

THE PLACES AND POSTURES OF PRAYER

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1. The Scriptures does not emphasize the place of prayer, and biblically people seemed to pray everywhere.

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| -- in _____ (2 Chron. 13:14-16) | -- on a _____ (Luke 6:12) |
| -- in a _____ (1 Kings 19:9-10) | -- on a _____ (Luke 23:34, 46) |
| -- in _____ (Psalm 4:3-4, 8; 63:6) | -- in a _____ (Acts 9:39-40) |
| -- in a _____ (Jonah 2:1-10) | -- on a _____ (Acts 10:9) |
| -- in a _____ (Matt. 6:5) | -- by a _____ (Acts 16:13) |
| -- in a _____ (Matt. 6:6) | -- in _____ (Acts 16:23-26) |
| -- in a _____ (Matt. 26:36-44) | -- by the _____ (Acts 21:5-6) |
| -- in _____ (Mark 1:35) | -- _____ (1 Tim. 2:8) |
| -- in the _____ (Luke 5:16) | |

2. Since regular prayer is important, there is value in having a _____ and _____ set aside for a quiet time or devotional with the Lord. (Ps. 55:17; Dan. 6:10)

3. The Bible does not emphasize the circumstances of prayer, because people prayed in all kinds of different situations.

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| -- with a _____ head | (Job 1:20-21) |
| -- sitting in _____ | (Job 2:8) |
| -- while _____ | (Deut. 9:18) |
| -- applying _____ to head | (Josh. 7:6) |
| -- rending _____ | (1 Kings 21:27) |
| -- while _____ | (Psalm 6:4-6a) |
| -- while _____ | (Psalm 6:6b-7) |
| -- making _____ | (Psalm 20:1-3) |
| -- wearing _____ | (Psalm 35:13) |
| -- pouring out one's _____ | (Psalm 62:8) |

- while _____ (Ezek. 9:4)
- smiting _____ (Luke 18:13)
- sweating _____ (Luke 22:44)
- in _____ (Luke 22:44)

4. Since you are to “*pray without ceasing*” any _____ or _____ will be sufficient. (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

VI. THE POSTURES OF PRAYER

1. The Scripture does not emphasize a particular posture of prayer; people prayed in all sorts of different positions.

- people prayed _____ (Gen. 24:12-14)
- people prayed _____ (Ex. 34:8)
- people prayed _____ (Judges 20:26)
- people prayed _____ between _____ (1 Kings 18:42)
- people prayed facing the _____ (Dan. 6:10)
- people prayed _____ their _____ (Matt. 26:39)
- people prayed _____ (Mark 1:40; Eph 3:14-15)
- people prayed w/ uplifted _____ (John 17:1)
- people prayed w/ uplifted _____ (Lam. 3:41)

2. The Bible DOES emphasize that you are to have an attitude of _____, submission, _____ and _____ on the Lord when you pray.

* If everyone is going to eventually bow the knee to Christ, shouldn't we be thinking along those lines now? (Rom. 11:1-4; 14:11-12; Philip. 2:9-11)

3. What you can conclude from all of these Bible verses is that God is _____ as concerned with your posture nor your location as much as He is about your _____ heart and _____.

* First things first, are you even willing to pray at all?