

Soul Care Series
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PPT “House of Prayer”
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the NKJV.

Mark 11:17 “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Matthew 22:37-38 “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

What is the purpose of the House of God?

Exodus 29:42-43 “This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet you to speak with you. And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory.”

- We communicate with God through prayer.
- “I will meet you to speak with you.”

2 Chronicles 7:14-15 “if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.”

- God’s greatest desire is to forgive us and heal our land.
- The power of God is released when the people of God humble themselves and pray.

My House shall be called a House of Prayer

Mark 11:17 – “Then He taught, saying to them, ‘Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of thieves.’”

- They had turned the House into something other than what it was intended to be.
- Jesus was quoting Isaiah 56:7-8

The purpose of the church is to be a house of prayer, a meeting place for God to commune with His people both individually and corporately.

It is Time to Seek the Lord

Hosea 10:12 “Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the Lord, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.”

- When we pray God promises to respond.

Psalm 105:4 “Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore!”

- God would not tell us to seek something if we were not able to find it.

Call to Me and I Will Answer YOU!

Jeremiah 33:3 “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

2 Corinthians 2:9-10 “But as it is written: ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.’ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”

The book of Acts illustrates the power of God released through the lives of a praying church.

Acts 2:42-47 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles...”

When God’s people commit themselves to prayer....

Ephesians 3:20-21 “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Lord Make Me a House of Prayer – by Eddie James