

B. A Higher _____

“...marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.” (Ecclesiastes 5:8b)

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” (Revelation 1:8)

“And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Revelation 19:16)

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

CONCLUSION

PRAYER LIST

CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor and Family Open House Follow Up
Leadership Team and Ministry Staff

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

SLC Dining Hall Remodel Worship Center Remodel

SPECIAL REQUESTS

President Biden Laborers for the Harvest
Armed Forces Law Enforcement
Firefighters Medical Personnel



VIEW THE NOTES ONLINE



VIEW THE FULL PRAYER LIST
lancasterbaptist.org/prayer



FRESH ENCOUNTER

VERACITY, VOWS, & VIOLENCE

OCTOBER 23, 2024 | JOHN GOETSCH

“Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool’s voice is known by multitude of words. 4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. 5 Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay. 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God. 8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

1. A WORSHIP _____

“Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1a)

*Our worship must never be simply formality, routine, or habitual.

A. A _____ Approach

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)

*Just as we keep our heart with diligence, we must intentionally and purposely keep our feet as we come to church with guarded and proper intent.

“Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.” (Proverbs 4:26)

B. A _____ Attention

“...and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.” (Ecclesiastes 5:1b)

“Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.” (Proverbs 8:34)

“The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.” (Proverbs 15:31)

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” (James 1:19)

*We often remember what we said and what angered us at church, but we do not remember what we heard from God at church.

2. A WILLFUL _____

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” (James 1:22)

A. A Thoughtful _____

“Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool’s voice is known by multitude of words.” (Ecclesiastes 5:2-3)

“Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.” (Proverbs 29:20)

*Our decisions should be made humbly, soberly, and reverently.

“Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place? 7 All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.” (Ecclesiastes 6:6-7)

*Remember, our reaction to God’s Word must include an action.

B. A Thievish _____

“When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. 5 Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.” (Ecclesiastes 5:4-5)

*God always speaks in the present tense.

“Today if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your heart.” (Psalm 95:7b-8a)

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;” (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

“...behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2b)

“Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.” (Proverbs 27:1)

C. A Thin _____

“Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.” (Ecclesiastes 5:6-7)

“If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.” (Numbers 30:2)

“When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.” (Deuteronomy 23:21)

3. A WASTED _____

A. A Hostile _____

“If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of justice and judgment in a province.” (Ecclesiastes 5:8a)

*Eventually all governments cease to govern themselves.

*To test a man’s character, put him in power.

“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.” (2 Timothy 3:13)