

Sermon Notes – “Our Greatest Need Pt. 2”

Church: *Beavercreek SDA Church – 6/17/17* Speaker: *Pr. Delthony L. Gordon*

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 7:14-16

Supporting Texts: Luke 11:9 & 13; Acts 1:14

In Part 1 of this series, we were reminded that our **greatest** need in order to carry out Christ’s great commission and to be effective _____ is not more _____ and resources or better _____ and hermeneutics but rather an infilling of the _____. When we **truly recognize** this need, we will not wait to do the only thing that is needed to receive this gift - _____!

Receiving the Holy Spirit through Answered Pray – 2 Chronicles 7:14

1. _____ who you are and who _____ is – Ps. 95:7-8; John 10:14,15 & 27
 2. _____ self – 1 Peter 5:6; James 4:6-10
 3. _____ God – Isa. 55:6, Prov. 8:17 & Jeremiah 29:11-13
 4. _____ from _____ - Pro. 6:16-19 & Psalm 66:18
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If the Saviour of men, the Son of God, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, **sinful mortals** feel the necessity of fervent, constant prayer. **Our heavenly Father** waits to bestow upon us the fullness of His blessing. It is our privilege to drink largely at the fountain of boundless love. What a wonder it is that we pray so little! God is ready and willing to hear the sincere prayer of the **humblest of His children**, and yet there is much manifest reluctance on our part to make known our wants to God. What can the angels of heaven think of poor helpless human beings, who are subject to temptation, when God’s heart of infinite love yearns toward them, ready to give them more than they can ask or think, and yet they pray so little and have so little faith? The angels **love to bow before God**; they **love to be near Him**. They regard communion with God as their highest joy; and yet the children of earth, who need so much the help that God only can give, seem satisfied to walk without the light of His Spirit, the companionship of His presence.

The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray. The whispered temptations of the enemy entice them to sin; and it is all because they do not make use of the privileges that God has given them in the divine appointment of prayer. Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when **prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven’s storehouse**, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence? – *Steps to Christ*, pp. 93-95

May we be filled with the Holy Spirit as we seek Him in prayer!

Jesus never taught His disciples how to preach, only how to pray. He did not speak much of what was needed to preach well, but much of praying well. To know how to speak to God is more than knowing how to speak to man. Not power with men, but power with God is the first thing. Jesus loves to teach us how to pray. - Andrew Murray, 1895