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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

26:04:15

Theme: CHRIST, S MISSION RE-STATED

Memory Verse: *Mark 9:4 “And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus”.*

Texts: Luke 9:28-31

Jesus prayed on the mountain before His transfiguration. According to Luke’s account of the transfiguration, Jesus “went up into a mountain to pray. And as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered” (Luke 9:28, 29). Prayer was important in Christ’s ministry. Indeed, it may be rightly said that it was like the very air he breathed. His addiction to prayer and dependence on it for ministerial success was demonstrated in several key events in his ministry.

At the inauguration of His ministry as he was baptized in the Jordan River, He received the Holy Ghost while he was praying (Luke 3:21, 22). Frequently, He withdrew from the crowd to pray (Luke 5:16). He chose His twelve disciples after an all night prayer (Luke 6:12, 13). Before asking His disciples the important question about whom people thought He was “alone praying” (Luke 9:18). At transfiguration He climbed the mountain to pray and the actual transfiguration occurred while he prayed (Luke 9:28). It was His exemplary prayer life that inspired His disciples to request Him to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1).

Jesus prayed before He raised Lazarus four days dead back to life (John 11:41, 42). In agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, He prayed more earnestly (Luke 22:44). On the cross, He prayed for others (Luke 23:34). Fittingly, His last words before He yielded up the ghost on the cross were a prayer (Luke 23:46). Prayer strengthened Christ. It opened the gates of heaven, secured access for Him to the throne of God and released to Him an unending flow of God’s power. He obtained heaven’s approval and was bathed in the beauty of heaven’s glory. Prayer is the master key that every believer who desires success in life and ministry needs. Jesus our Master started with prayer and His period-making ministry ended with prayer. How does this mean to you as a believer?