

Principles Of Prayer

Put some P.O.P into your Christian walk



**Be quiet and know that I am God. Psalms 46:10
(New Life Translation)**

“Listen” - (Twelfth in the series)

In the past several weeks, we have looked at many aspects of prayer based on scripture and what Jesus did. This week, I want to emphasize an aspect mentioned at the beginning where we found that prayer is not just talking TO God but talking WITH Him; talking and listening.

As we read in the focus verse above, God is saying, “Be quiet.” He has things He wants to communicate to us during the times we’re talking with Him. Think about it, if you’re having a conversation with someone who is quite a bit smarter than you, shouldn’t you listen more than you talk? That’s why God is saying, “Be still, calm down and listen to what I have to say.”

I remember an illustration I heard once where a believer was praying. He went through his normal “routine”, made his requests known to God, asked forgiveness, said, “In Jesus name I pray, Amen.”, and got up to go on about his daily business. As he was going out the door, God was saying, “Hey son, wait a minute. I wanted to tell you some things.” Not hearing, out the door he went. How many times have we done that very thing?

God can speak to us in many ways. Sometimes, it’s through His son Jesus. **“A voice came from the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.’” Luke 9:35.** And, **“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27.** However, it’s difficult for some people to just be quiet long enough for God to speak. I’ve found I have to force myself to clear my mind, don’t think anything, and wait, and wait, and wait...before that still, small voice begins to speak. And, it’s awesome! **“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. Psalms 27:14”.** It will be well worth the wait no matter how long it takes. **“The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. Lamentations 3:25”.**

The word, “**Selah**” at the end of many Psalms means, “Pause and meditate”. Try it.

