

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – June 13-18
***“Prayer honors God; acknowledges His being; exalts His power;
adores His providence; secures His aid.” E.M. Bounds***

MONDAY: 2 Kings 18:1-37

KEY VERSE: 2 Kings 1:5

OBSERVATION: We read in 1 Kings 18 that when Elijah offered a prayer on Mt. Carmel, his first priority was that God would glorify Himself. He prayed, *“O Lord! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God”*. Honoring the Father first is the priority Jesus taught His disciples – and us. Jesus said when you come to God, pray like this. *“Our Father in heaven. Hallowed be your name.”* In other words, our first priority should be to recognize and honor God's holiness. What does it mean to **Honor God** and how do you do that?

TUESDAY: Colossians 4 2-6; Luke 18:1; Luke 11:9; Luke 6:12 John 17:1-26

KEY VERSE: Colossians 4:2

OBSERVATION: Jesus **PRAYED WITH PERSISTENCE**. There is a difference between a persistent prayer and a long prayer. A person who is persistent in prayer does not necessarily have to pray for a long time. Persistence means **not giving up!** Have you ever given up too soon? What was the reason? What was the end result? What will you do the next time an important prayer needs to be prayed?

WEDNESDAY: Luke 3:1; Luke 6:12; Luke 9:29; John 17:1-26; Luke 23:34

KEY VERSE: Luke 23:34

OBSERVATION: Jesus **PRAYED WITH PASSION** and so should we. Prayer meant a lot to Jesus. It was not just his regular habit, but His resort in an emergency. When perplexed, He prayed. When hard pressed, He prayed. When hungry for fellowship, He prayed. If tempted, He prayed. If fatigued in body or spirit, He prayed. Jesus always prayed with passion because He knew who He was praying to. Are you a passionate prayer or is prayer just a routine?

THURSDAY: Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:6; I Thess. 5:18; Colossians 3:17

KEY VERSE: I Thessalonians 5:18

OBSERVATION: Jesus **PRAYED WITH THANKFULNESS**. Expressing thankfulness does several things: *It articulates dependence. * It demonstrates relationship. * It communicates gratitude. * It generates humility. Are you a thankful person? How do you demonstrate your thankfulness?

FRIDAY: Luke 22:23; Luke 23:24; John 14:15; John 17:19 Romans 8:34

KEY VERSE: Romans 8:34

OBSERVATION: Jesus prayed by making **INTERCESSION**. Intercessory prayer is basically praying for others, it is praying for God's will to be done for the lives of other people. Are you an intercessory prayer warrior interceding for others: 1) Never? 2) Seldom? 3.) When you remember? 4.) Frequently? 5.) Other?

SATURDAY: 2 Kings 6:15-17

KEY VERSE: 2 Kings 6:17

OBSERVATION: **5 Things happen when we pray.** **1.** It internalizes the burden and our partnership with God. **2.** Prayer forces us to wait for the right time. **3.** Prayer opens our spiritual eyes. **4.** It aligns our heart with Gods' heart. **5.** Prayer enables us to move forward.