

## **NEW HOPE CHURCH OF GOD**

### **ALTAR WORKERS TRAINING**

#### **LESSON 4 Part 4 A: Ministering at the Altar . . . Fruits and Prayer**

##### **FRUITS THAT LASTS**

###### **A. Materials Covered in Previous Lessons (A summarized review)**

1. We have looked at altar workers, their qualifications, and the task with which they are entrusted.
  - (a) We have done so in details.
  - (b) Now it is time to step back and end our work with a look at the “big picture.”
2. But before things get too big, let us look at a specific problem: how to deal with people who come back week after week, often with the same situation.

###### **B. Our Lord taught us to be persistent in prayer.**

1. He said: (see Luke 18:2-8).
2. Unfortunately, some people, in the course of their persistence, come to the idea that all of God’s blessings are transitory (“transitory”: not lasting, temporal) that they can only get enough at one time for a short period.

###### **C. None of us in the altar should ever get to the place where we forget our need for God.**

1. If we do, God will remind us.
2. **However, it is God’s intent that the work He does in our lives be of long duration** (see John 15:16).
3. Our objective as altar workers is to be ministering channels for Christ’s finished work on the cross in the lives of those for whom we pray.
  - (a) His finished work needs to be our finished work as well, and the finished work for whom we pray.
  - (b) Put it another way, it is not God’s intent for those whom we pray to be restless seekers, unsure of their direction and living from week to week on the “crumbs” of God’s blessing.
4. **We must enter the “rest” that God planned for all of us from the beginning!**
5. To explain this, we must go back to that starting point (*this we discuss in the remain point below*).

###### **D. In the beginning God created the universe in six days “And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.” Gen 2:2 NKJV).**

1. God's rest was not because He was tired, but because His work was completed.
  2. The Jews celebrated Saturday as Sabbath in commemoration of the completion of creation, a day set apart for the Lord.
- E. It was God's plan, however, for the "rest of God" to be more than just one day a week** (see Hebrews 4:1-6).
- F. Ever since Adam and Eve were rejected from the Garden, man has had a hard time finding rest.**
1. The entry of sin into the world first brought death and then was forced to work to survive.
  2. With all of this came war, disease, and other miseries that have marked human history.
  3. Inside man there has been an empty pit of dissatisfaction, longing for a return to his original state.
- G. But God has been reaching out to man.**
1. See Hebrews 1:1-2.
  2. After many covenants He made with the Israelites, God sent His Son Jesus Christ to offer Himself up as a perfect sacrifice, and to act as High Priest who was excellent beyond all of those of the Aaronic priesthood.
  3. In doing this Jesus Christ broke the power of sin and death and enabled us to be in right relationship with God, not because of what we have done but because of what He has done for us.
  4. We can then have the assurance that what He has done for us is enough (see Heb. 4:14-16).
- H. Unlike the Israelites, we do not need to make explicit blood sacrifices at our altars to atone for our sins.**
1. Jesus Christ's work on the cross is complete.
  2. **But we as Pentecostals believe that the work of the Holy Spirit, sent but Jesus Christ Himself and poured out on the day of Pentecost, is ongoing!**
  3. We also know that there are people who have experienced the rest of God has for them brought through a living relationship with Jesus Christ.
  4. Everyday people come into this world without that rest or pass into eternity without it.
  5. **Our challenge as the church is to be the vessel by which the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit is applied to the ongoing need of the human race for reconciliation.**
- I. This is where the altar comes in!**
1. The altar . . . the place of sacrifice, the place where God lives . . . the believer reenacts the work that God has done for him.

