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THE PATTERN OF PRAYER

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Text: Luke 17-18

In the church and in the work of the Lord everything rises and falls on prayer.

In Luke 17, Jesus tells His disciples (and us) that evil is going to prowl across the face of the earth. He uses two Old Testament stories to prepare them for what's going to happen.

1. The Days of _____

- The people were so planted in the _____, they weren't thinking about the _____. They were so complacent that they ignored God's warning.
- God is not willing that any should perish. So before _____ comes, He warns us again and again so no one can say they've not been told.

2. The Days of _____

- The people in Lot's time chose _____ over _____, and they were reduced to dust.
- The only way we'll effectively get through this life is to keep our eyes on _____. We will grow weary if our _____ is on anything except on Him.

The _____ for Prayer (vv. 1-5)

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 - o For the believer, it's a _____, _____, and _____ activity.
 - o The value of consistent prayer isn't that God will _____, but that we will _____ from _____.
 - o Consistency in prayer is the hallmark of a _____ life.
 - o Consistent prayer works to keep us from being _____ or _____.

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 - o The _____ is the example of insistent prayer.
 - o Her prayer is _____ and _____.
 - o God loves _____ prayers because they make us go _____ in our conversation with God.
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 - o Woman went every day, boldly _____ on the judge's door.
 - o Pray without _____ (1 Thess. 5:17)—has idea of no _____.
 - o Jesus tells us to be ready, to be on guard, to be _____ at all times.

The _____ of Prayer (vv. 6-7)

- _____ is the focus of prayer. It's not about us. It's about Him.
- God's _____ is always perfect.
- He answers the prayers of His _____, His _____.

The _____ of Prayer (vv. 7-8)

- Prayer builds up our _____.
- In the _____ days, _____ faith is going to be hard to find.
- God wants us to press _____, to press _____, and to _____ in Him.

Oh the stories we're going to hear in eternity about the end result of consistent, insistent, and persistent prayer. God doesn't require us to know the outcome, and we cannot require of Him to know the end results. He is God; we are not. We are called to pray in obedience, faithfully.