

Matthew 6:6-7

6) But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet... and shut thy door... pray to the Father which is in secret...

7) But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions...

## SHUT UP AND PRAY

The word "Closet" is defined in the original as "a secret chamber." The spiritual metaphor reflects a mysteriously hidden dimension in prayer previously unknown or unrealized to the one praying. It is in this spiritual realm we find God. Seek, and ye shall find. Shut all the distractions out. Time is secondary. Future plans and past events are put on hold as we pray to the Father, which is "in" secret. He is not "a" secret but rather "in" secret; therefore, He can only be discovered in the secret chambers of prayer. He that dwells in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty of whom is residing Himself in the hidden chamber.

Why? He is infinitely intimate. Only the careful sober, and intimate will find Him. To leave the door open is to pray with spiritually open borders.

## Freewheeling Prayers

Everywhere, unsettled, emotionally charged if not even chaotic prayers define the freewheelers of prayer. High on emotion but low on spiritual authority. Loud and boisterous, but never effectual. The trafficking of spirits by way of an open door hinders results in prayer and is brutal on the spiritual man.

The Flesh interferes—the devil torments. The world entices. The mind lives under siege. The carnal man's only recourse if he refuses to die out in prayer by losing himself in the inner chamber of prayer, is to activate his religious mind in hopes of overcoming. He will soon discover frustration of faith and great futility in prayer.

So shut the door. Shut the door in your mind and spirit. Cease religious and repetitious verbiage (v.7) which profits nothing. Repetitious prayers reflects an open door. Redundant phrases merely props up the religious man while starving the spiritual man. Cease the hypocritical religious motions of unregenerate men and pray.

Pray till the renewing comes. Pray till the fountains of the deep erupt and tears flood the faces of the physical man. Pray till you speak in the tongues that edify the spiritual man. Pray till dominion and spiritual authority is restored. Pray till you are changed. A situation that has not changed or does not change can only be victoriously approached whenever we ourselves have been spiritually transformed by prayer. A change enjoyed only by discovering His Holiness within the hidden chambers of spiritual networks through travailing prayer. So shut up and pray!

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