2. **The sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, the stripes He bore for our healing, the forgiveness of our sins through the shedding of Jesus own blood, all of this is reenacted in the lives of every person for whom we pray.**
3. In this way the altar is indeed the place of sacrifice, not only in what people give up for God but in what they receive from Him as well.
4. As those who facilitate this work of God, we become witnesses of the act of infinite love of the **“Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 3:18 NKJV).**

***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2 NKJV).***

**With this in mind we should approach our altar work with joy, with a challenge to all who come.**

***And you . . . go down, go to the altar: make that sacrifice; the fire is lit, the incense is ready, the sword, is the Word (compare Heb. 4:12) which separates the soul from itself to be attached to God . . . escape from yourself, and take such a noble step of spiritual growth that you only find rest in the very being of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit!!***

#### **HOW TO PRAY AND WHAT TO PRAY FOR.**

##### **A. Pray Without Ceasing**

All Christians, ministers and lay people, are encouraged to **“Pray without ceasing”** (1 Thess. 5:17) for a multiplicity of needs: for healing (James 5:15), for freedom from temptation (Matt. 26:41), for boldness to witness (Eph. 6:18-19), for daily food (Matt. 6:11), for forgiveness of sins (Luke 11:4 and Acts 8:22), and for deliverance from the evil one (Matt. 6:13).

Since Jesus began the Lord’s Prayer with praise (**“Our Father . . . Hallowed be thy name** Luke 11:2 KJV), since the persecuted disciples began their prayer with worship and praise (**Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them”** Acts 4:24 NKJV), and since the leper who was cleansed (Matt. 8:2-3), the ruler whose daughter was delivered (Mark 5:6, 8, 13) all began their petition with worship and praise, we have good and successful examples to follow for the opening of our own daily prayers:

***“Lord, you are God. Before you there was no other God formed, neither shall there be after you. You made all things, and without you was not anything made that was made. All things were created by you and for you . . . the earth, the moon, the planets, the sun, the galaxies, the entire universe . . . and you are before all things, and by you all things consist. And you have all power and all authority in heaven and in earth. Praise your mighty name, your high and holy name.”***

**B. What to Pray for: Family and Relatives**

Samuel heavily (*“heavily”*: deliberate, decisively) emphasized the seriousness of our praying for our close friends and loved ones: *“Moreover, as for me (Samuel), far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you (his family, the Israelites, and his friends) (1 Sam. 12:23 NKJV).*

**How to Pray:** (Sample Prayer)

*“Jehovah God . . . Father Son and Holy Ghost . . . I lift (names of family members and friends) and lay them on the altar. I plead your Holy Spirit’s spiritual hedge of protection . . . in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Ghost, and because of your love and His stripes . . . around all these loved ones (already named).”*

*“I pray that you will give each of them an overwhelming touch of His stripes for healing and health, an overwhelming measure of your wisdom to solve their problems, an overwhelming amount of your grace to grow in, and an overwhelming outpouring of your Holy Spirit to make them effective witnesses for you. I pray that you will make them effective witnesses that you will open up opportunities, that you will give them divine appointments for witnessing every day, and that you will send them forth as effective witnesses into the harvest.*

**NOTE: If I do not pray for my family and friends, then I really don’t care about their eternal spiritual welfare!!**

**C. What to Pray for: Laborers to Go into the Harvest.**

One of the most forceful of the Lord’s command to pray dealt with soul winners going into harvest. *“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’” (Matt. 9:37-38 NKJV).*

**How to Pray**

*“I pray, Lord, that you will send effective laborers into the harvest from every effective Evangelical church, home and institution in the world; from every effective Pentecostal and Charismatic church, home and institution in the world; and from every effective Church of God, home, institution, youth camp, camp meeting, retreat, assembly, Sunday School, mission, class, school, college, seminar, and conference in the world.*

**NOTE:** If I do not love to see souls won to Christ, then I will not pray this important prayer.

**D. What to Pray for: The Salvation of the Lost.**

The prayer of Jesus for the conversion of the backsliding Peter sets a good example for us to intercede for the lost. *“But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren” (Luke 22:32 NKJV).*

