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Prayer Is A Privilege

Psalm 55:16-17, **“As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.”**

The weather is beautiful today; skies are clear and the sun is shining brightly. But, that is only part of the scene. When I opened the back door, which faces north, the north wind was blowing steadily in my face. While it felt refreshing, it only took a moment to get chilled. My thoughts on going for an early morning walk were put on hold.

As I settled down for a moment to reflect on the events of the previous night (Super Tuesday voting), I soon found myself feeling downcast and somewhat discouraged. It never ceases to amaze me how politicians in both parties can lambast each other one day and then try to whoo them into supporting them the next as if they had not said those awful things about them. All of this chaos in the political arena can cause the saints of God to be discouraged and even defeated before they ever start their day.

We must not forget the privilege God has given us to exercise when we find ourselves in this condition. Whether its over politics, health issues, family problems, or whatever trial may come; we have the privilege of prayer. Too many of God’s people forget the glorious privilege which belongs to us as children of God. There is nothing else like it in the world.

The psalmist David had asked God to lend ear in his direction as he expressed his complaint concerning the enemies round about him, the oppression of the wicked, and the hatred they had for him. He was so cast down that it prompted him to say **“Oh, that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest”** (Psalm 55:6). We may all get that way from time to time as the wickedness, the deceitfulness, and the guile remains in our streets. Add this to our personal problems and it seems unsurmountable at times.

David, Psalm 55:16-17, reverted back to that which he knew would bring him the peace of mind which he sought: that of calling upon God with the assurance the LORD would save him. David did not pray timidly! He prayed diligently! **“Evening, and morning, and at noon”** he prayed, crying aloud. We are able to cry aloud in our hearts to He who is able to save us from all situations. The three Hebrew children declared, **“...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace...”** (Daniel 3:17). Paul told the Philippians (3:21) that God was **“able even to subdue all things unto himself”**. James proclaimed, **“There is one lawgiver, who is able to save...”** (James 4:12).

Having assurance that God is able and does provide for the welfare of His children, we should avail ourselves to the privilege of prayer on a regular basis. What better way to start your day than to thank Him for the opportunity to praise Him. At noon, pray a prayer of acknowledgement in recognizing His blessings and for His watch-care the remainder of the day. Then at evening, a prayer of thanksgiving for once again delivering you through another day. Prayer is indeed a privilege! Use it well. **“Think About It!”**