

Sunday, October 15, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Heart’s Cry

Series: Prayer 2023

Text: Text: Exodus 33:18 - 23 and Psalm 27:1 - 14

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to give examine their own heart to determine, clarify, and establish the ONE THING that drives them...their true PASSION!

Introduction:

Last weekend was Thanksgiving and the devotional was entitled, “Giving Thanks to the LORD:”

1) Thank You for the GIFT of Christ Jesus, 2) Thank You for the GIFT of Faith, 3) Thank You for the GIFT of the Holy Spirit, 4) Thank You for the GIFT of Your Love

~ Global tensions and opinions are rising. Some pro for one and others pro for another; especially regarding the conflict in the Middle East.

~ Prayers can become panic stricken or opinion driven and thus totally miss the mark of HIS will!

~ Exodus 33:18, “Moses said, “Please show me your glory.””

~ Psalm 27:4, “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.”

~ Psalm 27:8, “You have said, “Seek my face. My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.””

~ What is the cry of MY heart?

1. Heart’s Cry of Moses:

~ Consider the situation in Exodus 33

~ Consider the depth of Moses’ prayer in verse 18, “Moses said, “Please show me your glory.””

~ The response of the LORD is most insightful, “And he said,”...

~ vs. 19, “I will make all my goodness pass before you” – THANKSGIVING

~ vs. 19, “and I will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’” – AWESOME GOD

~ vs. 19, “And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.” – HOLY SOVERNGTY

~ vs. 20, “”But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live,” UNCOMPREHENDABLE MAJESTY

~ vs. 21, “And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, (22) and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.” CHRIST JESUS cf. 1 Corinthians 10:4

~ vs. 23, “Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face shall not be seen.” DIVINE ILLUMINATION

2. Heart’s Cry of the Psalmist:

~ Psalm 27:4, “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.”

~ The one passion produces a determined seeking after which desires to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD. I am persuaded that alters my asking of the LORD God Almighty. I believe it produces a calm confidence in God.

~ In that calmness we hear; (8) “You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

~ The result is: (13) “I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! (14) Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!”

This is the foundation for/of LISTENING PRAYER

3. Heart’s Cry of Believers:

~ John 6:40, “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

~ Matthew 6:9 – 10, Pray then like this; “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, (10) Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

~ Philippians 4:6 – 7, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

~ Revelation 22:7 – 21; vs. 20, “He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!”

Conclusion:

Baby Dedication