**How to Pray**

Since the work of the Holy Spirit to convict or reprove the unsaved world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8), it is therefore proper to ask Him to accomplish this work in the hearts and lives of the lost: *“I pray that You Jehovah God the Holy Spirit, give (him, her, them) a conviction of sin, a desire to live righteously, and fear of judgment—daily: morning, noon and night.”*

*“I pray, Lord, that you will give them a clear cut insight into your Biblical plan of salvation, a clear-cut insight into their errors in concept and doctrine, and a sufficiency overwhelming fear of ending up in hell that they will seek out your plan of salvation in your Word.”*

*“I pray, Lord, that you will grant hunger for the Word, an insight into the Word, a desire to do your will, an understanding of the truth, a strong desire to be saved, and an assurance of salvation when they become saved.”*

*“I pray also, Lord, that You will grant them the faith to believe on Jesus, the grace to repent of and confess their sins, and the boldness to confess Christ before men” (See Acts 16:13; Luke 13:3; John 1:9 and Rom. 10:9-10).*

**NOTE:** If I do not pray for the salvation of the unsaved, then I am not interested in the objective of Jesus **to seek and save that which was lost.**

**E. What to Pray for: Readiness to God in the Rapture.**

The Lord Jesus underscored the fact that it would take continual spiritual vigilance and prayer to escape the tribulation: *“Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to **escape** all these things that come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36 NKJV). (“**escape**” ... what? the tribulation by leaving in the rapture).*

**How to Pray**

*“I pray, Lord, that you will place my entire family (name them) and me on your altar; and I pray that you will keep us under the blood, will keep our robes white, will keep us filled with the Holy Spirit, and will keep us looking for your coming (Titus 2:13) and loving [your] appearing (2 Tim. 4:8). If you come today, tomorrow, tomorrow night, the next day, the next night . . . please, Lord, do not fail to take us with you and please, Lord, do not leave us here for the tribulation period.”*

**NOTE:** If I do not watch and pray in order “to escape” the tribulation, then I am not really concerned about leaving in the rapture.

**F. What to Pray for: Pastors and Spiritual Leaders.**

All Christians, laymen, and ministers are greatly obligated to hold their leaders up in prayer: their pastors, their district leaders, state officials, general officials, local board and councils and home-church teachers and ministers. Someone translate Heb. 13:17 as: *“Remember them which rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God.”*

**How to Pray**

*“Lord, I pray for all of their soul winning, discipling, and equipping programs, of all Christian colleges and institutes around the world, of local church ministers and leaders, and all of the national and territorial officials on the mission fields all over the world. Lord give them souls for their hire!”*

*“I pray, Lord for all the problems—spiritual, financial, personal, and administrative—that are met and faced by all these church leaders. I lift these problems up, and place them on your altar; I pray, Almighty God, that you will come against the enemy of those problems being resolved and that you, Jehovah God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—will cause all of these multitude of problems to be resolved in a manner which cause your church to grow, and to be resolved in a way that will give the right sense spiritual direction to every adherent of the church throughout the world.”*

**NOTE:** If I have no spiritual vision for the future direction of my church . . . on both local and national level . . . then I will not pray for its leadership. **Note also Eph. 6:18-20**, Etc.

**G. What to Pray for: The Peace of Jerusalem and the Jews.**

One group of people who are seldom mentioned in prayer requests is the Jews. However, God not only directs us to pray for them but promises prosperity to those who love the Jews enough to obey this command (*“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee”* Psa. 122:6) and pronounces blessings upon those *“bless thee”* and curse upon *“him that curse you”* (Gen. 12:3).

