

Full Sermon Transcript:

Pray Unceasing

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And we'll go ahead in prayer. Lord Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name. Father, we pray for your anointing on these services and on this sermon, this message we're about to receive, and your anointing on me to deliver this message to your people.

We ask that you have your anointing also on the listeners, the receivers of this message, that this message will not be in vain, useless, but will bear fruit, that this message will be applied to each and every person's heart, mind, body, and soul that receives this message, that they would improve, that they would increase in the measurement of your Holy Ghost, that they would increase in your will in their lives, that they would increase in holiness and in intimate relationship with you, not just in knowledge, but in comprehension and application of the messages, application of your will, to not be just listeners, but doers of your Word.

Father, I ask you to help and intercede where some people lack wisdom, where some people lack intelligence, where some people lack skill and ability, that your Holy Word would penetrate physical brains, brain chemicals, stubbornness, complacency, laziness, and every hindrance.

Your Word would penetrate, take effect, and spring forth life and fruit for you and your kingdom and your glory.

May each and every member of this Church become less and less Laodicean and more and more Philadelphian.

We ask that we may receive and your Word be done. And the Church said, Amen. You may be seated.

We'll turn to 1 Thessalonians 5 and I'm going to try to blow the shofar.

Yeah, go ahead and stand. Okay, I already blew it, but at least I tried. And that's what counts, is to at least try. Amen.

I'm going to need to start just using a sound file for that. Where else to practice during the week?

Maybe I should practice during the week. 1 Thessalonians 5 is where we're going to start.

Brother Jonathan in prison, he's joining us by telephone as well. For anyone listening for the first time, we're reading from the Alpha and Omega Bible, a restoration of the original scriptures, scriptures using older manuscripts than what was used for the King James Version and really all the other translations as well.

1 Thessalonians 5 is where we're starting today. This is page 767, if you have the one-volume AOB.

In 1 Thessalonians 5 verse 16, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will, theos, for you in Christ Jesus.

Extinguish not the spirit, despise not, prophesying or speaking in tongues. Amen.

But verse 17 is our focus on the sermon today, pray without ceasing. What does that mean?

We know it does not mean to pray with your eyes closed, your head bowed 24 hours a day, every second of the day, every minute of the day, never stopping in that way.

Of course, we have jobs, we've got to cook, we've got to eat, we've got to go to the bathroom, we've got to take care of the pets, children, whatever, so we know that's not what it means.

So what does it mean and how would we apply this instruction to pray unceasing? Unceasing, that word means without stopping.

And yet we know it's not literal, every second, every minute of the day. So how should we understand it and how should we apply it?

And the fact is, we've got to get out of this mentality that prayer is only when you have your eyes closed and your head bowed.

But first, that's number one because people don't understand what prayer is. They think it's only when you have your eyes closed and your head bowed and only then.

And that's absolutely not the truth. The reality is you can be with your eyes open and you can be speaking verbally out loud or in your mind.

You can be driving, walking, exercising, taking a shower, cooking. You can be doing anything while you're talking to God.

So prayer is talking to God. That's what prayer is, talking to God. So it don't matter what position your body is, or

whether it's out loud or silent, eyes open or eyes closed.

If you're talking to God, that counts as prayer. And of course, there should be some times that you do close your eyes, bow your head, and pray silently or out loud.

There should be some of those times, absolutely. Especially the last thing you do before you go to bed would be a very appropriate time for that form of prayer, of course.

But it doesn't have to be that form of prayer at bedtime. You could do a verbal out loud prayer while you're walking in your house.

It doesn't have to be just one way. But it does need to be unceasing, a continual conversation with God.

However form that it takes, it should be throughout the day, more than just when you wake up and when you go to bed. And more than when you wake up and when you go to bed and some other third time during the day.

It should be more than those three times a day. Prayer unceasing means that while you are driving your car or bicycle or motorcycle, whatever, that you're still talking to God.

While you're at work, you're still talking to God. While you are playing games with people, you're still talking to God. While you're exercising, walking, jogging, at the gym, lifting weights, on the treadmill.

While you're reading the Bible especially, you should always pray before you read the Bible, every time without exception.

You should always pray before you read the Bible. Lord, please help me understand what I'm about to read.

And not just before you read, but even while you are reading, you come across a word, a verse, a phrase that you need help in understanding.

Father, please help me to understand what this really does mean and please help me to not misinterpret it.

Please help me to not misunderstand what this really means. And even after reading Scripture or studying Scripture, those are two different things, reading Scripture and studying Scripture, and you should do both.

There should be times that you just read it and there should definitely also be times that you study Scripture.

