

**PRAYER****PRAYER KILLERS:****Pietism:****Revivalism:****Emotionalism:****Biblicism:***Examples:*

- *John 14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*
- *Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*
- *James 5:16 ... The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

FOUR SUBJECTS FOR THIS LECTURE:

- 1) Our Relationship to God in Prayer
- 2) God's Purpose for Our Prayers
- 3) The Spirit's Power in Prayer
- 4) Missional vs Personal Prayer

1) Our Relationship to God in Prayer**God as Judge:****God as Genie:**



God as Congressman:

God as Father:

The Relationship to the Spirit and Prayer:

Eph. 6:18 praying at all times in the Spirit,

Charismatic Emotionalism:

QUESTION: What does it mean to be in the Spirit?

Answer:

QUESTION: What is a simple way for you to be filled with the spirit?

Eph. 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

Eph. 5:19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

What about when we don't pray as we should?

Rom. 8:26 ¶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Rom. 8:27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

2) God's Purpose for Our Prayers

QUESTION: Does prayer change anything?

Chapter 5 – Divine Providence

1. God the good Creator of all things, in his infinite power and wisdom, upholds, directs, arranges, and governs all creatures and things,

2. All things come to pass unchangeably and certainly in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God,⁴ who is the first cause. Thus, nothing happens to anyone by chance or outside of God's providence.⁵ Yet by the same providence God arranges all things to occur according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or in response to other causes.⁶



“The simplest answer is that God ordains both the ends and the means. That is, our Creator has determined what will happen as well as the means that will make happen what He has determined will happen.

For example, He has not only ordained that the gospel will go forth to all nations, but He has ordained that the gospel will go forth through the means of the Great Commission as the church makes disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18–20).

In the case of prayer, we know that God has ordained that He will make certain things happen in response to our intercession.” – RC Sproul

Example:

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James 4:2 ... You do not have, because you do not ask.

3) The Spirit's Power in Prayer

Spirit:

John 15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Flesh:

James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

QUESTION: What prayers has Jesus promised will always be answered?

Forgiveness of sins:

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Grace and Mercy:

Heb. 4:14 ¶ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb. 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



Wisdom: (Fruits of the Spirit)

James 1:5 ¶ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

James 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

James 3:18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

4) Missional vs Personal Prayer

Eph. 6:18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Eph. 6:19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

Eph. 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Rom. 15:30 ¶ I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,

Phil. 1:19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,

Philem. 22 At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

2Cor. 1:11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Conclusion:

1) Prayer is spiritual fuel

2) Prayer is mission critical

3) Prayer is supernatural