**How to Pray**

*“I pray, Lord, that you will put your hedge of protection around your city, Jerusalem, and around all of its inhabitants and visitors. I pray that you will make that city and its people . . . especially the Jews . . . peaceful, safe harmonious and warless environment.”*

*“I lift up all the Jews, Israeli and Hebrews around the world, Lord I lay them on the altar; and I pray; (Use essentially here the prayer of salvation).*

*“I pray also, Father that you will give every Jew, Israeli, and Hebrew around the world an understanding of an insight into the Messiah-ship of Jesus of Nazareth, into Daniel 9, and Isaiah 53, the Deity of Christ, the Divinity of Christ, the Yahweh-ness of Christ, the God-ness of Christ, the Deity and personality of the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, the bodily resurrection of Christ, the physical return of Christ in the air and eternal punishment for the unsaved.”*

**NOTE:** If I do not pray for the Israelites and Jerusalem, then I do not really love the Jews.

#### **H. How to Receive Answers to Prayer.**

**1. Ask Unselfishly.**

*“You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss that you may spend it on your pleasures” (James 4:2-3 NKJV).*

**2. Ask, Seek and Knock with Perseverance.**

*“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.” (Matt. 7:7 NKJV).*

**3. Pray Continuously, Without Giving in to Discouragement.**

*“. . . men always ought to pray and not to lose heart, . . .” (Luke 18:1 NKJV)*

**4. Remain in Christ and in His Word.**

*“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask as you desire, and it shall be done for you” (John 15:7 NKJV).*

**5. Live a Righteous Life and Pray fervently.**

*“. . . The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” (James 5:16 NKJV).*

**6. Express Thankfulness.**

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; . . .” (Phil. 4:6 NKJV).*

**7. Praying in the Spirit.**

*“. . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, . . .” (Eph. 6:18 NKJV).*

*“Likewise the Spirit also helps our weakness. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God” (Rom. 8:26-27 NKJV).*

**Know that the Lord, your best problem-solver, desires to hear in prayer every single care, problem, hurt, pain, fear, adversity, failure, hardship, pressure, rejection worry, anxiety, burden, sorrow, heartache, and trouble that you may possible experience.**

***“casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).***

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FOR ALTAR WORKERS . . . & OTHER  
CHRISTIAN WORKERS**

TOPIC	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES	
Abortion	Ex. 21:22-25 Deut. 5:17 Psa.127:3-5	Psa. 139:13-16 James 2:11 James 5:6
Agreement/Disagreement	Matt. 18:9 Acts 2:1 Acts 4:24, 31	Acts 12:5 1 Cor. 10:17
Alcohol	Prov. 20:1 Prov. 23:19-20 Isa. 5:11-12, 22	Isa, 19:14 Rom. 13:13 Gal. 5:21
Anxiety, Worry and Tension	Isa. 35:4 Psa. 94:19 Matt. 6:24-34	Rom. 8:38-39 Phil. 4:6 1 Peter 5:7
Backsliding	Prov. 14:14 Jer. 3:1-25 Hosea 14:1-9	Gal. 4:9 Heb. 6:4-6 1 John 1:9
Bitterness and Resentment	Matt. 6:14-15 Rom. 12:14-21 Eph. 4:31-32	Heb. 12:14-15 James 3:14 1 Peter 2:23
Child Abuse	Ex. 21:22 Prov. 13:24 Mark 9:42	Eph. 6:4 Col. 3:21
Church Membership	Acts 2:41-42 Rom. 12:4-5 Eph. 2:19-22	Eph. 4:12-16 Heb. 10:25 1 Peter 2:5
<b><u>Compulsiveness</u></b> <b><i>Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)</i></b> <b><i>Obsessiveness, Uncontrollable, etc.</i></b>	<b>Isa. 41:10</b> Matt. 6:25-34 Matt; 7:11	Mark 9:24 John 6:37 1 Peter 5:7
Cults	2 Cor. 4:4 2 Cor. 11:13-15 1 Tim. 4:1-3	2 Tim. 4:1-3 2 Peter 2:1-3 Heb. 13:9
Deliverance	Psa. 34:1,4,7 Mark 16:17-18 Gal. 5:1	Heb. 2:4-15 1 John 4:4 1 John 5:4-5, 8-9
Discipling	Mat. 4:19 Matt. 10:37-38 Matt. 28:18-20	Luke 9:23 John 8:31 Acts 1:8

