

3 WEEKS AGO: We looked at Hindrances to our walk, especially Prayer, SIN.

2 WEEKS AGO: We looked at basic principle of Prayer.

LAST WEEK: We will look at more Hindrances to Prayer

TODAY: We will look at more Hindrances to Prayer

Unclean Heart

Psalm 66: 18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*:

Proverbs 15: 8 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination to the LORD: **but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.** 9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

Proverbs 21: 13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

Proverbs 28: 9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination. (*This is also Rebellion*)

Genesis 6:5 (NASB)

5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that **every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

Lust & Selfishness

James 4: 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

James 1:

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, **when he is drawn away of his own lust**, and enticed.

Arrogance & Pride

Proverbs 8: 13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: **pride, and arrogancy,** and the evil way, and the **froward mouth**, do I hate.

Proverbs 6: 16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Worldliness & Carnal Motives

1 John 2: 15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Romans 12:2 (NASB)

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

James 4:4 (NASB)

4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Against God's Decrees

Deuteronomy 32: 51 Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. **52** Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee*; **but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.**

1 Kings 13:21-26 (NASB)

21 and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have disobeyed the command of the LORD, and have not observed the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, **22** but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water"; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers.'" **23** It came about after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back. **24** Now when he had gone, a lion met him on the way and killed him, and his body was thrown on the road, with the donkey standing beside it; the lion also was standing beside the body. **25** And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the road, and the lion standing beside the body; so they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet lived. **26** Now when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard *it*, he said, "It is the man of God, who disobeyed the command of the LORD; therefore, the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him."

Disobedience

1 John 3: 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, **because we keep his commandments**, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

Matthew 7: 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

John 15: 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye **love one another, as I have loved you**.

Against God's Will

1 John 5: 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing **according to his will**, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

John 15:7 (NASB)

7 "If you abide in Me, and **My words abide in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Vain Repetition

Matthew 6: 7 But when ye pray, use not **vain repetitions**, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Lack of Faith

Hebrews 11: 6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

James 1: 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For him that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

Matthew 21: 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

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Zechariah 7:9-13

⁹ Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

¹⁰ And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

¹¹ But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

¹² Yea, **they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law**, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

¹³ Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and **they would not hear**; so they cried, and **I would not hear**, saith the LORD of hosts:

Substitute for Action

Joshua 7: (7-15)

10 And the LORD said unto Joshua, **Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?** 11 **Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.** 12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. 13 **Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.**

For Humbling & For God's Glory

2 Corinthians 12:

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, **lest I should be exalted above measure.** 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather **glory in my infirmities**, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses **for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.**

God's Perfect Timing

Lazarus in John 11:

1 Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, **to the intent ye may believe;** nevertheless let us go unto him.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Believest thou this?

39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days. 40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? 41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, **Lazarus, come forth.**

The Man of The Gadarenes in Mark 5: (& in Luke 8)

17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. 18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil **prayed him that he might be with him.** 19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. 20 And he departed, and **began to publish in Decapolis** how great things Jesus had done for him: and all *men* did marvel.

Mark 7:31 And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the **coasts of Decapolis.**

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. 33 **And he took him aside from the multitude,**

Lack of Unity or Respect in marriage

1 Peter 3: 7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; **that your prayers be not hindered.**

Matthew 18:19-20 (NASB)

19 "Again I say to you, that **if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.** **20** "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

To Share God's Comfort with Others

2 Corinthians 1:1-7 (NASB)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia: **2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and **God of all comfort,** **4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.** **5** For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ. **6** But if we are afflicted, **it is for your comfort and salvation;** or if we are comforted, **it is for your comfort,** which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; **7** and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing **that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.**