There's nothing I've said so far today that I've not said before, repeatedly. And if you do not remember me saying some of this, you should go back and listen again to some of the older sermons.

Perhaps in sermons before you started listening, if you just started listening six months ago or one year ago, on your day off from work, some of you don't even work, so you have a greater opportunity, you have more free time, to go back to those older sermons before you came into listening to the sermons.

And here are some of the previous teachings, because those previous sermons are very valuable treasures that are available to you, tools, very precious tools, available to you that you may not be using.

We go back and read Scriptures written down from 2,000 and 3,000 years ago, but you don't want to go back and listen to a sermon from one year ago?

What's the difference? What's the difference? Amen? Let's read some other Scriptures.

Ephesians chapter 6 verse 18. With all prayer and petition, petition is your begging God, pray at all times in the Spirit.

Now a lot of people think in the Spirit means with tongues, with unknown tongues, but that's not what it means, right?

There's nothing about the context or the word itself in Greek or Hebrew or Aramaic or any of the ancient languages that refers to speaking in unknown tongues.

Nothing at all. So people, Pentecostals, to try to claim that it's speaking in tongues, they're inserting an interpretation in which cannot be supported by either context or the meaning of any of these words at all. Amen?

Praying in the Spirit is really that you are a saved person with the Holy Ghost and that the Holy Ghost is helping you with your words and your heart and your mentality.

The Bible does say that if you do not know what to say, the Holy Ghost would help you.

It says that. The Bible says that. If you do not know what to pray or say to God, the Holy Ghost would help you. So this is the application and we need to find that verse later, not right now, but make for sure you jot it down to try to find that verse and we'll cross-reference it here because it is what it's actually talking about.

Spirit and Ghost is the same word. Spirit and Ghost is the exact same Greek word.

It may not be here so we have to double-check that as well, but usually, normally, a lot of times it is.

But it is nevertheless what it's talking about, that we are praying with the help of the Holy Ghost, that God is inside us helping us. Amen?

A lot of times, my words, my thoughts, and my ideals are not my ideals, not my thoughts, not my words in my brain, even though they sound like my words in my brain, even though they feel like my ideals or ideas, they're not.

They're the Holy Ghost. So the same would be true when you pray, especially if and when you're very weak, sick,

distraught, sad, frustrated, don't know what to say.

Somebody very extremely close to you just died and you really don't feel like talking, you only feel like crying. But you still try to say something to God and you don't know what to say because you're so heartbroken or somebody just stabbed you in the back.

The Holy Ghost intercedes and pour out words that you may think is yours, but it's not your words.

But pray at all times. It's not every second of the day, but it is many times. The word all here can also be translated as the majority. Like when the Bible says that all Israel will be saved, yet we know that's not true, but rather the majority of Israel will be saved.

Not every person of Israel will be saved, absolutely not. But the majority of Israel will absolutely be saved, the majority, many, many, many people.

Two resurrections, why would it not be the majority? Amen. I mean right now that kind of seems impossible because the whole world is deceived, but once God throws His whole world, even the Church, into the purifying fire of the Great Tribulation, which we so desperately need, everybody will shape up very quickly.

I guarantee you that. Amen. Good to see Simon on YouTube. Thank you. So pray at all times, or the majority of the time, is you are praying not just when you wake up, but you better start with when you wake up because if you are married, which you are engaged to God, to marry Him, and you're already living with Him already, it is as if you're already married to Him already.

When you are married, you wake up. Do you not speak to your husband or wife within the first five minutes after you open your eyes?

Of course you do. You say, Good morning, darling. Get me breakfast. Good morning, darling.

Get up and brush your teeth. Good morning, darling. Can you rub my back? Can you rub my neck?

Your breath stinks. Whatever, but you say something. You don't just ignore them. Don't ignore God.

You wake up. You could have been dead. You could have died in your sleep. A lot of people do, every day, every day, every day.

Without exception, there's somebody that have died in their sleep. Even young people.

Don't ignore God when you wake up. Have a relationship with Him, a relationship with Him.

Salvation is not religion. I got that on a sign on the wall upstairs. It's not a religion. It's a relationship.

Say hello to the bridegroom in the morning. Thank you, Father, that I had good sleep.

Thank you for a new day. Thank you for resurrecting me from the death of sleep last night.

Thank you that I can see and hear and talk and walk that I'm not bedridden because there are a lot of people are.

Right now, my sciatic pelvis area is extremely, I'm talking about extremely stiff and painful.

I could be bedridden right now or even before the day ends, God forbid. Be thankful for these things.