TOPIC	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES		
Discipline . . . Child	Deut. 6:5-7 Prov. 19:18 Prov. 22: 6,15	Eph. 6:4 1 Tim. 3:4 Titus 2:4	
Divorce	Gen. 2:24 Matt. 5:31-32 Matt. 19:3-9	Mark 10:2-12 Luke 16:18 1 Cor. 7:10-15	
Drugs	Isa. 55:2 Rom. 12:1-2 Rom. 13:13-14	1 Cor. 6:12, 19-20 1 Cor. 10:13 James 1:12-15	
Enemies	Ex. 23:4-5 Prov. 24:17-18 Luke 6:27-37	Rom. 12:14, 19-21 Matt. 5:43-48	
Envy/Jealousy	Prov. 14:30 1 Cor. 3:3 1 Cor. 13:4	Gal. 5:19-21,26 Phil. 2:3 James 3:14-16	
Faith	Matt. 17:20 John 3:15 Rom. 5:1	Rom. 10:17 2 Cor. 5:7 Gal. 2:16	
Fasting	Deut. 9:9,15-18 Dan. 1:8 Dan. 10:2-3	Luke 4:1-2 Acts 9:8, 9 Acts 14:23	
Favor	Psa. 23:1-6 Psa. 112:6-10 Jer. 29:11	Matt. 6:31-33 Acts 7:10 Eph. 1:3	
Fear	Psa. 27:1-6 Psa. 34:1-4 Isa. 35:4	Isa. 41:10 2 Tim. 1:7 1 John 4:18	
Finances	1 Chron. 29:14 Ecc. 5:10 Mal. 3:8-10	Luke 6:38 1 Cor. 16:2 Phil. 4:19	1 Tim. 6:10
Forgiveness of Sins	Psa. 78:38 Psa. 85:2 Psa. 103:10-12	Isa. 43:25 John 20:22-23 Mark 2:5	Col. 2:13
Fruit of the Spirit	John 15:1-8 2 Cor. 6:6-7 Gal. 5:16,22-23	Eph. 5:8 -9 Phil. 1:11 Col. 1:11	Col. 3:12
Gifts of the Spirit	Acts 10:44-46 Rom. 12:6-8 1 Cor. 12:4-11	1 Cor. 14:1-25 Eph. 4:11-12 1 Peter 4:9-11	

TOPIC	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES		
Giving and Tithing	Num. 18:21, 26. 1 Chron. 29:12-14 Matt. 16:19-21	Mark 12:41-44 Luke 6:38 Mal. 3:8-12	
Gossip	Lev. 19:16 Prov. 20:19 Eph. 4:31	1 Tim. 5:13 James 4:6,11-12 1 Peter 2:1	
Grief/Death	Psa. 147:3 Lam. 3:22-23 John 11:25-26	John 14:1-3 1 Cor. 13:12 Phil. 1:21	Rev. 21:4
Guidance	Psa. 25:9 Psa. 73:24 Prov. 3:4-6	Prov. 16:2-3 Prov. 21:2 Matt. 6:33	John 16:13 James 3:17
Guilt	Psa. 103:3 Isa. 1:18 Matt. 6:14	Rom. 6:23 Rom. 10:9-10 2 Cor. 5:17	1 John 1:9
Healing	Psa. 41:3 Isa. 53:4-5 Jer. 17:14	James 5:14-16 1 Peter 2:24 3 John 2	
Holy Spirit Baptism	Joel 2:28-29 Matt. 3:11 Luke 3:16	Luke 11:13 Acts 1:4-5, 8 Acts 2:4, 16-17,38-39	Acts 10:44-47 Acts 19:1-6
Homosexuality	Lev. 18:22-24 Lev. 20:13 Rom. 1:21,26-28, 32	1 Cor. 6:9-11 1 Tim. 1:8-11 Jude 5-8	
Hope in God	Isa. 40:3 Jer. 29:11 John 14:27	Rom. 8:24-25 Rom. 15:13 1 Peter 1:3	
Humility	2 Chron. 7:14 Prov. 18:12 Luke 14:11	Eph. 4:2 Col. 3:12 James 4:6,10	
Insomnia (Sleeplessness)	Psa. 3:5 Psa. 4:8 Psa. 127:2	Prov. 3:24 Jer. 31:26 Matt. 11:28	
Intercession	Isa. 53:12 Isa. 59:16 Ezek. 22:30-31	John 17:1-26 Eph. 6:18 Rom. 8:26-27,34	1 Tim. 2:1-2, 5
Judgmental/Critical	Matt. 7:1-6 Luke 6:37-42 John 8:1-8	Rom. 2:1-3 Rom. 14:4, 13 James 4:11-13	

