



Stewarding His Presence





2 CHRONICLES 7:1^{ESV}

AS SOON AS SOLOMON FINISHED HIS PRAYER, FIRE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND CONSUMED THE BURNT OFFERING AND THE SACRIFICES, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TEMPLE.





Prayer is your natural and legal entrance to something that is already supernaturally manifested.





2 CHRONICLES 6:12-15^{ESV}

THEN SOLOMON STOOD BEFORE THE ALTAR OF THE LORD IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL THE ASSEMBLY OF ISRAEL AND SPREAD OUT HIS HANDS. ¹³ SOLOMON HAD MADE A BRONZE PLATFORM...AND HAD SET IT IN THE COURT, AND HE STOOD ON IT. THEN HE KNELT ON HIS KNEES IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL THE ASSEMBLY OF ISRAEL, AND SPREAD OUT HIS HANDS TOWARD HEAVEN, ¹⁴ AND SAID, “O LORD, GOD OF ISRAEL, THERE IS NO GOD LIKE YOU, IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH, KEEPING COVENANT AND SHOWING STEADFAST LOVE TO YOUR SERVANTS WHO WALK BEFORE YOU WITH ALL THEIR HEART, ¹⁵ WHO HAVE KEPT WITH YOUR SERVANT DAVID MY FATHER WHAT YOU DECLARED TO HIM. YOU SPOKE WITH YOUR MOUTH, AND WITH YOUR HAND HAVE FULFILLED IT THIS DAY.





2 CHRONICLES 6:16-17^{ESV}

¹⁶ NOW THEREFORE, O LORD, GOD OF ISRAEL, KEEP FOR YOUR SERVANT DAVID MY FATHER WHAT YOU HAVE PROMISED HIM, SAYING, ‘YOU SHALL NOT LACK A MAN TO SIT BEFORE ME ON THE THRONE OF ISRAEL, IF ONLY YOUR SONS PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THEIR WAY, TO WALK IN MY LAW AS YOU HAVE WALKED BEFORE ME.’ ¹⁷ NOW THEREFORE, O LORD, GOD OF ISRAEL, LET YOUR WORD BE CONFIRMED, WHICH YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO YOUR SERVANT DAVID.



2 CHRONICLES 6:18-21^{ESV}

18 “BUT WILL GOD INDEED DWELL WITH MAN ON THE EARTH? BEHOLD, HEAVEN AND THE HIGHEST HEAVEN CANNOT CONTAIN YOU, HOW MUCH LESS THIS HOUSE THAT I HAVE BUILT! 19 YET HAVE REGARD TO THE PRAYER OF YOUR SERVANT AND TO HIS PLEA, O LORD MY GOD, LISTENING TO THE CRY AND TO THE PRAYER THAT YOUR SERVANT PRAYS BEFORE YOU, 20 THAT YOUR EYES MAY BE OPEN DAY AND NIGHT TOWARD THIS HOUSE, THE PLACE WHERE YOU HAVE PROMISED TO SET YOUR NAME, THAT YOU MAY LISTEN TO THE PRAYER THAT YOUR SERVANT OFFERS TOWARD THIS PLACE. 21 AND LISTEN TO THE PLEAS OF YOUR SERVANT AND OF YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL, WHEN THEY PRAY TOWARD THIS PLACE. AND LISTEN FROM HEAVEN YOUR DWELLING PLACE, AND WHEN YOU HEAR, FORGIVE.



Prayer is not a spiritual reaction...

...Prayer is a spiritual discipline.





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Prayer is not always easy and doesn't always come natural.





3 Prayer Life Areas the Enemy Attacks

1. Busyness





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 2. Control
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1. Busyness
 2. Control
 3. Hardened Heart
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COLOSSIANS 4:2_{NIV}

DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER, BEING WATCHFUL AND THANKFUL.





You've got to pray just to make it today.

- MC Hammer





The Prayer of Adoration





Prayer is the way you get a God awareness...

...And adoration is the way you maintain a God awareness.





1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18^{NKJV}

**REJOICE ALWAYS, ¹⁷ PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, ¹⁸ IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS;
FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.**





A God awareness/ adoration sets up how I'm going to pray the rest of my prayer.





2 CHRONICLES 6:14, 18^{ESV}

**THERE IS NO GOD LIKE YOU, IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH, KEEPING COVENANT
AND SHOWING STEADFAST LOVE TO YOUR SERVANTS WHO WALK BEFORE YOU
WITH ALL THEIR HEART...**

**¹⁸BEHOLD, HEAVEN AND THE HIGHEST HEAVEN CANNOT CONTAIN YOU, HOW
MUCH LESS THIS HOUSE THAT I HAVE BUILT!**





Adoration is esteeming and thanking God for who He is, who He has been, and who He will be.





ACTS 14:27_{KJV}

**AND WHEN THEY WERE COME, AND HAD GATHERED THE CHURCH TOGETHER,
THEY REHEARSED ALL THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM, AND HOW HE HAD
OPENED THE DOOR OF FAITH UNTO THE GENTILES.**



PSALM 34:1-4_{KJV}

I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES; HIS PRAISE *SHALL* CONTINUALLY *BEIN* MY MOUTH. ² MY SOUL SHALL MAKE ITS BOAST IN THE LORD; THE HUMBLE SHALL HEAR *OF IT* AND BE GLAD. ³ OH, MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME, AND LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER. ⁴ I SOUGHT THE LORD, AND HE HEARD ME, AND DELIVERED ME FROM ALL MY FEARS.



PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7_{NKJV}

BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION, WITH THANKSGIVING, LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD; ⁷ AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS.





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