

Welcome to Spiritual Wisdom Knowledge and Understanding

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This message is called “A Prayer Full of Purpose”

I’m glad you could join me today. The greatest tool a Christian has in his or her arsenal is prayer. Today, I’m going to teach you how to pray with a purpose and determination.

There are different kinds of prayers and there’s a lot of red tape if you will, involved with prayer. I’m going to show you some of that and how to navigate around it. So you would have a better understanding of prayer.

First, to understand prayer you need to be a believer. If you are not, we’re going to pray the sinner’s prayer now and I’ll leave a link to a teaching on why Salvation is necessary.

Here’s the link to my salvation message:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqw06TMohdw&t=11s>

Why do you need to be a believer to understand spiritual things? Because when you pray to God, He is spiritual. How can you expect to understand anything from Him if you don’t understand the basic of who He is. Everything related to God is spiritual.

So let’s pray the sinner’s prayer:

Dear Jesus,

We pray and ask You to forgive us our sins and ask You to be our Lord and Savior. We also ask You to give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in receiving this message. Thank You.

In Jesus’ Name, Amen!

There’s a couple of things you need to know about prayer.

First, there are no silent prayers in the Bible.

Second, prayers always need to be spoken out loud...not just for God to hear but for all the surrounding witnesses you have. I'll get back to this after laying the foundation Jesus gave us in prayer.

Matthew 6:9-13 New King James Version (NKJV)
⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray:
Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as <i>it is</i> in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. ^[a]

Notice how He starts off with addressing God? Always start your prayers addressing God. Know who you are talking to.

Second, always acknowledge God with respect.

From dictionary.com, the word hallowed means:

adjective

1.

regarded as holy; venerated; sacred:

Hallowed be Thy name; the hallowed saints; our hallowed political institutions.

Know in your heart and mind who you are addressing when you begin a prayer. He is Holy and He needs to be treated as such.

For example, don't snap your fingers and demand like you are speaking to a concierge at a hotel. That's not respect and that's not gonna get you anywhere but show the respect God deserves. After all, He created you.

Next, Jesus talks about God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done. This is very important and I consider an element missed in most prayers today. Does your

request line up with God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done? If not, you are asking God to do something that goes against His greater and better plan. Hmm...maybe that's why some of your prayers have not been answered. Winning the lottery may not be what God wants of you...

Now the statement "on earth as it is in heaven" talks about how prayer works, and this is quite fascinating because Jesus is trying to teach us the complex relationship between heaven and earth.

There is a direct link between heaven and earth. The two reverberate off of one another. Remember what Jesus said in:

Matthew 16:19 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed^[a] in heaven."

And I taught a message on the Kingdom of God back in 2013. Here's the link for that: <https://www.houseoffaithministries.org/the-kingdom-of-god-and-his-power>

Mark 1:14-15 New King James Version (NKJV)

Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom^[a] of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

So God has a purpose to bring in His kingdom, which is His power through us during the dispensation of grace. That's what Jesus and the disciples did in their day and passed the torch to those who become believers. That means we can pray and direct His power to meet the needs of the situation. That's what Paul and Peter did...they didn't have gold or money to help but they had prayer and the laying on of hands. This is God's will – purpose to help those in need. Prayer in this manner – helping others goes directly to God's kingdom come and will be done.

It is only after we have prayed God first, then the needs of the people second, do we even address our needs and they aren't grandiose needs. It's simply "Give us this day our daily bread". No more than we need.

Then Jesus talks about our heart. Forgive others first and by that measure then forgive us. That's amazing in and of itself.

Then Jesus says to not lead us into temptation and deliver us from the evil one...have you heard the news that Pope wants to change this part of the Lord's prayer? <http://thehill.com/opinion/international/365373-popes-proposal-to-change-the-lords-prayer-sets-a-dangerous-precedent>

The issue the pope has is that the Lord doesn't lead us into temptation. Did he not read the book of Job? Besides that, how many of us struggle with our internal issues in which we're very much tempted. Jesus is simply acknowledging that area inside of us as a part of prayer to help us break free and deliver from that. We need protection and covering from God and His kingdom to help us deal with our own temptations.

Then Jesus closes with giving the glory to God for everything, which is His Kingdom, His Power, and His Eternity.

Ok – that lays down the foundation of prayer that Jesus shows us.

Let's look at it in action.

Acts 3:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

First, you need to notice that Peter is walking in the Kingdom of God because he is using the power and authority given to him. Second, he's operating toward God's will, which is to the people in need. This person couldn't walk and Peter met his need. God moved because Peter was doing His will.

