The Will of the Lord
For HOPE Church

Mark 11:17
Isaiah 56:1-8

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Philippines
Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.
The Threefold Daily Prayers

- Third Hours: 9:00 AM
- Sixth Hours: Noon
- Ninth Hours: 3:00 PM

"They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:41-42)
Psalm 55:16-17

• "But I call to God, and the Lord will save me"

• Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud, and he shall hear my voice." -
He had windows open toward Jerusalem
He got down on his knees
Three times a day, prayed & gave thanks to God
Cleansing of the Temple & Covenant Renewal

2 Chronicles 34:29-31
Psalm 137

1. By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.
2. There on the poplars we hung our harps,
3. for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
4. How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?
5. If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.
• 6 May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.

• 7 Remember, Lord, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell. “Tear it down,” they cried, “tear it down to its foundations!”

• 8 Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is the one who repays you according to what you have done to us.

• 9 Happy is the one who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks.
Prayer

• Tabernacle Prayer
• David’s Tabernacle
• Temple Prayer
• Minyan in Babylon
• Synagogue
• New Testament Prayer
What is Prayer?

• **Service of the Heart**
  – “Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name.” (Deut 10:20)

• **Individual & Communal**
  – Communion with God; Prayer in Community (esp. on *Shabbat* / Sabbath)

• **Types of Prayer:**
  – Praise (*Hallel; Hallelu-Ya*)
  – Blessing (*Berakah*)
  – Petition
  – Repentance

• **Kavvana** (direction, intention)
  – “Outpouring of the Soul”; “Cry from the Depths”
## Congregational Prayer

- **Shekhina** (Divine Presence)
  - “Camp of Israel” (during Exodus)
  - “House of God” (Jerusalem Temple)
  - *Minyan* (quorum; 10 or more)
    10+ adult males, min. age 13

- **Names of Jewish Communities Today:**
  - Synagogue (lit. “gathering together”)
  - Congregation (also “gathering” or “assembly”)
  - Temple (mostly Reform branch)
  - *Bet ha-Midrash* (house of Torah-study; “Schul”)
Siddur

• Prayer Books
  – Siddur (lit. “Order” of Service)
  – Book of Psalms (HB + other music)

• Order of Services
  – Ma’ariv (Aravit) – Evening Service
  – Shacharit – Morning Service
  – Musaf – Additional Service on Sabbaths & Festivals
  – Minchah – Afternoon Service

• Services Structure around Two Main Prayers
  – Shema – Declaration of God’s Unity (Deut 6:4-9; morn & eve)
  – Shemoneh Esrei or Amidah – Praise, petitions, thanksgiving
  – Middle & end of service to be improvised
Shema

- Judaism’s most important Prayer
- Biblical origin
  - Deuteronomy 6:4
  - Hear, Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone
- Prayers are said 3 times a day
  - Morning, afternoon, and evening
  - Prayers are usually recited at home but in public synagogues as well
- Home and synagogue are the two centers of Jewish worship
Readings from Torah & Prophets

• 54 Sections (*Parshah*; *pl.* *Parshiyot*)
  – One read/studied each week in leap years
  – Shorter ones doubled up in non-leap years
  – Ends/Begins annually on Feast of *Simchat Torah*

• Readings during Services:
  – *Torah Scroll* first paraded around synagogue
  – 2 Readings: from *Torah* and *Haftarah* (Prophets)
  – Morning Services on Shabbat & Holidays
  – Mon & Thurs morning services also read part of that week’s Torah portion
Structure of Services

• Evening Service (*Ma'ariv*)
  – *Shema* (and its blessings and related passages)
  – *Shemoneh Esrei*
  – *Aleinu*

  – *At end, often Kaddish prayers (for mourners)*
  – *After, usually food & community social gathering*
Structure of Services (cont.)

