♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, March 22, 2015

"THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER"

(Colossians 1:9-14; 4:2-4)

Today we will focus on praying for one another. Prayer for others may be the greatest gift and the most lasting gift you can give to someone you care about. Today we will learn what to pray and we will practice praying for one another at the end of the worship hour.

"And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1, ESV).

"From the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you" (Colossians 1:9, ESV).

"When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake" (Revelation 8:1-5, ESV).

"Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us" (Romans 8:34, ESV).

"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6, ESV).

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God" (Colossians 4:12, ESV).

"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10, ESV).

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working" (James 5:13-16, ESV).

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