

① The Doctrine of Prayer is a Study we were exposed to at the Sunday School Convention at Tyler —

If you attend regularly & come to your own get a credit on your Baptist Doctrine Course & your work here. Diploma —

Important as that is, I believe even more important is the fact that God Commanded His People to Pray And Jesus gave us an example of how to pray successfully —

What is Prayer? It's the very foundation of our belief in the Sovereignty & Character of God —

Unless we believe God is who He says He is — we have no foundation —

Prayer was made by men & women long before we had the Lord's Prayer Recorded.

The Bible speaks of a man whose
Name was Hezekiah, who
prayed. The Bible says: "He
trusted in the Lord God" 2 King 18:5

In U.C. The Bible says "He clung
on clinging to God" And kept His
Commandments"

Look at 2 Kings 19: 14-19. At
the prayer this King prayed:
He builded on a firm
foundation.

- ① He Acknowledged God As Sovereign
- ② He Ask God to Listen to His Request
- ③ He told God the problem.
- ④ He Asked God to Respond

He did not Demand that God Do
Anything, Nor should we —

Paul prayed: He recognized
God. Acts 9:16 "Lord, what
wilt thou have me to do"
"He Acknowledged God"

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Paul didn't have to Ask God to do something for Him / God Wanted to do it and did -

Father You Can't hard by improve on
"Lord, what would you have me do" Amen

Suppose we all prayed like that?
we would see things happen
to fast -

We'd stop wanting our way, and
want God to have His way -
We'd be willing to
follow the old Adage

"We would either lead // follow
or get out of the way"

Prayer is fellowship with God
Adam enjoyed real fellowship
with God - The Bible doesn't
call it praying - It simply
implies that Adam talked to God

You could call it a type prayer

Abraham Prayed: Genesis 12:8 Says
it like this: "He built an Altar
unto the Lord, (Acknowledged
God) And called on the name
of the Lord"

We don't know exactly what he
prayed, But it could very well
have been — "Lead On" You
hold the Reins to my life."

May I Ask, "Are You Willing to
pray a prayer like that?"

If You Are, You better mean it,
God has every right to hold
us to it

Look at Psalm 145:18 "The Lord
is near to all who call upon
Him" "To All who call upon Him
is truth"

Now folks "Truthfulness" is essential in Praying

God knows our hearts / The attitude
of our hearts // Not flowery
Speakers reach the throne

Jesus warned against "Prayers" said
to please / "ingrates men"

In Matthew 6:5. He says -
"Don't do it" // Save your breath

Remember the Prayer of the poor
Sinner in the Temple? "Oh God,
have mercy on this sinful wretch"

Nothing flowery about that // Just

praying = You remember also

that Jesus said: Luke 18:14

"This man went home justified
rather than the other" Why?

Because he spoke to

God, Not man

If you will notice in 1 Corinthians
Chapter 1 Verse 2. Paul addresses
the letter "To the church of God
at Corinth, saved by the Lord Jesus

And who call upon the Name of
Jesus Christ²⁰

Those who are saved, are
expected to be praying
people — "people whose
motives are motivated by
their love for the Lord
Jesus." And people whose
prayers are meant to
please God —

From the Beginning, man called
on God // when they began to
realize their frailties, they
began to call on God —

From Genesis to Malachi, and
Matthew to Revelation // the
record shows that those who

① loved God

② who recognized God as Lordship

③ who understood how much
they needed Him.

④ who were submissive to God

were sincere praying people

Folks, A Prayer that has sustained
the people of God

Prayer is the Universal Language
God does not just hear the
prayer of one whose skin
is light — Nor one whose
skin is dark

God is colorblind as far
as prayer is concerned

Paul wrote: "Whoever will call
on the name of the Lord, will
be saved" Rom. 10:13

Jesus said: "And I, if I be
lifted up, will draw all
men to myself" John 12:32

Folks, "There is no language God
hears above another" He
is a language expert

Prayer is Based on the Nature
of God:

Any Address to a Superior must
be based on the character
and position of that Person —

In Matt. 6:9 Jesus taught us to
begin our prayer with an
Affirmation of the Holiness
of God's Name

~~The Bible Speaks of those Divine
Encounter with God Recognized~~

"The Bible Speaks of many
who had a Divine Encounter
with God" One of the
Very first things they
did was to be reminded
that He was Holy —

God said to Moses, "Stop, Remove
your shoes, the place where
you stand is Holy Ground"

Why?

Because the Presence of
the Holy God was there.

Isaiah Saw a Vision in the Temple — It was a vision of God
 The "Seraphim" (or Celestial Being)
 cried out: "God is Holy"
 "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord
 of Hosts" Isaiah 6:3

When we pray, we must be reminded
 that we are seeking to approach
 a Holy God — And we must
 make our address based on
 the character & position of
 a Holy God —

Loving, Compassionate & Gracious
 is our God // Abounding in
 Lovingkindness is our Holy God
 But He will not always
 strike with us —

Our sins of disobedience / our pride
 and our arrogance // our self will
 and our forgiveness: does not set
 well with a Holy God — we
 need to become New Creatures
 to please God —