

Times for Prayer
(Psalm 55:16-17)

Introduction:

1. This morning we studied verses from the Lord's word that teach the truth about prayer.
2. This evening we are basing our lesson on these statements written by David.
3. David stated that he prayed "evening, and morning, and at noon."
4. We are pointing out "times [occasions] for prayer" by observing:
 - a. occasions when Jesus prayed
 - b. occasions when the Lord's followers prayed.
5. Let us first consider a number of . . .

Discussion:

I. OCCASIONS WHEN JESUS PRAYED

- A. (Luke 3:21-22) Jesus prayed when He was baptized.
- B. (Luke 5:15-16) Jesus prayed in a secluded area after teaching and healing great multitudes of people.
- C. (Luke 6:12-13) Jesus prayed all night before He selected His apostles.
- D. (Luke 9:17-18) Jesus prayed after feeding the 5,000.
- E. (Luke 9:28-29) Jesus prayed when He was transfigured.
- F. (Luke 11:1) Jesus had been praying when His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray.
- G. (Luke 22:31-32) Jesus prayed for Peter.
- H. (Luke 22:41-44) Jesus prayed before He was arrested.
- I. (Luke 23:34, 46) Jesus prayed while He was on the cross.
- J. From these passages we conclude that prayer was important to Jesus.
- K. Let us turn our attention to several . . .

II. OCCASIONS WHEN THE LORD'S FOLLOWERS PRAYED

- A. (Acts 1:13-14) The Lord's followers prayed while they waited for the Lord to build His church.
- B. (Acts 1:23-25) They also prayed when a replacement for Judas was selected.
- C. (Acts 2:42) The members of the Jerusalem congregation "continued steadfastly in" [gave constant attention to] "prayers."
- D. (Acts 4:23-24, 31) Prayer was offered after Peter and John's release from custody.
- E. (Acts 6:4) The apostles were devoted to prayer.
- F. (Acts 6:6) The apostles prayed when the 7 men were appointed to serve the Jerusalem church.
- G. (Acts 12:5, 12) The Christians in Jerusalem prayed for Peter.

Conclusion:

1. The verses we read in Luke teach us that the Lord prayed at various times.
2. The verses we read in Acts teach us that the Lord's followers prayed at various times.
3. Let us remember and practice the admonition given in Colossians 4:2 where Paul wrote:
"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."