

Lifeline Snippets

1st Time Visitors: We welcome specially, all those worshipping with us for the first time today. Please, join us at all our meetings and programmes and God will bless you.

Bible Study: Please, join us every Tuesday this month as we study together on the theme: **A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD.**

Prayer Meeting: Please, join us at our Prayer Meeting this Thursday as Pastor Ade Adejobi leads us to pray on the theme: **NOT BY MIGHT.** Please, don't miss it! God bless.

Commitment: Don't be a bench-warmer in Church this Year. Be committed! Join a Team of your choice and the House Fellowship nearest your house. It pays to serve Jesus!

Building Project Offerings & Pledges: Please, give generously towards the Church Building Project and be faithful in redeeming your pledge. God is faithful and will bless you.

Birthdays: This month's birthday celebrants should remember their commitment of sponsorship to the Children's Church. May the Lord reward, enrich and bless you abundantly.

Online Sermons: You can listen to Pastor Adejobi's Sermons online at the church website: www.lifelinebiblechurch.com

Tracts: Gospel tracts & handbills for evangelism & church publicity are available. Collect as many as you can faithfully use.

Notice Board: Check the Notice Board for more information.

Through The Bible In A Year

Monday, May 9	-----	Psalms 85-87
Tuesday, May 10	-----	Psalms 88-90
Wednesday, May 11	-----	Psalms 91-93
Thursday, May 12	-----	Psalms 94-96
Friday, May 13	-----	Psalms 97-99
Saturday, May 14	-----	Psalms 100-102
Sunday, May 15	-----	Psalms 103-105

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Life Reflection

Pray

[it causes miracles]

HELPFUL HINT

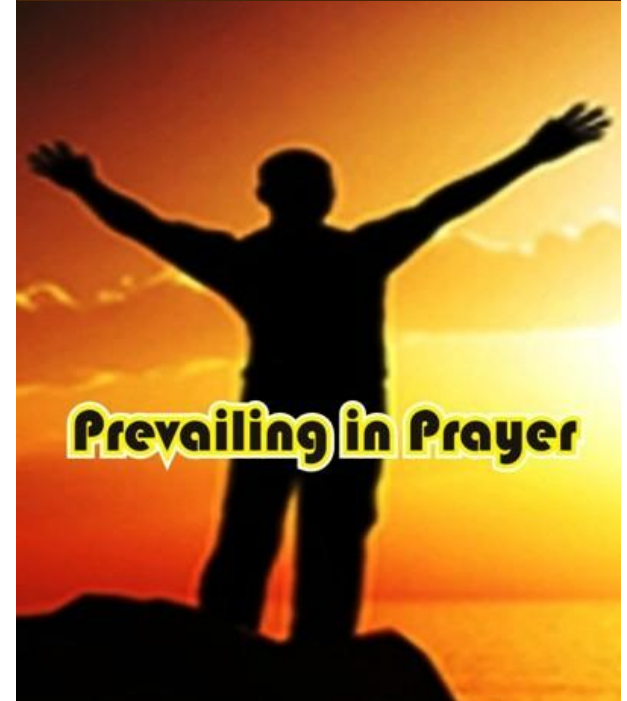
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Prevailing in Prayer

Jesus is our Lifeline



MOTTO:

*"Looking unto Jesus the
Author and Finisher of our
faith..." Hebrews 12: 2.*

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THE PERVERSION OF PRAYER

After God had given the prescription for prayer, He warned, "Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon" (Exodus 30: 9). There was to be no perversion of the offering of the incense. Anything offered other than what God had prescribed was "strange incense," a perversion of what He had instructed. The word "strange" in Hebrew means "alien" or "foreign," so anything offered that was not in accordance with God's prerequisites was alien or foreign. Jesus warned, lest our prayers be as that of the hypocrites, that we should not pray to be seen or heard of men, and not to make vain repetitions as the heathen do. Those practices are "strange incense."

To read a prayer from a prayer book simply because we think it is pretty, when it has not become our own from our heart, is certainly strange incense not prescribed by God. Many times in churches people pray aloud with high-sounding phrases and clichés they have heard from others, and we become more conscious of what they are saying than to whom they are praying. Praying to be heard of men can easily become the strange incense we are warned not to offer.

What would a mother think if her little child came and read to her a flowery statement by someone else, as though it were her own request? The mother would rather have her come and just say what she wants, out of her heart in her own words. Whether flowery and high-sounding or not, this would be real and not foreign to her. The best way to pray is to come with open, bared hearts, sincerely before God, and simply make our requests known to Him. God is not so much concerned with the words and the way we express them as He is with the earnestness of our hearts and our coming in faith, believing. We need to be sure that our prayer is our own, from our heart, prescribed by God, ascending to Him. Any other prayer is strange incense forbidden by God.

Practical application - God asks us to "Pray the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into the harvest" "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few." (Matt.9: 37-38). Studies show that less than 5% of Christians ever lead a soul to Christ. The results? "But while men (Christians) slept, His enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat." America is drowning, with tares chocking out the wheat. America was founded on the Lord Jesus Christ and Christian principles. Now the tares, unbelievers, atheists, irreligious, godless and the likes are doing everything possible to rule out God, the Bible and Christianity.

When last have you heard prayed in your church on Sunday morning, "Send forth labourers." When last have YOU prayed what God told us to pray, "Send forth labourers". Politicians cannot change people. We can lead them to Christ and He can change them for "if any man be in Christ he is a new creature" (2Corinthians 5: 17). We Christians are to blame and we MUST obey God and like Peter say, "At Thy word, I will" (Luke 5: 5) and go fishing for men to change them, our nation and the world. Does that make sense? - Sumner Wemp

Jesus is Lord!

Hymn 1

O LORD MY GOD!

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the roaring thunder,
Thy power throughout The universe displayed!

CHORUS:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
(Repeat all)*

2. When through the woods And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze

3. And when I think That God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin!

4. When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation
And take me home, What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art.

Life Lessons

*"The greatest thing anyone can do for God or man is pray."
– S. D. Gordon "Talking to men for God is a great thing,
but talking to God for men is greater still." – E. M. Bounds
Rich is the person who has a praying friend. -- Janice
Hughes "Prayer breaks all bars, dissolves all chains, opens
all prisons, and widens all straits by which God's saints
have been held." – E. M. Bounds "Never initiate anything
that you cannot saturate with prayer." – Anonymous*

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Hymn 2

I'M PRESSING ON THE UPWARD WAY

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
Lord plant my feet on higher ground.

CHORUS:

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith on heaven's table land,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

2. My heart has no desire to stay,
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell
Where these abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

3. I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled,
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground

4. I want to scale the utmost heights,
And catch a glimpse of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found,
Lord, lead me on to higher ground.

Church Programmes

SUNDAY: Worship Service - 9: 00am

TUESDAY: Bible Study - 6: 30pm

THURSDAY: Prayer Meeting - 6: 30pm

1ST FRIDAY: Prayer Vigil - 10: 30pm

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