

THY WORD IS TRUTH
More Precious Than Rubies

I. Prayer is not always the answer

- A. Prayer won't override spiritual laws you have in motion-Ma1:9
1. Answer isn't to pray, but to get on the right side the law of honor -Ma3:9-*Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.¹⁰Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*
 2. Many try to use so-called "prayer" as a way around spiritual law-
You can't pray and get a result contrary to laws you have in motion
- B. Many ignore what God told them to do and try to pray things in-Pr28:9-
He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination-Jn15:7-*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*
1. Many try to live by petition, but Jesus lived by The Word-That is
He lived by doing what the Father told Him to do NOT by just asking
the Father to do things for Him-Mt4:4-*Man shall not live by bread
alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*
- C. Prayer (asking God to do something), is not always the answer-So often
we don't need God to do something we need to do something-Hag1-2
1. You can't pray everything away-You can't pray away something being
produced by a law you have in motion; Stop the working of that law
 - a. They put a law in motion that produced their predicament and
all the prayer in the world won't change it-If you have a law
in motion producing it and God takes it away, it'll come back
 - b. Many have laws in motion that are creating problems in their
lives-They want to pray those problems away without making
any adjustments to the laws they have in motion
 2. You can't pray everything in-You can't ignore the laws that govern
a thing and pray it in (peace, joy, provision)
 - a. Many aren't enjoying things because the laws they have in
motion won't allow them to-They want to pray it in and keep
operating the same way and it doesn't work
 3. Things don't just come by so-called "prayer"-We've been taught all
things are possible with God, just ask and receive and that is an
incomplete understanding of how spiritual things work
 4. Religion tries to use prayer as a fix all-None of these verses say
anything about praying-Mt6:33, Js1:8, 2Co9:6, Rm8:6, Js4:8, Ma3:10,

II. Knowledge, wisdom and understand of how things work is more precious than rubies

- A. In every situation wisdom is the principle thing-Pr4:7

1. Many don't pray to get wisdom-They pray God fix my problem
 2. Prayer so often is to be for wisdom and implementation-Our prayer should be more, God what should I do, and less, God do something
 3. God points us to the laws that will produce the results we desire
 4. Many want to do nothing and just want their problem fixed
- B. God through His word reveals to us spiritual law-The Bible is multifaceted; It is a revelation of God Himself, the will of God, the plan of God, but also through His Word He reveals spiritual law to us and he's showing us how things work; We are learning about Him, His love, His plan of redemption, but we are also learning how things work
- C. Lack of knowledge makes you vulnerable-**Ho4:6**-My people are destroyed of lack of knowledge: by thou have rejected knowledge-**Pr2:11**-Understanding (knowledge, intelligence, wisdom) shall keep (protect) thee
1. If we fail to understand spiritual law or how things work we will struggle in this life-Ignorance of these laws will cause you to live on the wrong side of them
- D. More precious than rubies-**Pr3:13**-Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. ¹⁴For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. ¹⁵She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her-**Pr4:7**-Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
1. God places great value on wisdom and understanding-**BR**-No precious thing is equal to her in value-**CEV**-Wisdom is more valuable than precious jewels; nothing you want compares with her-**ER**-Wisdom is worth more than fine jewels. Nothing you desire has more value-**MSG**-Nothing you could wish for holds a candle to her
 2. The merchandise of it-Gain, profit-Peace, protection, provision, long life-**Pr3:16**-Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. ¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace-**Pr4:5**-Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. ⁶Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee-**Pr8:11**-For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. ¹⁸Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. ¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. ²¹That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.
- E. Get in the book and go after wisdom and understanding-**Pr4:5**
1. Get wisdom, get understanding-It won't just fall on you, you have to go after it-**Pr2:2**-So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; ³Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; ⁴ If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;

⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

2. God told Joshua getting in this book was the key to success-**Js1:8**-
This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success
3. These words will be life to you-**Pr4:20**-*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹ Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²² For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*