

RBC Bible Study 2023

1 Timothy Bible Study

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Paul's Instructions on Prayer and Worship Pt 1 (1 Timothy 2:1-7)

1. (2:1-2) Paul's Instructions on Prayer:

a. Paul begins with "first of all" or above all in prayer, supplication, intercession, and giving of thanks should be done for all people. That is, we are charged to pray for one another. We are commanded to pray for all people no matter who or where. Oftentimes, we have our favorites in whom we pray for but God wants us to pray for all.

b. With these prayers, we should most definitely be praying for kings, leaders, and those in authority. Government officials need prayer, especially those who are not believers. They make decisions that affect the lives of all people. It is incumbent that we lift them up before the Lord so that God may grant us peace.

2. (2:3-6) Paul's Explanation of the Need for Prayer:

a. God wants all people to be saved. Contrary to other points of view, the will of God is that all of his creation would see salvation. But human beings resist the will of God. God makes no one come to salvation. Salvation is freely given and must be freely received.

b. We must pray for the salvation of all through Jesus because there is no other alternative. If salvation is not received through Jesus Christ, there is no other mechanism for human redemption. There is only one God. Despite what rulers in Paul's time thought about the gods or themselves, everyone has to answer to the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. They must be judged by the Son of God, Jesus.

3. (2:7) Paul's Job was to Declare this Message: Paul closes out this section by reminding Timothy that his job was to declare the only way to God through Jesus. He was chosen to let the nations know, though they worshipped all the wrong gods, of the truth of Jesus Christ. We are carrying that same burden today.