

WHAT A FRIEND--IN PRAYER

Text: John 15:13-16

INTRO: What a friend we have in Jesus! Greater love, greater friendship cannot exist. He gave Himself for us. He has made us more than servants. And He has given us the blessed privilege of prayer.

I. OUR FRIEND JESUS WAS A "MAN OF PRAYER."

To Him, the temple was a "house of prayer." But He also prayed in the wilderness, along the sea shore, in the mountains, in the garden, along the highways & byways--just about everywhere He went.

Mark 1:35, Having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; & there He prayed.

Luke 6:12, Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, & continued all night in prayer to God.

II. JESUS INVITED, ENCOURAGED, & ADMONISHED HIS FRIENDS TO PRAY.

Matt. 9:38, Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Matt. 24:20, Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath..

READ MATTHEW 7:7-8

III. JESUS TAUGHT HIS FRIENDS HOW TO PRAY.

A. On 2 separate occasions, He gave them basically the same sample or model prayer; first in His sermon on the

mount, Matt. 6:9-13; and later, when some of them came and asked Him to teach them to pray, LK 11:1-4.

1. Praise God, hallow His name,
kingdom, power & glory forever
2. Petition for physical needs;
daily bread
3. Petition for spiritual needs;
forgiveness, deliverance
from temptation, etc.

B. He also taught them by His own actions. He was always a "Man" of prayer".

1. Thanksgiving.
2. Strength.
3. Fellowship. Communication with
His Father.

IV. HE INTERCEDES FOR HIS FRIENDS WHEN THEY
PRAY. READ ROMANS 8:26-27, 34

Heb. 7:25, Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God thru Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

CONCLUSION: He admonishes us to watch & pray until He returns to take us home to heaven.

READ MARK 14:38; 13:33

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