Series: Drawing Near to the Throne of Grace Henry Clay

Week 5: "The Bounty of His Hand"

The prayer of petition

Introduction So what about asking God for things? Shouldn't we just thank Him and trust Him?

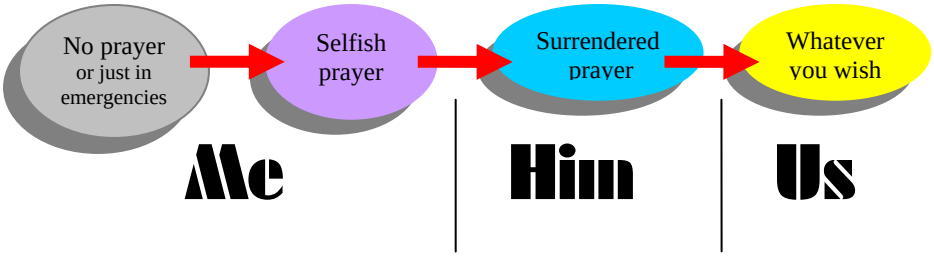
1. Helpful illustrations

a) spiritual "bombs" (power)

b) the guns of Navarone (aim)

c) fireman's hose (perseverance)

2. Growth in the prayer of petition



John 15:7 Ice cream store illustration
Better than a magic lamp. Unlimited wishes!
It's not a concession, it's a command!
What if I pray "wrong"? Rom 8: 26-27
Spurgeon quote: if not in silver…

3. The issue of desire What do you want? Does it matter?

Strong desires make strong prayers. (E.M. Bounds)
Matt. 15:28 Matt.20:21 Jn.5:6 Matt. 20:32
<u>Wrong desires</u> John 8:44 Eph. 2:3

4. Prayer list Using index cards. "Remembering people." Phil.1:3

High priest with the stones over his chest.

Different kinds of petitions

1) Maintenance (remembering people in prayer)
2) Crisis (calling out for help)
3) Specific needs (praying down rain)

Cards: family members, church leaders, specific requests, government leaders, guidance, neighbors, etc.