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The Pastors Thoughts:

David's Great Prayers.

"...Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. (2) Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." Psalms 51:1 – 2

I love Christians who have great prayer lives, I need prayer all the time and am thankful to those who pray for me. We should all have prayer worriers in our life, there is nothing more powerful another Christian can do for you than to pray for you. Your Pastor needs prayer, all pastors need prayers from all their church membership. If you do not pray for your Pastor every day, PLEASE START TODAY! I promise you he prays for you every day and most likely multiple times a day. A prayer worrier is someone who prays a lot, and multiple times a day, fervent in their prayer life. I remember the greatest prayer worrier I ever knew was Sister Mae Hammond, Pastor's Harace and Charles Hammond's mother and my grandmother – in law. Sister Mae would pray in a very moment, if she sensed that someone needed prayer, she would stop everything and pray. I can remember many times I would sit with her at her kitchen table and talk to her about things and she would tell me "I prayer about that today, or I have prayer about that a lot" and believe me, if Sister Mae said she prayed she did. I am sure as a young minister; I kept her prayer life continually active. Again, the greatest thing a Christian can do is pray a lot, and please put me and my wife on your prayer list.

However, here we find David praying for himself, David had committed a great sin and he is asking God to forgive him. David is asking God to forgive his sin, "...according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." Oh, how great of a God we indeed have, what mercy and grace our Father has for us, that even when we sin, He will mercifully forgive them over and over. David went on to pray these words in V. 2 "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." David needed a very much forgiveness and our Father will forgive all our sins. No Christian is above sin, and all sin is equally breaking of God's commandments. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10 Therefore we need our Fathers forgiveness all day every day. While David's sin was great, all sin is great! David went on in V. 4 to say, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight..." We need to understand, as God's children our Father see's us, He knows our every action, but He also knows our every thought. David admitted his sins to God, he did not attempt to hide them, or to act as though he did not do them, he admitted them, and because he did, he knew God would forgive them. *"If we say that we have no sin, we*

deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:8 - 9 Thank you dear Gracious God! David continued in V.8 *"Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice."* David was asking God to make His forgiveness real in his heart, because David's burden was such on him that it would be like "crushing his bones" oh how painful David's sins were to him. David did not forget to praise God for His glorious and merciful act of kindness of forgiving his iniquity. V. 15 *"O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise."* Folks, when we sin against God it is awful, that such a gracious God who saved us and adopted us as His own children must also watch us sin. But this same gracious God will also mercifully forgive those sins. Please, let us acknowledge our sins to our Father, He already knows about them, do not treat our Father as though our sins are insufficient or irrelevant. Every time we sin against our Father, we ought to all be as good of children as David was.

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The Success Of Jesus Christ

By Curtis Pugh

Jesus Christ is the greatest success of eternity! He came for a specific purpose and He accomplished that purpose. He was named Jesus for one reason: "thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins," (Matthew 1:21). The Lord Jesus was ethnically a Jew. The Jews were in a sense "His people." But He did not come to save the Jews. He was given another people. They are referred to by Him as His "sheep." The statements of the Lord Jesus regarding His sheep teach us about the successful work of the Good Shepherd. Consider the following verses: John 10:11: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." John 10:14: "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine." John 10:15: "As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10:16: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." John 10:26: "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you." John 10:27-28: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

All the different shades of free-will religion would have us think it is the sheep who are successful. But these verses all speak of the success of the Shepherd! It is not the sheep that seek the Shepherd, but rather the Shepherd seeks the sheep. And so in light of this Paul wrote: "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one," (Romans 3:11-12). If you initiated your own salvation whether by your own home-grown "faith" or by the supposed obedience of baptism for salvation or by some other work, you were not seeking God. You may have sought an escape from God's just punishment. You may have sought peace of mind. You may have sought a better life for you and your family. You may have sought perhaps a dozen other things – but you did not seek God.

Only the new birth – literally the birth from above – or as theologians say, "regeneration" - this sovereign work of the Holy Spirit of God makes a spiritually dead sinner alive. Nothing you do or any other human being does has anything to do with God making His elect alive. As John wrote, "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God," (John 1:13). Jesus said: "...Ye must be born again," (John 3:7).

Ox or Donkey?

From Charles Spurgeon's sermon, "WHAT MEANEST THOU, O SLEEPER?"

I should not expect if I were a member of a commercial firm, to take half the profits, and to do none of the work. It is low to the very last degree to share the 'benefits' without uniting in the 'toil'. And yet some Christian professors are guilty of this miserable conduct.

As it was in the days of Job, so it is even until now- "the OXEN were 'ploughing', and the DONKEYS were 'feeding' beside them." There is always a large proportion of the latter class in the Churches, too glad to feed, but quite unwilling to work.