There's a nursing home up the street full of people, not just old people. Nursing homes are not just for the elderly, but even teenagers are in nursing homes where they've had bicycle wrecks to where they had brain damage.

Even children and young adults with brain injuries. It's not just old people in a nursing home.

Think about these things. Think about how blessed you are. And talk to God and have a relationship with Him. And before you go walking and hiking or even driving, ask for protection.

You know what? When I get out here on these roads driving, I'm scared to death. These people scare the crap out of me the way they drive. Careless, absolutely careless, have no respect for anybody else's life, in a big hurry to get home or get to the store one second earlier.

One second! And that is literal, very literally one second earlier. They will run you over and not give a crap whether they kill you or not. You're about to be praying when you get in your car.

You're about to be praying for safety when you're walking or biking or hiking in the woods with bears.

You're about to be praying to God because we are in war. And it is a life and death situation.

Especially in the true church. These false Christians think they're in a war. Bull crap! False Christians are not in a war.

The devil already has them. They're already being defeated. They have already been conquered. God is not fighting for them and the devil is not fighting for them because the devil already owns them and they're already conquered by Satan.

There is no warfare for a false Christian. The only is for themselves. They're fighting themselves and their families fighting them. But that's not spiritual warfare.

The true church is in a spiritual warfare and it's a very dangerous warfare. And you're about to be praying.

And not only for yourself but for each other and especially for your pastor. Because common sense.

Have you not watched any war movies in your entire life? Or Bible movies? Or westerns? Or anything?

The leader is the one. The enemy army and the enemies and the wicked people. They will go for the leader. Take out the leader.

You take out all of it. Amen? Let's go to the next verse.

Luke 18. I need to start making these sermons much, much, much shorter before you fall asleep.

Because, oh my God, it seems like that every sermon has fallen on deaf ears and no one is learning anything and no one understands anything and no one remembers anything.

God, to honest, it feels like it looks like it sounds like it. If it quacks like a duck, it is a duck.

If it looks like a duck, it is a duck. So I need to make these sermons much, much, much, much, much shorter so that you can get to bed.

Luke 18, verse 1. Now he was telling them a parable to show that at all times that you should pray at all times or the majority of times you should pray and not lose heart.

Saying in a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect people.

There was a widow in that city and she kept coming to him saying give me legal protection from my opponent or enemy.

For a while he was unwilling, but afterward he said to himself even though I do not fear Theos nor respect people yet because this widow bothers me I will give her legal protection.

Otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out. And the Lord said, hear what the unrighteous judge said.

Now will not Theos bring about justice for his elect, his chosen people who cry to him day and night?

And will he delay long over them? I tell you he will bring about justice for them quickly.

However when the Son of Man comes will he find faith on the earth? Here Jesus is questioning whether or not he will even find a true church when he comes back.

God to honors. God to honors. Jesus is wondering out loud here to his disciples if he would even find a true church existing on earth when he comes back.

Because he knew that humanity and especially the end time church is lacking faith.

And he connects this lack of faith with a lack of prayer. Context. Even with an unrighteous judge that doesn't even fear God or even respect people this widow continues to hassle him and comes back to him hounding him repeatedly over and over and over and over give me what I need, give me what I need, give me what I need.

But will God's people do that? One time a day? Two or three times a day? But notice the words day and night, day and night, day and night.

You know what the Bible also says that the demons and Satan himself is up in Heaven at the throne of God accusing us day and night.

Are we praying or talking to God as often as Satan talks to God? You know what, I think Satan talks to God more than some of us.

Or rather I should say some of you. I shouldn't put myself in there with you. Satan literally talks, this is the God to earnest truth. Satan talks to God more than you do.

We need to fix that, don't we? If I'm stepping on your toes, if I'm offending you, if I'm convicting your heart, if I am pointing out real and true flaws in you, then why don't you take this message and change your life?

If I stand here and preach until I turn blue in the face and I do it week after week after week after week and month after month and year after year and decade after decade and you don't make a change, then it is pointless and useless and I might as well just shut it all down.

And that's the way I feel. Will God even find a true church on this planet when he comes back?

If I didn't know the prophecy, if I didn't know that God is going to spank you and spank you hard, but I know that he will.

But God himself and I both would prefer that you shape up before then. Amen? Relationship. Talking to God should not be a commandment.

I shouldn't have to get up here and command you and whip you and chastise you. It should be from the heart, not by commandment.

It should come from the heart. You should just have that relationship. You should have that relationship with God already and not being going backwards.

After we go another year and another year and another year as the Lord continues to delay his coming, what if he delays another year?

