

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 178

Main Point of Text: The friends David loved hate him like enemies; he chooses to deal with them in prayer.

A.C.T.S. Parts of talking, having fellowship with God.

Sermon Point: *Give Yourselves to Prayer.*

Move 1: Give yourselves to talking with your glorious God.

LC: “Prayer is ... unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit”. Adoration:

- John 16:23. Direct access through Christ’s merit/mediation.
- I. Watts: “Invocation”. Address them by their names and titles. This develops adoration/reverence.
- Ask Holy Spirit for help: Rom. 8:26.

Move 2: Give yourselves to confession before your holy God.

LC: “with confession of our sins”.

- Ps. 32:5-6.
- WCF 15:5: ... *it is every man's duty to endeavor to repent of his particular sins particularly.*
- Personally/corporately. Sound like Dan. 9:3-5.

Move 3: Give yourselves to thanking your merciful God.

LC: “and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies”. Thanksgiving: 1 Thess. 5:18. Grateful acknowledgment to the giver of the gift, server of the service. Phil. 4:6

Move 4: Give yourselves to making supplication to the only true Supplier.

LC: “Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God”. Supplication. Provision/protection:

- Ps. 62:8. Taking refuge in God Himself is your greatest need. Ps. 109:4:
 - Context: David gets treated like an enemy for being a friend. Repeatedly. See also vs. 5.
 - Instead of taking revenge, he takes refuge. Literally, “I prayer”. Not a verb, but a noun.

Conclusion:

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