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2 Chronicles 19:3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and **hast prepared thine heart to seek God.**

"LOOK FOR HIS COMING"

All scriptures are quoted from the King James Version of the Bible.

Have you come one on one with the Lord?

Prayer 5 Sinner's Prayer

Repeat after me (often called the Sinner's prayer)- ?

One may get the wrong idea and say that I said for a sinner not to pray. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Any sinner needs to pray. It should be from that person's heart and be from a good heart. What we are discussing here is a prayer made by someone else and the individual is to repeat the thoughts of someone else. In other words they are being given the words and told what to pray and how to pray. They are in effect praying for you.

The Bible is written Precept upon Precept from the beginning to the end. Repeating what someone has written as a prayer unto God for salvation does not meet the precepts of the Bible. Where is the individual seeking the Lord, where is the contrite heart, contrite spirit, good heart, conviction, repentance, confession, and turning away from. To me salvation is a one on one relationship with the Lord. We in modern days have lowered the bar so low for easy believe-ism that people get the impression all they have to do is walk the aisle- be baptized - put their name on the church roll (get their ticket punched) and they are ready to go. To me salvation is a one on one relationship between an individual and the Lord with the individual seeking the Lord with a good heart and the Lord seeks those that seek him in a contrite spirit. Then comes conviction and repentance (Lk. 13:5) with confession (1 Jn. 4:15) of the mouth. In other words the Father must draw (Jn. 6:44) you by the spirit of God to the new birth or be born again (Jn. 3:3). We are talking about dedication, commitment, surrender, follow the master (Mt. 16:24), abide in him (Jn. 12:4), seek his ways, not our ways, a way of life, or complete surrender of ones self.

Where does the sinner's prayer written by some man to be repeated after them come from? Often 3, 4, or 5 year old can be among them and we say we do not believe in infant baptism. Do they really understand at that age? In our modern day progressive way of thinking if one out of a thousand age 5 understood then take in the full thousand even those 3 or 4 years old.

About the time of the Great Depression we had already started into a mechanized society. We were looking to machines to do what we formally had to do with our hands. More and more we moved into the Industrial Revolution, especially during war time. With the telephone, electricity, button pushing became a norm. We have now entered the electronic age where every thing is expected to be faster and faster and easier and easier.

During World War II people rushed to the churches to seek the help of God. We had mates, sons, and daughters, friends and neighbors in harms way. Yes, we could have even lost the war and become a conquered people. After the war it appears we did not need God anymore so the attendance at most churches dropped greatly. As I see it we then looked to the hand of man to solve the problem and started seeking enticement to lure people into the house of God. Everything from food, trips, amusement, entertainment, sports, and even listening to major bowl games on T. V. at the house of the Lord. We call everything fellowship and we can do just about anything if we have a moment of prayer or a short devotional and call it worshipping God.

Now, we are not getting enough members coming for baptism so we need to lower the bar or standards. No doubt the sinner's prayer had been started before, but now it blossomed and bloomed to it's fullest.

Before many groups had been separated by infant and adult baptism, which clearly distinguished one group from the other. Most adult baptizers believe a person has to be of an age to know right from wrong and to be able to understand where a life time commitment could be made. Normally most adult baptizers baptized mostly from 12 to 16 and above. Now it has been reported one of the prominent denominations suggest their fastest growing age group for baptism is 5 years and under.

Where is seeking the Lord, confession, conviction, repentance, conversion and born again?

**We Now Look to the Good Life - Every Thing Made Easy - Quick Easy
-Look to the Hand of Man**

Tozer (well known Christian pastor, author and editor) suggest
"I believe that entertainment and amusements are the work of the Enemy to keep dying men from knowing they're dying; and to keep enemies of God from

remembering that they're enemies.”

—A.W. Tozer

“Secularism, materialism, and the intrusive presence of things have put out the light in our souls and turned us into a generation of zombies.”

—A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy

Mt. 15:13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

What does the bible tell us about prayer?

A few are listed below:

Lord's Prayer - Model Prayer

Who to Pray to - Our Father

How to Pray - Secret

Where to Pray - Closet

One Accord - Unity

Effectual Fervent Prayer - Availeth Much

Continually - Without Ceasing

Prepared Heart - Good Heart - Contrite Spirit - Contrite Heart

Who to Pray For? - One Another - Those that Spitefully Use You and Persecute You
- Lost - Sick - Bereaved - Ourselves - Etc.

How not to Pray

In the Corners of the Streets to be Heard of Men

Love to Pray Standing in the Synagogues

Vain Repetition - As the Heathens Do

Much Speaking - Think They Will Be Heard for Much Speaking

Hearts not Prepared to Seek the Face of God

From the Mind - Rather than the Heart

Selfishly - Without Humility

Mt. 21:21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Often times the sinner's prayer is printed in the back of New Testaments and Bibles handed out. The sinners prayer is often handed out in pamphlets and tracts. Many ministers use it when counseling with an individual saying repeat after me.

What Does The Bible Say About Salvation?

Seeketh Findeth

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Drawn by the Father

John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Believe upon the Son

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Repent and Confess

Luke 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

1 John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

Ma. 15:13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up

Ps 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

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