TOPIC	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES	
Loneliness	Deut. 31:6 Psa. 121 Psa. 139:7-10	Isa. 43:1-2 Matt. 28:20 Heb. 13:5-6
Love	John 13:34-35 John 15:9-13 1 Cor. 13	1 Peter 1:22 1 John 3:14 1 John 4:7-8,20-21
Lust	Matt. 5:28 Rom. 6:12 Gal. 5:16-18	1 Tim. 2:22 James 1:13-15 1 John 2:15-16
Marital Relations	Matt. 19:6 Mark 10:9 Rom. 7:10	1 Cor. 7:3-4,10-11 Eph. 4:2-3 Eph. 5:22-33
Mental Illness	Psa. 34:17-20 Isa. 41:10 Matt. 7:14-20	Rom. 15:13 Phil. 4:6-8 2 Tim. 1:7
Obedience/Disobedience	Deut. 11:26-28 <i>(See also Deut. 28)</i> 1 Sam. 15:20-24	Isa. 1:19 James 1:19-27 Luke 6:46-49 John 14:15-21
Occult ( <u>Secret</u> : spiritual forces)	Luke 19:31 Lev. 20:6 Deut. 18:9-14	Acts 19:19 Gal. 5:19-21 Rev. 21:8
Parent/Child	Deut. 6:6-7 Deut. 12:28 Prov. 1:8-9	Prov. 17:6 Col. 3:21 Eph. 6:1-4
Peace	Isa. 26:3 John 14:27 Rom. 5:1	2 Cor. 13:11 Col. 3:15 2 Thess. 3:16
Praise	Psa. 28:7 Psa. 63:3-4 Isa. 25:1	Eph. 1:3 Phil. 4:8 Rev. 5:13
Prayer	1 Chron. 16:11 Matt. 7:7-8 Matt. 26:41	Luke 18:1 Eph. 6:18 1 Thess. 5:13
Pride/Original Sin	Prov. 16:5,18 Prov. 18:12 Prov. 27:2	1 Peter 5:6 James 4:6 1 John 2:16
Reconciliation	Matt. 5:23-26 Matt. 18:15-19 2 Cor. 5:18-19	Eph. 2:16 Col. 1:20 Heb. 2:7

