

PRAYER STUDY 21  
"Communion with God-Part 4"

HABBUKKAH 2:1-2

*"I will stand at my GUARD POST, and I will Keep WATCH AND SEE what He will SPEAK to me. Then the Lord said, RECORD THE VISION."*

1. BE STILL.
2. HAVE VISION.
3. LISTEN TO SPONTANEOUS INNER THOUGHTS.
4. JOURNAL.

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1. Being a Berean(Acts 17:1-12)
  2. Testing Whether an Image is from Self, Satan, or God
  3. Principles of Prayer

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**Being a Berean**

Two Possible Inner Focuses:

1. THE THESSALONIANS(Acts 17:1-9)
  - a. They looked to divide(to prove it wrong).
  - b. This focus closes one down to the Spirit's teaching.
2. THE BEREANS(Acts 17:10-12)
  - a. They looked to reconcile("to see if those things were so").
  - b. This focus opens one up to all the Spirit has to say.

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**Testing Whether an Image is From Self, Satan, or God**

1. FIND ITS ORIGIN(Test the Spirit)

*"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God because many false prophets have gone out into the world."* 1 John 4:1
2. EXAMINE ITS ORIGIN(Test the Ideas)

*"They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them."* 1 John 4:5
3. SEE ITS FRUIT (Test the Fruit)

*"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits..."* Matthew 7:15-16a

## PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER

1. Forgive: Mark 11:25, John 15:9, John 15:12-13, 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7-8, 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:12, 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:18-21
2. Walk in holiness: Psalm 66:18, Isaiah 5:1-2, Hebrews 5:7, Hebrews 12:1, James 5:16
3. Be open to RHEMA: Mark 11:22-23, Romans 10:10a & 17, 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14-15, John 15:7, Hebrews 11:1 & 6, James 1:6-7
4. Pray fervently and earnestly with your whole heart: James 5:17-18, 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:43, Psalm 119:58, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 15:15b
5. Pray in Jesus' Name: John 14:13, Mark 16:17
6. Speak to the mountain (rather than simply praying to Jesus) and hold fast to your confession: Mark 11:23, Matthew 8:26, Hebrews 10:23
7. See it done! Believe that what you say is going to happen: Mark 11:23-24
8. Pray until you praise. A need is not prayed for completely until it has been overcome in prayer by the power and promises of God, and you have entered peace: Philippians 4:6-7
9. Pray persistently and exercise patience: Luke 11:8-10, Luke 18:1 & 7, Hebrews 6:12
10. Fortify prayer with fasting: Isaiah 58, Matthew 9:15, Matthew 17:21
11. Pray with intensity, with compassion, with a broken heart, with groaning and travail: Matthew 20:34, Psalm 62:8, Psalm 34:18, Hebrews 5:7, Luke 22:44, Romans 8:26
12. Pray when you need God's strength. Do not hide yourself in shame at your weakness. Hebrews 4:16, Psalm 50:15
13. Pray in secret: Matthew 6:6
14. Pray specifically: Acts 4:29-31
15. Resist satan's attack by calling upon God. Do not fight satan yourself. You will lose! : 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:3-5, James 4:6-8, Ephesians 6:10-13
16. Sow bountifully, for in so doing you will reap bountifully: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:6-8, Philippians 4:16 & 17 & 19
17. Avoid vain repetition: Matthew 6:7, Luke 20:47
18. Do not seek your own pleasure: James 4:3

(I am not sure from what source this came.)

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