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Proverbs 15:8 encourages believers that "...the prayer of the upright is His delight." One of the greatest privileges of the redeemed is the privilege of prayer. Lifting up our thoughts, desires, needs, praise, confession of sin, appealing for help and interceding for others—these are all components of true prayer.

Our Lord said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" [Luke 18:1]. By His own precept and example He spent much time in prayer. The perfect Son of God was drawn to communion with His Father through prayer. It is interesting to note that during the time of Jesus' sojourning on earth, His primary ways of communicating and communing with His Father were the same as ours today: He prayed. See Him on the Mount of Olives, hidden away among those ancient trees. See Him in Gethsemane, interceding for His chosen. He who had, from eternity past, always been in the presence of the Father, now housed in a body of flesh to purchase our salvation, prays without ceasing. Could we not say that He, the Word made flesh who dwelt among us, was also the personification of prayer? In all things, He is our pattern and guide.

Our text gives us an amazing and encouraging perspective of prayer from our heavenly Father: "prayer...is His delight." The Hebrew word here for delight has also the connotation of pleasure. We learn that God takes pleasure, and delights when His children pray. Should we not delight in those things that our Lord points out in such a favorable way? Why would we neglect or give scant attention to something so accessible, so reasonable, so doable, so helpful, and so God-like?

Our verse has some boundaries to it. There is an obvious qualification given here. It isn't just any kind

of prayer from any kind of person in which the Lord delights. Notice the Holy Spirit carefully records for us the parameters of praying that the Lord hears. It is, after all, "the prayer of the upright" in which the Lord takes note. The "upright" are the just, or those who have been justified and made righteous. This is what takes place at salvation. God, the righteous Judge, declares the believing sinner to be just. Only God can clear the guilty from blame. We are all born sinful, and at times sin because we are sinners. Nothing we can do can make us righteous. Only the work of our sinless Savior at Calvary can clear us from blame and cleanse us from sin. But when the believing sinner receives His Word by faith and rests in the Savior's promise to save, he is made righteous. "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed" [Gal. 3:6-8].

The unsaved do not have the glorious privileges of the justified. The rest of that verse in Proverbs 15:8 says that "the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord." Later in the chapter we read that "the Lord is far from the wicked: but He heareth the prayer of the righteous" [v. 29].

Why would we neglect such an amazing and powerful privilege? As the songwriter tells us, "Oh what peace we often forfeit! Oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!"

Let us delight in what our Lord delights. Let us take

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hold of His promises to hear and bless. Let us emulate our great Savior. We are reminded to "...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" [Phil. 4:6].

John Newton said it so succinctly in his hymn, "Ask What I Shall Give Thee":

*Come, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay.*

*Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow'r are such
None can ever ask too much.*

We here at the "Where God Is Blessing" Broadcasting Network live by these precious promises. Our needs are great, and the daily expense of broadcasting twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week increases constantly. Aging equipment, supporters going home to heaven, rising costs of tower rents and FCC requirements—all these drive us to ongoing prayer. Won't you join with us in this great effort in carrying out our Lord's Great Commission? We need you! God bless you, our co-laborer.

Your servant,
Chris Lamb

UNSHACKLED — PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION ON WAY-TV
MONDAY AT 2:00 P.M. | THURSDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

FREE INDEED
WEEKDAYS AT 10:55 P.M.

As the longest running radio drama, *Unshackled* continues to make an impact on listeners, not because it's based on the life stories of real people, but because these dramatic accounts demonstrate the power of Christ to set men and women free from the bondage of sin. *Unshackled*, the award-winning radio drama from Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, grips the heart with compelling and relevant stories of transformed lives.

The *Unshackled* radio program was begun under the leadership of past superintendent Harry Saulnier. For a short time Harry had a fifteen-minute program entitled "Doorway to Heaven" on station WAIT in 1945. On this program, Harry often related the true stories of individuals who had been saved at Pacific Garden Mission. This opportunity fueled Harry's desire to continue to share the testimonies of changed lives using the popular radio drama format of the day. Thus, in 1950, the first recording session was scheduled. The first program was about Billy Sunday, famous Chicago baseball player turned evangelist. Following the success of the first program, Gillies passed the directing and writing duties on to Eugenia Price, a successful and established radio writer. With her dedication to quality, the program progressed with a style that was highly esteemed in both secular and religious radio circles. Not only did the quality of the program exceed expectation, but its audience was continuing to grow as well. Lives of listeners through the years have been dramatically changed. One of those people was Jack O'Dell, a professed agnostic and a struggling alcoholic whose drinking habit had nearly destroyed his promising radio career. In 1953, Genie Price hired Jack to play a role in an *Unshackled* program. After the recording session, Jack began thinking about this "God who can change lives." As he reflected on his own life, he recognized his sin and came before God in repentance. Jack himself was unshackled. Just prior to Jack's death in 1991, Bob O'Donnell, a long time *Unshackled* actor and close friend to Jack, took the reins as director and announcer. At that time, Kennetha Gaebler began writing for *Unshackled*, producing over 700 scripts. Today, *Unshackled* is still produced with the original music of Don Baddorf and Scott Griffin and is recorded before a live audience.

Free Indeed features two-minute testimonies of young men and women whose lives have been transformed through faith in Jesus Christ! At the end of the testimony, listeners are invited to call a toll-free phone number to learn how they, too, can be "free from the weight of sin."

Unshackled is heard on over 3,000 radio outlets in 148 countries, on 6 continents, and in 15 languages.

The Pacific Garden Mission Television Program provides a background look at the Pacific Garden Mission with testimonies from those whose lives have been transformed by Jesus Christ and a gospel message by PGM president, Pastor Phil Kwiatkowski.

Without Jesus Christ, we are all shackled by sin. But through the gospel we can be set free from our bondage and...
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