



The Acceptable Worship

Introduction:

Praying is the only real connection between God and his people. It is a direct conversation and an instant reply. Jesus, himself, has been seen always praying and crying; also, he gave numerous of examples about praying and how to worship the lord through humility and fear. For instance, in Luke Ch. 18, we find two examples of the acceptable worship: the judge who has no fear for God and the sinner and the phrase who went to the temple to pray.

There are also a lot of examples of acceptable worship in the Old Testament such as, Anna the mother of Samuel.

The conditions for acceptable prayers:

Observe the story of Anna in (Samuel chapter 1)

So, the question, here, is what are the conditions for an acceptable prayer?

- 1) It has to be by the Spirit:
 - a. Coming for the deep of your heart like said in the psalm in the 12th hour “from the deep of my heart, I shout to you”
 - b. By love, it is neither done out of duty nor forced to do
 - c. Wisdom, through understanding and thinking about it

- 2) With faith:

It doesn't matter how long you kept on praying without being answered as long as you believe in his promises; Daniel prayed for 21 days without being answered but he kept on going because he believed in god will not leave him without comfort.

3) With humility:

Jesus said on himself “learn from me because I am humble”. God doesn’t listen for an arrogant person like in Luke 18 the arrogant phrase who fell in arrogance, self righteous and judging while the sinner couldn’t even look to the heaven. That is why the sinner came down from the temple was forgiven while the other was condemned.

4) with tears:

People, who pray with tears, move even God’s heart. As it was said in the Song of Songs, God said to his lover to hide their eyes because they made god sad.

5) with repetition without boring:

The Lady, who went to the unjust judge, didn’t got what she wanted except by keep repeating.

Some practice for praying:

- 1) Try to keep it as long as possible
- 2) As soon as you decided to pray. Don’t postpone it.
- 3) With psalms. Because it contains a lot of comfort and peace.
- 4) In all the times. Keep God in your mind.
- 5) Pray while you are standing or worshipping.
- 6) Privately and not around a lot of people.
- 7) Repeat the parts that touch your heart.

Reference:

- 1) the holy bible
- 2) The sermon for the bishop Yaqoboas “the acceptable prayer”