What if we don't see the Purim fulfillment in March? What if we don't? What if he delays another year, God forbid?

Will you continue to shrink back?

Will you continue to become more and more and more complacent? Or will you take the advantage of more time? Will you look at the glass half empty or half full? Will you take more advantage of what time you got left or continue to become more and more lazy about your relationship with God?

Relationship takes work. When you have a girlfriend or a boyfriend or a husband or a wife or even a family relationship, brothers and sisters, parents, children, grandchildren, it takes work to have a relationship, even best friends.

It takes work and effort to gain a relationship and to maintain a relationship and to grow and improve a relationship. It takes work. It takes effort. It takes manners, having manners, having respect, having honor, having love. Thinking about others as much as you think about yourself and even more so in putting others before yourself.

Relationship takes work and effort. Whether it's relationship with me, relationship with your brothers and sisters in the church, or relationship with God, and it's all one and the same. Amen?

I have to keep this very short, so we're not going to turn to any of these.

I'm just going to read some of these off to you very quickly.

In Acts 10, Corinthians, pray to God continually, showing prayer as a lifestyle.

Colossians 4 verse 2, devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Romans 12 verse 12, be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Psalms 116 verse 2, because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Psalms 55 verse 17, evening and morning and noon, I cry out in distress and he hears my voice.

But even though it says evening, morning, and noon, and even though Daniel 6 verse 10 says Daniel prayed three times a day, those three times a day are when you take more time.

And when you actually get down on your knees or some other position and actually close your eyes and actually bow your head, those three times a day, when it says Daniel prayed three times a day, it wasn't just three times a day.

I guarantee you that and promise you that. I guarantee you Daniel prayed unceasing, many, many, many, many more times than three times a day.

But when it says three times a day, it is when he is taking more time, slowing down, stopping his activities.

He's not walking, he's not driving, he's not exercising, he's not cooking, he's not washing dishes, but he stops everything, slows down, and have a longer, more dedicated prayer three times a day, which all of us should do.

But he's also praying while he's working, while he's talking to the king, while he is talking to other people, while he's working, while he's walking, while he's bathing.

He's praying many times a day, talking to God, that is. Nehemiah 2 verse 4 says, Nehemiah prayed silently in the middle of a conversation with the king.

That's not the exact words, but Nehemiah chapter 2 verse 4 does show that Nehemiah prayed silently in his heart, in his mind, in the middle of a conversation with the king.

Prayer should be a lifestyle of talking to God, not just a ritual that you do once or two times a day, but rather prayer should be a lifestyle of talking to God.

Prayer should be your continual conversation with God. Prayer before eating is only a ritual, only because you think it must be done as if it is a commandment.

Prayer before eating is only a ritual. You can do it. God won't condemn you for doing it, but it's only a ritual because you have been programmed to do it as if it is a commandment.

A better prayer is a prayer that is not a ritual. A better prayer comes from the heart, not just because it is a commandment or a tradition or a ritual.

A better prayer God himself would rather that you pray 40 times a day while you're doing everything in your life, having a continual intimate relationship with him, a conversation with him, rather than that you're only praying three times a day, one of them being at your meal, as a ritual because you think it's a commandment, because you think it must be done at that time in that manner.

God would rather that it come from the heart, and especially he would rather that it not be just repeating the so-called Lord's Prayer, which is not even a prayer.

A lot of people, their prayer at every meal is literally repeating the so-called, falsely called Lord's Prayer, and they never change it.

Day in, day out, week after week, month after month, year after year, when they say a prayer, it's just repeating those

words.

That's not from the heart. That's ritual, and it is meaningless and heartless. Ritual is in vain, it's useless, and God actually hates that type of prayer. He'd rather you just keep your mouth shut.

So I'm going to sum it up right here and end the sermon right here. Next thing I've got to say, and last thing I've got to say, is you need to read the Bible, because reading the Bible is God's continual conversation with you.

You need to read the Bible, even if you've already read it over and over, the whole thing.

But I've got to say, I've just got to be honest, I am shocked beyond belief that we have one or more member of God's church.

I'm not even going to finish this, because it is such a shame and a blemish. And I'm going to get down on my knees right now, because it's so shameful!

Everybody get down on your knees right now! Everybody, wherever you are! Lord, help me, Father. We are such a shame of this church.

And this church is not a church, but a group of hypocrites. We are hypocrites that need to get saved.

And we ask you, Heavenly Father, to convict our hearts and save our souls and change us.

Change our hearts and deliver us from ourselves, our greatest enemy. Deliver us, Lord Heavenly Father, and save us. In Jesus' holy name we ask. Amen. We read one of the verses talking about crying out. And some of you never do it and never have done it.

