

Jesus Example of Prayer
Luke 22:39ff.

Introduction:

- A. Generally speaking, prayer means to commune with God.
- B. Prayer contains the elements of petition, adoration, praise, confession, and thanksgiving.
- C. God welcomes prayer. He wants to hear from you.
- D. Prayer changes the one who prays.
- E. The Bible tells us to have a private place for prayer.
- F. In our text we find Jesus in his private place--- Gethsemane.
- G. Let us not that:

I. Jesus Made His Petition Clear. Let Cup Pass Vs, 42

- A. Consider the reason for his petition.
 - 1. The treason of Judas
 - 2. The denial of Peter
 - 3. The desertion of the apostles.
 - 4. The enmity of the priests
 - 5. The heartless abandonment of the people.
- B. Let this cup pass from me. The reason why he was to drink this cup was that he would be made sin for us.
- C. This cup was enough to crush an ordinary man.
- D. Jesus persisted in his request. 3 times he requested the same thing.
- E. Jesus earnestly prayed.

II. Jesus Sought God's Will First. If It Be Thy Will Vs. 42

- A. Please remove this cup nevertheless your will be done.
- B. This cup is the symbol of all the terrible punishment before him.
- C. Jesus knew the contents well; the holiness of God and the heinousness of sin.
- D. Why was Jesus to drink of this cup? It was to the saving of unnumbered souls.
- E. Jesus prayer was answered in an unusual way. He received strength from an angel. Vs.43

III. Jesus Surrendered to God's Will. Thy Will Be Done Vs. 42

- A. Jesus had already taught his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer. Matt 16:21
- B. Surrender is the act of yielding ourselves to God; that he will lead, guide, and employ us in His service.
- C. Jesus surrender was the foremost purpose of his life.
- D. What does it take for us to surrender to God's will?
 - 1. Here are a few reasons:
 - A. serious discouragement
 - B. sad defeat
 - C. exhausting pain
 - D. terrible suffering
 - E. heavy loss

F. continued loneliness

G. prospect of early death.

E. Here we find valuable lessons for us.

1. All that will live godly will suffer persecution.

II Tim 3:12

2. The dark days of our lives are opportunities to grow in grace and knowledge.

Conclusion:

A. Jesus learned obedience to the Father through suffering.

Hebrews 5:8

B. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.