

Godliness: Prayer (Psalm 63)

Introduction

- Complete the John Owen quotation: “A minister may fill his pews, his communion roll, and the mouths of the public, but what that minister is on his knees in secret before God Almighty...”
- What is godliness?
- How does prayer relate to our relationship with God?

Psalm 63

- What does David say about his relationship with God in v1?
- How strong is David’s desire for him?
- What is bold about what David says in v3?
- How does David feel about the Lord in v5?
- Why does David think about the Lord at night in v6?
- What does David do in v8?
- Why doesn’t David mention his enemies until v9?
- David’s prayer clearly flows from his relationship with the Lord. How does it also strengthen his relationship with the Lord?
- Do you have a relationship with the Lord?
- If not, how can you get one?
- If you are a Christian, how do you measure up against the great statements of v1, v3, v5, v6 and v8?

- How can you strengthen your relationship with him, then?
- Why do we find prayer hard?

Developing good prayer habits

- What are the six steps for kickstarting your prayer life which Phillip Jensen and Tony Payne give in their book “Prayer and the Voice of God”?
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 - ii)
 - iii)
 - iv)
 - v)
 - vi)

Conclusion

- How does thinking about prayer help us to grow in godliness as individuals?
- How does thinking about prayer help us to grow in godliness as churches?
- Why, then, are prayer meetings important?