

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Scripture: Isaiah 55:6; 62:6-7
 Deuteronomy 9:25
 Matthew 26:40-41

Introduction

As we near the return of Christ, prayer becomes more and more important. People who pray will see God respond to their supplication.

I. We are to pray now

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

Isaiah 55:7 NIV

- A. Our situation is critical
- B. God will not always be willing to hear
- C. Now is the time of His grace

II. We are to pray continually

I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord give yourselves no rest,

And give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.

Isaiah 62:6-7 NIV

- A. We must keep our request before Him
- B. We must not waver in our purpose

III. We are to pray consistently

I lay prostrate before the Lord for forty days and forty nights because the Lord had said he would destroy you.

Deuteronomy 9:25 NIV

See also vv. 9, 18

- A. We are to consistently be in the presence of God
- B. We are to consistently intercede
- C. We are to consistently wait on Him