give the Father quality time in prayer. Jesus prayed early in the morning. Taking the time early in the morning to pray helps you keep your priorities in order and it will also help you properly order your day. Father, I thank You for this teaching. I am preparing my heart, mind, and soul to develop in the area of prayer. Jesus made time to pray and so will I. Jesus actually spent alone time with You and He made sure it was quality time.

Chapter 5 : Praying Toward Purpose | WayMakers

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Prayer is not a self-validating exercise; in a world where there is no loving, sovereign God, prayer would be weakness at best and folly at worst. Many believers and many who are not work faithfully to see these things come to pass. In the end, such a vision will never completely come to pass without Jesus returning to assume the Kingship of this world. It is this that is the ultimate purpose of the Great Commission; even the evangelization of the entire world is not an end in itself. But this is only the preparation and completion of the Bride; her Heavenly Bridegroom awaits her readiness. Too often we immerse ourselves in the task but lose sight of its ultimate purpose – the glory of God. Here lies the supreme missionary motivation. John Stott It is a wonder and a mystery that God allows His glory to be placed in our hands – being such frail, foolish, unfaithful creatures as we are. Our track record as stewards of His reputation is poor, from Israel through the early Church to today. Despite this, He entrusts the fulfilment of His plans and purposes to us. But He has not left us as orphans. He has left us with assurances. The same authority Jesus received from the Father – all authority in heaven and on earth – has been promised to those who endure! In light of this, prayer takes on a whole new dimension. Prayer is indeed potent, and it has many facets. Prayer – especially sustained intercession for the unreached peoples of this world who do not yet know Jesus – is action: Prayer is an Act of Faith Faith even the size of a mustard seed can move mountains, but many of us prefer the less spectacular but safer results that come from operating in our own strength. Again, in a godless universe, the idea of prayer for the evangelization of the world is beyond Prayer and the Nations xxiv Operation World absurd. Do we really believe that our prayers to an invisible God can and will change the hard hearts of tyrants, break down oppressive social and religious systems, and deliver fullness of life to those who suffer in abject hopelessness? FB Meyer wrote, "You do not test the resources of God until you attempt them impossible". Prayer is an Act of Obedience Our Lord instructs us to pray; as His servants, this should be the end of the matter! Psalm 2 echoes through the life of Jesus, in the book of Acts 4: Praying for the nations can have significant personal consequences as well – for countless missionaries, their first step on the path toward Christian service began with prayer and resulted in their obedient response to God calling them to be answers to their own prayers. Prayer is an Act of Worship The imitation and adoration of Christ must necessarily include prayer, for His own life exemplified prayer. What is more, when we pray, we are recognizing the sovereignty of God as well as acknowledging our own helplessness. We put Him back on the throne of our own lives and of the world. Psalms 67 and 96 are resounding examples of the intricately bound nature of prayer, worship and mission. The temple – the locus of the presence of God on earth and the centre of worship for the nation of Israel – was set out to be a house of prayer for all nations Is Prayer is an Act of Warfare When we seek to rescue unreached peoples and lost souls from the grip of the evil one, we must expect violent opposition in the heavenlies. The gates of hell will not prevail against the Church, but they must be stormed; they will not open of their own accord. Warfare has casualties, but we are not mere collateral damage. God is in control, yet at times He allows His people the honour of suffering the consequences of this war. Prayer is an Act of Sacrifice As noted above, our choice to stand in the gap can have heavy consequences. But beyond the spiritual price that intercessors often pay, the simple choice to pray usually happens to the exclusion of something else in our lives. Often that something else is frivolous, but at times prayer must come at the expense of important things, such as our own work, our sleep or our time with loved ones. Busyness is an especially modern affliction, yet even years ago Luther understood this principle: Jesus retreated from perfectly legitimate ministry activities to seek intimacy with the Father. How can we do less? Prayer is an Act of Labour Prayer is hard work! Anyone who has persevered in early morning or late night hours, in all-night vigils, even in seemingly interminable midweek prayer meetings knows the difficulty of sustaining a life of prayer. It does not come naturally to us as creatures of flesh and blood. Prayer is an Act of Love It is true that our love for unsaved family members, for non-Christian friends, for unreached peoples can drive us to prayer. But ultimately, prayer is the domain of

God, and it is impossible to be passionate about prayer if you are not already passionate for Him. Our engagement in faithful, overcoming intercession for the salvation of all peoples and the redemption of the world can be sustained only by a deep and unshakeable love for our Lord. After all, it is for His glory that we long to see the world changed through prayer. We resonate with the words of Revelation

Chapter 6 : The Purpose of Prayer in a Modern World | HuffPost

Through his vast learning, Dr. Munroe unfolds the purpose of prayer and teaches from his book, "UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF PRAYER". This book is a must read for anyone who seeks to.

Instead of using prayer as a quick-fix procedure that will supposedly get results if performed correctly, your prayer becomes a way of collaborating with God. Instead of holding off the worst, our praying can ask for God to bring on the best. Why is He doing this? God is about to do some of the most amazing things that He has ever done. He wants us to pray for them all before they take place. That way He can explicitly receive thanks for doing them. And the joy is even greater when we find that we have labored with many others for the fulfillment of promises, some of them for many centuries. This grand story will culminate with Christ becoming both famous and followed in every community. As you stretch your prayers longer and larger, you will do an even better job of praying for everyday needs of others. We are accustomed to focusing on prayer points and specific actions and ask with precise timing in mind. This is wise and right. We should be as specific as we can in our praying. But ultimately God gives us better than we ask. We almost always find that God answers our prayers differently and better than we prayed. How does He always outdo our best praying? The generic prayers for protection and supply seemed a dreary but necessary duty. Little wonder I grew up with a profound respect for missionaries but no real interest in praying for them. To continue reading, download a PDF of the article. This article, published in PrayerConnect Magazine, describes a global prayer movement that means many are not just praying more, we are praying differently. In our day, many global movements of prayer are finding that their prayers are not just surging. Our prayers are converging as we pray for His Kingdom to come and His glory to be great. May our Lord impart the passionate stamina of the upper room, so that we may resolutely focus on what He will accomplish to fulfill all of His purposes in every people and place. Praying Beyond Fix-it Prayers: Can you recall the last time someone told you that he or she was praying for you? No doubt it was meant to reassure you. Only once do we find Jesus telling someone that He had prayed for that person. And what He said about His prayer was not a reassuring platitude. Jesus was not offering up a simple fix-it prayer aimed to deal with obvious, right-now needs. The solid biblical theology can help keep you persistent in appealing to God on behalf of others before His throne. It may surprise you, but the Bible never says that God answers prayer. In all the books of the Bible, in the original languages anyway, you will never find one time which specifically says that God answers prayer. What you will find are hundreds of times that God responds!

Chapter 7 : Understanding The Purpose And Power Of Prayer (Paperback)

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As we journey together in understanding the nature and purpose of prayer, it is my prayer that God will bless these words and instill a joyful and fruitful prayer life in your life and mine. Prayer can make a profound difference in our world.

Chapter 9 : Understanding Our Purpose in Prayer | The Latter Rain Assembly

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