

SCHOOL OF PRAYER

SESSION #1: INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER AND JEWISH STEWARDSHIP

Prayer and Jewish Stewardship

I. JEWISH STEWARDSHIP

A. Entrusted with the Oracles of God

¹ Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? ² Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. (Ro 3:1–2 NASB95)

⁴ who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, ⁵ whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. (Ro 9:4–5 NASB95)

B. The Great Commission

¹⁹ “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Mt 28:19–20 NASB95)

C. The Apostolic Mission: A Light to the Gentiles

³ He said to Me, “You are My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory.” ...⁶ He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” (Is 49:6 NASB95)

⁴⁶ Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ “For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.’ ” (Ac 13:46–47 NASB95)

D. The nations given to idolatry and foolishness

⁸ When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. ⁹ But the LORD’s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage. (Dt 32:8–9 ESV)

A PSALM OF ASAPH. ¹ God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: ² “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah ³ Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” ⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. ⁶ I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; ⁷ nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.” ⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations! (Ps 82 ESV)

II. LESSON 1: PRAYER - THE HUMBLE RESPONSE TO THE ORACLES OF GOD

- A. Deliverance: Recognition of God's promised redemption and that only He can accomplish it.

²⁵ And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." ²⁶ To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD. (Ge 4:25–26 ESV)

- ***¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Ge 3:15 NIV)***

- B. Devotion: Petition for God to work in you that which He requires from you

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. (Ps 86:11 NIV)

- ***⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (Dt 6:4–5 ESV)***

III. PRAYER FOCUS: TO KNOW GOD'S WAYS

- A. Moses at a crossroads: I can't go on unless You teach me your ways

¹¹ Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. ... ¹² Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.' ¹³ "Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people." (Ex 33:11–13 NASB95)

- ***¹ Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."...⁴ He took this from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt." ⁵ Now when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." (Ex 32:1–5 NASB95)***

- B. Language from the Psalms: Teach me Your ways

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness...(Ps 86:11 NIV)

⁴ Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. (Ps 25:4 NIV)