

Praying Dangerous Prayers

“Dear God, More, Please”

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Robert Louis Stevenson once wrote, “Life does not consist of having a good hand at cards, but of learning how to play a poor hand well.” The ancient Chronicler would have agreed, adding that in the game of life an essential part of learning how to play is learning how to pray. The presence of God overcomes the liabilities of the past and the uncertainty of the future.

1. The Character Issue: “who can pray?” (v.9)

- **Psalm 24:3, 4**
- **Matthew 5:8**
- **James 5:16b**

2. The Confidence Issue: “who can answer?” (v.10a, d)

- **The God Who Is Willing (v.10a)**
- **The God Who Is Able (v.10d)**

3. The Content Issue: “for what should I pray?” (v.10b, c)

- **The Future: Presence and Prosperity (v.10b)**
- **The Past: Power and Peace (v.10c)**