TOPIC	SCRIPTURE REFERENCES	
Response/Repentance	Ezek. 18:31 Luke 13:3 Luke 15:7	Acts 17:30 2 Cor. 7:9-10 2 Peter 3:9
Salvation	John 1:12 John 3:3 Rom. 3:23	Rom. 10:13 2 Cor. 5:17 1 John 1:9
Sexual Sins	Rom. 1:27-28 1 Cor. 6:9-10 Eph. 5:3	Col. 3:5 Heb. 13:4 2 Peter 2:14
Submission	Rom. 8:7 Rom. 13:1-7 Eph. 5:21-24,33	Heb. 13:17 James 4:7 1 Peter 5:16
Suicide	2 Sam. 17:23 Isa. 41:10 Isa. 55:11	Jer. 29:11 John 10:10 1 John 4:4
Temptation	Matt. 6:13 Luke 11:4 Luke 22:40	1 Cor. 10:13 Eph. 6:13 James 1:13-18
The Unpardonable Sin	<b>Matt. 12:31-32</b> Isa. 63:10 Mark 3:29	Acts 5:3 Acts 7:51 Eph. 4:30
Vengeance	Ezek. 25:17 Matt. 12:17-21 Rom. 12:17-21	Eph. 4:31 Eph. 5:2 1 Thess. 5:15
Witnessing	Matt. 24:14 Matt. 28:19-20 Mark 16:15	Luke 24:47 Acts 1:8 Acts 26:17-18

**Eph. 6:7**

**“ . . . with goodwill doing service as to the Lord, and not to men, . . . ”**

### LESSON 4 Part A: Review Questions

1. What areas were discussed in Lesson Part A, Lesson 2 Part A and Lesson 3 Part A in relation to the altar worker?

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2. In what way some people misunderstand the meaning of persistent prayer?

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3. Complete the following by choosing the correct answer:

“None of us in the altar should ever get to the place where \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

- (a) we forget to depend on self.
- (b) we forget our need of God.
- (c) we depend too much on God.
- (d) we fail to trust our friends.

4. As we minister at the altar, what should be our main objective?

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5. Briefly explain: **“We must enter the ‘rest’ that God planned for all of us from the beginning!”**

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6. At what point in the history of man that the **“rest of God”** (Heb. 4:1-5) became a difficulty to be experienced?

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7. (a) Answer True or False. (b) Explain your answer.  
“Because of Adam’s transgression, God has not been reaching out to man, throughout the centuries to this very day.”

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8. Complete the following:  
“Our challenge as the (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is to be the (b) \_\_\_\_\_ by which the (c) \_\_\_\_\_ work of the Holy Spirit is (d) \_\_\_\_\_ to the ongoing (e) \_\_\_\_\_ of the (f) \_\_\_\_\_ race for (g) \_\_\_\_\_.”

9. How is the sacrificial price Christ paid for our redemption **reenacted when we pray for each person?**

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10. As it relates to prayer, one thing that we are encouraged to do as altar workers is to **“Pray without ceasing.”** (1 Thess. 5:17). Briefly explain this verse. (See page 3).

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11. (a) What Samuel heavily ("**heavily**": *deliberately, decisively, etc.*) emphasized in prayer as noted in 1 Sam. 12:23 (*Who "you" most likely referred to in this verse?*). (b) In essence, what does it mean when we do not pray for our family and friends?

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12. (a) Answer True or False. (b) Explain your answer.  
 "Jesus did not place emphasis on praying for laborers to go into the harvest."

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13. Match the statements of the left with the correct reference on the right.

Who To Pray For	Correct Reference	Jumbled References
Salvation for the lost		Psa. 122:6
Readiness to God in the rapture		Eph. 6:18-20
Pastors and spiritual leaders		Luke 22:33
The peace of Jerusalem and the Jews.		Luke 21:36

14. In our lesson we noted seven things that relates as to how to receive answers to prayer; list all areas suggested with references.

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15. We noted numerous topics with references that can be used by altar workers or any Christian worker. I have highlighted 10 of these, give three references for each.

