hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." (1 John 5:14-15)

CONCLUSION

Quote: "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God." – **William Carey**

MIDWEEK SERVICE The Christ Centered Life

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Title: Preparation Through Prayer

"I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." (Psalm 81:10)

INTRODUCTION

Quote: "All of our failures are prayer failures." – John R. Rice

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matthew 24:35)

"This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." (Psalm 34:6)

1. We Must Prepare Our _____

A. We Must Not _____ Sin in our Hearts

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:" (Psalm 66:18)

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: ² But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and



your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." (Isaiah 59:1-2)

B. We Must _____ All Known Sin

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

"And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately. Why could not we cast him out?²⁹ And he said unto them. This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." (Mark 9:28-29)

"And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." (Acts 14:23)

2. We Must Prepare Our _____

A. Lives

" Confess your faults one to another, and prav one for another. that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." (1 Peter 3:12)

B. Lives

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his *sight.*" (1 John 3:22)

C. _____ Lives

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7)

D. Lives

"Likewise, ve husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your pravers be not hindered." (1 Peter 3:7)

3. We Must Prepare In _____

A. Faith Invites

"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." (Mark 9:23)

B. Faith Pleases

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

"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." (Matthew 7:7-8)

4. We Must Be Prepared In Our

A. Motives

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." (James 4:3)

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (*Matthew* 6:10)

B. Motives

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵ And if we know that he