

GOD'S WORD AND PRAYER

They have kept your word. My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you.

John 17:6, 9

Prayer and God's Word are inseparably linked together: Power in the use of either depends upon the presence of the other. It is clear why this is so. Prayer and the Word have one common center – God. Prayer seeks God; the Word reveals God. In prayer, we ask God; in the Word, God answers us. In prayer, we rise to heaven to dwell with God; in the Word, God comes to dwell with us. In prayer we give ourselves to God; in the Word, God gives Himself to us.

Little of the Word with little prayer is death to the spiritual life. Much of the Word with little prayer is unhealthy. Much prayer with little of the Word gives more life, but without steadfastness. A full measure of the Word and of prayer each day gives a healthy and powerful life.

In prayer and the Word, God must be all. Make God the center of your heart, the one object of your desire. Prayer and the Word will be a blessed fellowship with God, the interchange of thought and love and life – a dwelling in God and God in us. Seek God and live!¹

¹ Andrew Murray, Teach Me To Pray