- (a) Abortion \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Bitterness and resentment \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Discipling \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Envy/Jealousy \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (e) Fasting \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Fruit of the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (g) Love \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) Reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) Temptation \_\_\_\_\_
- (j) Witnessing \_\_\_\_\_

## LESSON 4 Part A: Answers for Review Questions

1. **Answer:**  
We looked at the altar worker, their qualifications and the task with which they are entrusted. Page 1
  
2. **Answer:**  
They believe that all of God's blessings are transitory ("*transitory*": *not lasting, temporal*), that they can only get enough at one time for a short period. This is demonstrated for example in some coming back to the altar week after week with the same situation. Page 1
  
3. **Answer:**  
Item (b) . . . we forget our need of God. Page 1
  
4. **Answer:**  
Our objective as altar workers is to be ministering channels for Christ's finished work on the cross in the lives of those for whom we pray. Page 1
  
5. **Answer:**  
(a) See Gen. 2:2  
(b) God's rest was not because He was tired, but because His work was completed. His work in the lives of those who seek Him is complete.  
Please see Pages 2-3
  
6. **Answer:**  
Ever since Adam and Eve were rejected from the Garden, man has had a hard time finding rest.  
For more information, see Page 2.
  
7. **Answer:**  
(a) False.  
(b) Throughout the centuries God has reached out to man through the prophets and other servants of God and in these last days to us in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:1-4; etc.).  
For more information, see Page 2.
  
8. **Answer:**  
(a) church (b) vessel (c) ongoing (d) applied (e) need (f) human (g) reconciliation  
Page 2.

9. **Answer:**

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, the stripes He bore for our healing, the forgiveness for our sins through the shedding of Jesus' own blood, all of this is reenacted in the lives of every person for whom we pray.  
For more information, see Page 3.

10. **Answer:**

**Sample Answer:**

We cannot spend all our time on our knees, but it is possible to have a prayerful attitude at all times. This attitude is built upon acknowledging our dependence on God, realizing His presence within us, and determining to obey Him fully. Then we will find it natural to pray frequent, spontaneous, short prayers. **A prayerful attitude is NOT a substitute for regular time of prayer but should be an outgrowth of those times.**

**Etc. . . . Just stay within context.**

11. **Answer:**

- (a) Samuel heavily ("**heavily**": **deliberately, decisively, etc.**) emphasized the seriousness of praying for our close friends and loved ones.
- (b) If we do not pray for our family and friends, then we do not care about their eternal spiritual welfare. Page 4

12. **Answer:**

- (a) False.
- (b) One of the most forceful of the Lord's command was to pray for laborers to go into the harvest (Matt. 9:37-38). Page 4

13. **Answer:**

Who To Pray For	Correct Reference	Jumbled References
Salvation for the lost	Luke 22:33	
Readiness to God in the rapture	Luke 21:36	
Pastors and spiritual leaders	Eph. 6:18-20	
The peace of Jerusalem and the Jews	Psa. 122:6	

Pages 4-6

14. **Answer:**

- (a) Ask unselfishly (James 4:2-3).
- (b) Ask, seek, and knock with perseverance (Matt. 7:7).
- (c) Pray continuously without giving in to discouragement (Luke 18:1).
- (d) Remain in Christ and in His Word (John 15:7).
- (e) Live a righteous life and pray fervently (James 5:16)
- (f) Express thankfulness (Phil. 4:6).
- (g) Praying in the Spirit (Eph. 6:18) Page 7

**15. Answer:**

- (a) Abortion: Ex. 21:22-25; Deut. 5:17; Psa. 127:3-5, etc.
  - (b) Bitterness and Resentment: Matt. 6:14-15; Rom. 12:14-21; Eph. 4:31; etc.
  - (c) Discipling: Matt. 4:19; Matt.10:37; Matt. 28:18-20; etc.
  - (d) Envy/Jealously: Prov. 14:30; 1 Cor. 3:3; 1 Cor. 13:4; etc.
  - (e) Fasting: Deut. 9:9, 15-18; Dan. 10:2-3; etc.
  - (f) Fruit of the Spirit: John 15:1-8; 2 Cor. 6:6-7; Gal. 5:16, 22-23; etc.
  - (g) Temptation: Matt. 6:13; Luke 11:4; Luke 22:40; etc.
  - (h) Witnessing: Matt. 24:14; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:25; etc.
- For more information, see Pages 8-12

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