- **Morning Service (Shacharit)**
  - Morning Blessings
  - *Pesukei d'Zimra*
  - *Shema* (and its blessings and related passages)
  - *Shemoneh Esrei*
  - *Hallel* (Psalms of Praise; on certain days)
  - **Torah Reading** (Mon, Thurs, Shabbat, holidays)
  - *Aleinu, Ashrei* (Ps 145 & other closing prayers, Psalms, hymns; recited at the end of *Musaf* on Shabbat and holidays)
• **Additional Service (Musaf)**
  – [On Shabbat & holidays only; recited right after *Shacharit*]
  – *Shemoneh Esrei*
  – *Aleinu* & other closing prayers, Psalms, hymns

• **Afternoon Service (Minchah)**
  – *Ashrei* (Psalm 145)
  – *Shemoneh Esrei*
  – *Aleinu*

Source: [http://www.jewfaq.org/liturgy.htm#Outline](http://www.jewfaq.org/liturgy.htm#Outline)
Attitude & Posture

• **Amida**
  – Pray quietly; Concentration

• **Shema**
  – Position does not matter
  – Opening commits self to God

• **Kneeling and Prostration**
  – Formerly done in Temple
  – No longer common
  – *Aleinu* prayer of the *Musaf* for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*

• **Standing and Bowing**
  – During some prayers, facing Ark
Special Clothing

- **Kippa** (head covering)
  - A.k.a. Yarmulka
- **Tallit** (prayer shawl)
  - Used for morning prayer
- **Teffilin** (prayer boxes)
  - On forehead & left arm
  - See picture, *Judaism: VSI*, 87
- **Tzeniut** (modesty)
- **Variation by Branches:**
  - Men only (Orthodox & Conservative)
  - Women (optional for Reform & Reconstructionist)

Prayers in NT

• Jesus
  – Lord’s Prayer
  – Beatitudes
  – Talit
  – Synagogues
• 12 Disciples
• Apostle Peter
• Apostle Paul
House of Prayer

- Greek συναγωγή, synagōgē, 'assembly'
- Hebrew: בֵּית קְנֵסֶת, bet kenesset, 'house of assembly' or 'house of gathering'
- תֵּפִילָּה בֵּית, bet tefila, "house of prayer"
New Testament Synagogue
Weekly Assemblies
Five Identifying Features

Name
- Temple
- Synagogue
- Church
- House

Work
- Teach Bible
- Benevolence for active members only

Organization
- Independent
- Autonomous

Government
- Presbytery + Deacons: Plurality of older, equal, qualified men
- No women preachers, leaders

Weekly Worship: 5 Actions
(Women not segregated from men)
1. Read Bible, preach and teach
2. Acapella Singing, non-instrumental
3. Prayer
4. Sacred meals (No common meals)
5. Weekly freewill offerings

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The Early Church and prayer...

Book of Acts Cycle

Prayer

Persecution

Revival
The Non-Praying Church

- This church will focus on various types of ministries and activities that will involve and occupy the time, talent and temperament of its people. This church will boast on accomplishing many things but relegate prayer to symbolic corporate prayer and individual practice and commitment. They recognize the importance of prayer but they do not practice it.
This church considers prayer important but it does not value it any more than other ministries for which they divide their time, talents and temperaments. The prayer ministry is just one of the ministries of the church.
The foundational (House of Prayer) praying church

- This church passionately practices and participates in prayer as the foundational or cornerstone ministry of the church. This prayer ministry undergirds every aspect and life of the church. Each ministry finds its motivation and strength in the strategic prayer of the church. Not only does each ministry find its strength in prayer, but it in turn refocuses its attention back to strengthen the prayer life of the church.
Church’s prayer level

- Prayerless Church
- Prayer Ministry Church
- House of Prayer Church
Prayer

Music Ministry

Children’s Ministry

Small Groups

Senior’s Ministry

Youth Ministry

Christian Education

Spiritual Leaders

Prayerless Church
13 When they finished, James spoke up. “Brothers,” he said, “listen to me.

14 Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles.

15 The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:
16 "After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it,

17 that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things’

18 things known from long ago.
19 “It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.

20 Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.

21 For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”
• Restoration of David’s Tabernacle
  - 16 “After this I will return and rebuild David’s fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it,

• Three times prayers a Day
  - 21 For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”
HOPE Church

- Praying Church
- Revival Church
- Missional Church
- Diaspora Church