

The Prayer Life of Our Lord Jesus

PRAYER was of utmost importance to the Lord Jesus. Though He was fully God and fully Man while He was on earth, yet He always felt the need to pray. Christ was truly our greatest example in prayer. Now if prayer was of utmost importance to the Lord Jesus, how much more to us who are but mere sinful men saved by His grace?

We learn a lot in the gospels about the prayer life of the Lord Jesus. We see how He valued having “a quiet time” with the Father in the morning. We read in the gospel of Mark how “in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed” (Mark 1:35). Here we get an insight into the prayer life of the Lord Jesus. He valued having a quiet time with the Father so much that He arose very early in the morning, while it was still dark, and he departed to a secluded place and there “He prayed.” Christ started His day right. The first voice He heard was that of His Heavenly Father and the first Person He spoke to was His Heavenly Father. Now if morning devotions were important to the Lord Jesus, how much more to us?

We also read in the gospel of Luke how “He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed” (Luke 5:16). In the context we see how the Lord was thronged by multitudes that came to Him wanting to be healed. The Lord welcomed every one of them and healed them all. But the Lord often felt the need to get away from the crowd and get alone with His Heavenly Father and to have His Soul refreshed and revived and then He would feel ready to go back and fulfill His mission. What a great example to us? If Christ felt the need to pray in order to be refreshed and revived, how much more us?

We also read how the Lord Jesus was persistent and persevered in His prayers. We read in the gospel of Luke how “He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God” (Luke 6:12). Christ gave us the example to keep asking; to keep seeking; and to keep knocking (Matt. 7:7-8). We also read in this passage how Christ prayed before making any major decision in His life. He earnestly prayed to God all night so that He could discern the will of God. In the context we see that the night He prayed on the mountain was the night before He would make the decision to choose for Himself twelve men whom would be His apostles. That was a major decision for Christ to make and He wanted to rightly discern the will of God. Now if Christ felt the need to pray before making any decision in His life, how much more us?

So follow the example of our Lord Jesus. Pray before starting your day. Let God’s voice be the first voice that you hear in the morning. Let Him be the first Person that you talk to in the morning. Be persistent and persevere in your prayers. And before making any decision in your life whether small or great, make sure you pray!