Notice, how Peter did this? In the name of Jesus...

Philippians 2:9-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Everything must bow down to the name of Jesus.

John 3:16 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God gave us His son, including His name for the Kingdom of God.

Now you can see how prayer has purpose. It's to meet the needs of the people and everyone has needs. That means everyone should be praying.

Now remember earlier I mentioned red tape...let's see that in action.

Matthew 17:14-21 New King James Version (NKJV)

A Boy Is Healed

¹⁴And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, ¹⁵“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic^[a] and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. ¹⁶So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

¹⁷Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.”

¹⁸And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

¹⁹Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

²⁰So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief;^[b] for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from

here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.
²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

This shows us there are rules and regulations that we need to follow.

Let's see another example of this, except this one is from the Old Testament.

Daniel 10:12-14 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

¹⁴ Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers to many days yet to come.*”

This passage is quite interesting because it shows us some insight into what happens in the spirit realm. This person speaking with Daniel fights the Prince of Persia and he couldn't leave for 21 days until Michael the archangel came and relieved him in order for him to fulfil the duty God gave him, which was to interpret the dream / revelation to Daniel.

This lets you know there are things going on above and beyond our understanding, but prayer helps us win the battles...read what Daniel had to do for twenty-one days in fasting and prayer to receive his interpretation – all of Daniel 10. Quite fascinating.

Now in his case, he was receiving direct Word from God about the future. You may not have to go through this much to get what God wants accomplished but you never know. If you are fighting for something extremely powerful, you may need to take these steps to overcome them.

There's also another way to see prayer answers:

Luke 18:1-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

18 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, ² saying: “There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. ³ Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ ⁴ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, ‘Though I do not fear God nor regard man, ⁵ yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’”

⁶ Then the Lord said, “Hear what the unjust judge said. ⁷ And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? ⁸ I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”

Sheer determination is another type of prayer.

I can personally testify that sheer determination in prayer has worked, and you’ll be surprised how fast too. As Jesus shares in the parable how much more?

God is amazing, and prayer simply shows the depth of your relationship with Him.

Jesus established the perfect format for praying and it is effective.

So how does this work for you? Well, you need to stop and pray. And there is no such thing as a silent prayer.

All prayer needs to be spoken out loud. Why? So they can hear what you’re saying. Who needs to hear our prayer except God?

Hebrews 12:1 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Race of Faith

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses who are angels, demons, powers, and principalities just to name a few. The spoken word is the power that moves prayer.

Remember, God said “Let there be Light” in Genesis 1:3...He spoke it out loud and it happened. That’s a great example of having to speak out loud and see power and authority move.

If you want healing, or you want a loved one saved, you need to speak out loud so that not only God hears you but all your cloud of witnesses hear you too.

Then things begin to move and happen.

Remember, line up your prayer with God’s will and His Kingdom and you will begin to see the power of God move in your life incredibly.

And just to add another element here, watch out for yourself. Watch out if you suddenly get distracted, can’t remember what you were trying to pray for, or anything trying to stop you from praying. Usually, that’s you trying to stop yourself more than anything.

That means you need to focus and if you have to write down and read it out loud. That way it gets spoken.

And let your emotion speak volumes to God. Usually what you’re praying for is something important to you. So if someone is hurting, let God feel your emotions in your spirit and in your words of how sincere you are in having this person feel better. And sometimes you may not have emotion but by saying the prayer out loud, it shows to God that this is still an important issue to you.

Notice what this is doing? It’s bringing you and God closer together. Would you need God if everything was perfect?

Isaiah 45:7 New King James Version (NKJV)
⁷ I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these <i>things</i> .’

God says He causes all calamities. You ask why? Because He wants you talking to Him. He has given you the power and authority to make things better. It’s up to you to go to Him to activate that making it better.

Can you do that? Can you pray for your neighbors and their land, their home, their family members, etc? Or do you just want to pray for yourself???

You see we have the tools to make things better but the attack and deception against us is strong. It's time we get strong and pray.

Let's pray...

Gracious Heavenly Father, Your name is powerful and awesome. You are God in heaven and in my heart. I praise and lift You up first. May Your kingdom come and Your will always be done first. May what you do in Heaven reach to us here on Earth as blessings. Thank You for meeting our daily needs and keeping us protected from the evil one. May Your will always be done and may the Glory reach You first. In the name of Jesus we pray Amen!

Now go and pray for your neighbors and your loved ones. They need you.

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