Church Sub Theme for 2019-23: "What's The Church Supposed To Be Like?!" (Problems in the Church)

Sunday September 3, 2023 Sermon Outline

- 4. Paul told us to have an attitude of prayer all the time, 1 Thess. 5:17
- 5. He told us to be devoted to prayer, Col. 4:2

II. GOD HEARS THE PRAYERS OF HIS OBEDIENT PEOPLE

- A. God Said So To His O. T. People, Isa. 65:24; Psa. 50:15
- B. Peter Reminded Us That God Hears The Prayers Of His Obedient People, 1 Pet. 3:12
- C. John The Apostle Affirmed That God Hears The Prayers Of His Obedient People, 1 Jn. 3:22
- D. John Also Reminds Us That We Must Seek God's Will In All Of Our Prayers, 1 Jn. 5:14, Cf. The Lord Himself, Lk. 22:41, 42; Mt. 26:39

III. THE LORD TAUGHT MUCH ABOUT PRAYER

- A. He Taught His Disciples How To Pray, Lk. 11:1; Mt. 6:9-13a
- B. He Taught Believers To Persevere In Prayer, Lk. 18:1 (Pray for the same thing)
- C. He Taught Believers How Not To Pray.
 - 1. Like A Hypocrite, To Be Seen, Lk. 20:46,47 Mt. 6:5
 - 2. Like the Religious Lost, Mt. 6:7
- D. He Told Us To Pray To God In His Name, Jn. 14:13,14; Jn. 15:16

- E. He Told Us To Pray For Those Who Persecute Us, Mt. 5:44
- F. He Prayed His High Priestly Prayer For His Disciples And Us,
 - 1. He prayed about His and the Father's Glory, Jn. 17:1-5
 - 2. He Prayed About His Disciples the Father gave Him, v-6-8
 - 3. He prayed that God would keep them from Satan, v-15
 - 4. He Prayed that They and Us would be sanctified in God's Truth and be one, v-17-21

IV. GOD WANTS US TO ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW IMPORTANT PRAYER IS TO OUR LIVES

- A. We Are To Replace Anxiety With Prayer, Phil. 4:6a
- B. With Our Fervent Prayers We Are To Always Remember To Be Thankful, v-6b
- C. God Wants Us To Know How Important The Prayers Of His People Are To Him, Rev. 5:8-10