And that's also something I should not even pronounce out loud. It's such a shame and a blemish upon the church.

We should cry out to God sometimes. Sometimes your prayer should be in tears. And if it is never, ever, ever, ever in tears, then you need to fix your heart. We need to be praying to God or talking to God continually, not only about ourselves, our money, our health, our needs, our cures, our concerns, our emotions, our worries, our anxieties, our future, but also all those same things for every member of the church.

For every person whose name that you know that is a follower of the ministry, you should be praying for their health, their finances, their understanding, their life, their needs, their cures, their prayer list.

Do you even know a prayer list? Do you even know a prayer list of somebody else in the church?

Do you not even know it? And some of that is because they're not even telling you their prayer list because they don't give a crap.

Oh, oh, oh, how many times I have heard it. I'm a private person. I don't want to tell anybody in the church anything about myself. What's happening and going on in my life is my life, not the church's life.

That's Satan talking. We are either a family and brothers and sisters or we are not Jews.

And I want every member and follower of this ministry to take an IQ test. And you don't have to be intelligent to serve the Lord and be saved, praise God.

But the reason I want everybody to take an IQ test is this. Everyone thinks that they are wiser than what they are.

Everyone, everyone, everyone without exception, they think that they are wiser than what they actually are.

And everyone always thinks that they are smarter than what they actually are. And everyone thinks that they are more attractive than what they actually are.

Everyone has at least a little bit of pride. They think they have certain skills that they don't have.

They think they have certain gifts from God or human nature gifts or whatever type of gifts that they don't have.

Everyone thinks more highly of themselves than what they should. Everyone, everyone.

And it is important that you humble yourself and realize and accept the reality, whether it's wisdom, discernment, intelligence, or whatever else that we accept the real reality and see ourselves for the reality.

Now, there's a million IQ tests on the Internet. A lot of them you're going to have to pay for, but you don't have to pay for one.

You can find one that is free. And if it takes you literally one, two, or three minutes or even five minutes to complete it, then it's bull crap.

A real and true and accurate IQ test is going to take you quite a while, at least 20 or 30 minutes.

But you can find one that is free, absolutely, on the Internet. And we'll be looking for that.

And sharing one as well, a link for one of those, but you don't have to wait for us if you don't want to.

You're welcome to try to find one on your own and go ahead and complete it. Don't matter to me, but we'll still look for one to share, just in case, because I guarantee you, I guarantee you, if I did not share a link, we could go the next 10,000 years and you wouldn't do it.

That's the reality. We could go the next million years and you would not ever, ever look it up and do it. You wouldn't. The majority of you. So we will find the link and we will post it and we'll post it again and again and again and again and again until you get up off your ass and do something.

The computer so-called, picked at random, Malachi 3 or 4, I think it's Malachi 3.

And it says that Jesus is coming back and we're going to find the link and we're going to post it again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and again and it says that Jesus is coming back as a washing soap and a purifying fire.

We know Revelation 19 that he's coming back in great wrath to rule with a fist of iron and slaying the wicked and his robe soaked in the blood of his enemies.

He's not coming back kissing and washing feet. He's coming back as angry as angry can get and I know why.

And you have no business trying to witness to anybody else and to you stop being a hypocrite yourself.

This should not be a commandment that you talk to God. It should come from your heart.

Even keeping the Sabbath, even the Holy Days, even Purim, if you're not keeping the Sabbath, you're not keeping the Holy Days.

You're not keeping the Sabbath. You're not keeping the Sabbath. You're not keeping the Sabbath. You're not keeping the Sabbath, even the Holy Days, even Hanukkah, even Purim, even preparing for the Great Tribulation.

All these things, even reading the Scripture, all these things should be coming from the Holy Ghost inside you.

Do you have the Holy Ghost or not? Maybe some of you need to get baptized again after you repent.

Do you either have the Holy Ghost or you don't? These things need to be coming from inside you, not because I get up here and yell and scream.

They need to be coming from your heart and the Holy Ghost as a relationship with Him that God, even He Himself, convicts you even before I get up here and speak, that He is convicting you, moving you, stirring your spirit, your heart, your mind to do these things, to have a conversation with Him in both directions, through Scripture and through prayer. You can't get more basic and more elementary than Scripture and prayer, Scripture and prayer, Scripture and prayer, and we can't even get that right.

Are you saved? Okay, we're going to put on a song, and we'll be right back with your testimonies and questions and comments.

Feel free to ask questions. We never have a question ever, but feel free to ask questions on any sermon.

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