

On The Road To Emmaus

As I have been thinking about prayer and listening to the prayers of others and even listening to my own prayers, I was surprised. I was surprised by how small many of our prayers are. Our prayers many times appear to be stingy. It is as if we worship a small, weak ineffective God.

In contrast the prayers recorded in Scripture are huge. They reflect a God that is great, big and powerful. Here is just one example of what I mean, *“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;”* (Colossians 1:9-11 ESV)

Can you see all the brilliant, expansive words used in these verses? There are a number of requests in this prayer. Let us consider just two of them: *“...you maybe filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...”*. Consider another request *“...bearing fruit in every good work,...”*. These requests are brilliant, large, God sized requests given in prayer.

The above requests were prayed before they were ever recorded in the Scriptures. These requests that I have highlighted do not even scratch the surface of the scope and number of large requests that we can make of our great, mighty and sovereign God.

May we consider praying surprisingly uncomfortable, frightening prayers for not only ourselves but also on behalf of others for the glory of God.

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