

Capitol Hill Baptist Church Core Class – Lesson III
The Supremacy of God in Missions Through Prayer
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What is the purpose of prayer in God’s missionary plan?

“We cannot know what prayer is for until we know that life is war.” – John Piper

Life is War!

- 2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 ...not a worldly war.
- 1 Timothy 1:18...fight the good fight.

Prayer, Missions and a War-time Mentality

- How prayer malfunctions in our hands.
- John 15:16...go and bear fruit...that He may give to you.

“Where is the church’s concept of militancy, of a mighty army willing to suffer, moving ahead with exultant determination to take the world by storm? Where is the risk-taking, the launching out on God alone?” – James Reapsome

The Curse of a “Third Soil” Mentality

- Mark 4: 18-19...other things choke the word.
- What other things distract you?

God Will Win the War

- Matthew 16:18 ... I *will* build my church...
- Genesis 49:10...To him *shall* be the obedience...
- John 10:16...they *will* heed my voice.

“Prayers and pains through faith in Christ Jesus will do any thing” – John Eliot

Prayer Proves the Supremacy of God in Missions

- Psalm 50:15...Call on me in the day of trouble...
- John 14:13...that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- John 16:24...that your joy may be full.
- Prayer...where the church’s needs and God’s glory meet!

Prayer is not THE Work of Missions

- Romans 10:13-14, 17...faith comes from hearing...
- The WORD, the Gospel is central to the work of missions!
- Ephesians 6:19-20...declare it fearlessly...
- Isaiah 55:10-11...It will not return to me empty,...

Why We Must Return to Prayer in Our Day

- Because God will not give His glory to another.
- So that we get the help and He gets the glory!
- Because we want to bear fruit that will last...John 15:16.

Ways to Encourage Yourself in Prayer for Missions

- Use “Operation World” in your devotions.
- Pray for the “Supported Workers” in the CHBC Membership Directory.
- Pick up missionary letters from the board near the Office.
- Remind yourself that prayer for missions is about our need and His glory!

