

Prayer Session 2

1. Corporate and individual prayer.

- a. Prayer is highly personal and highly communal.
 - i. Two phenomena – One faith.
- b. A neat separation is not possible.
 - i. The canonical shape of the Psalter. A powerful witness to that fact.
 - ii. The community needs the individual – the individual needs the community.

2. Old Testament.

- a. Corporate prayer reflects shared historical / political realities.
 - i. Psalm 44; 17-26 Deliverance and Lament.
 - ii. Solomon's naming of a type of communal prayer addressing life circumstance at the dedication of the temple. I Kings 8: 33-43
 - iii. Exodus 15: 1-18 Prayer of deliverance said as "I" meant as "we" or "us".
- b. Individual prayers tend to not recount historical data.
 - i. Hanna's infertility. I Sam 1:9-11a; I Sam 2:1-10
 - ii. Psalm 71:5-10; Psalm 41:4-8; Psalm 51
 - iii. Lament. Psalm 88:10-18
 - iv. Prayer for deliverance Psalm 69
- c. Constant features of these prayers is the essential relationship between the individual and the community.
 - i. The individual acts as a corrective as does the community. Amos 5:21-24
 - ii. The individual laments for the community. Lam 3:43-48

3. New Testament Prayer Expressions.

- a. An astonishing confidence. Matt 7:7-11; Matt 21:22
 - i. Expectant prayer – prayers prayed in stunning belief.
- b. Four kinds of prayer.
 - i. Invocation: Thy kingdom come. Matt 6:10

1. Prayers offered by Christians to call on God's reign and will for the earth. Rev 22:20b
- ii. Intercessory prayer.
 1. For the growth of others and spiritual maturity. Eph 1:1-17; Phil 3:1-4; Col 1:9
 2. Asking for the extension of Christian witness through the ministry of others. Eph 6:18-20; Col 4:3; II Thes 3:1
 3. Prayers for physical healing of others. Acts 9:40; James 5:13-16
 4. Deliverance for others from perilous conditions. Acts 12:5-12; Rom 15:30-32; Phil 1:19; Heb 13:18-19
 5. Prayers for ruling authorities. I Tim 2:1-2
 6. Prayers for those outside the Christian movement. Luke 6:28
- iii. Expectations concerning oneself and community.
 1. "We" petitions of the Lords Prayer. Matt 6:11-13; Matt 7:11; Phil 4:6
 2. Forgiveness of sins. Luke 18:13-14
 3. Spiritual Wisdom. James 1:5
 4. Holy Spirit. Luke 11:9-13
 5. Prayers for personal release. II Cor 12:7b-10
- iv. Personal / Private prayer.
 1. Mark 1:35; Luke 22:41-46 Jesus took time to pray