



## **I. Series Introduction**

### **A. Review**

#### **1. Text**

- a. **Eph 6:18-18 NKJV** “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints — and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.”

#### **2. Previous Sessions**

- a. **Understanding Real Prayer – *Biblical Praying***
- b. **Experiencing Peace through Prayer**

## **II. Covenant Prayer**

### **A. Everything God does, He does through covenant.**

1. **Covenant = relationship based upon mutual commitments.**
  - a. **Covenant gives God access to the human race that was turned over to Satan at the fall in Genesis.**
  - b. **Covenant allows God’s blessing to flow into the lives of people.**
  - c. **Covenant established God’s way of doing things**
  - d. **Covenant is a release of God’s Word (Promises/Declarations), which when embraced, believed, and confessed will produce a harvest in the life of the believer.**

### **B. Covenant Prayer**

1. **In prayer, we invoke the promises of God that are part of our covenant.**
  - a. **Covenant prayer is not doubtful and unassured of the answer.**



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- b. Covenant prayer is not ignorant of what has been promised in our covenant.
  - c. Covenant prayer is based upon knowledge of what God has declared to be ours in His word.
  - d. Covenant prayer is a prayer of faith based entirely upon the foundation of God's word (promises).
- 2. What does the Bible say about reminding God of His Word/Covenant?**
- a. **A prayer for relief from the oppressors**
    - **Psalm 74:20 NLT** "Remember your covenant promises, for the land is full of darkness and violence!"
    - **Other**
      - *Have respect unto the covenant.*
      - *Honor your covenant.*
      - *Look attentively to the covenant.*
  - b. **Psalm 111:5-6 NKJV (Prayer of praise for God's faithfulness)**

"He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations."
  - c. **David's Song of Thanksgiving: 1 Chron 16:14-19 NKJV** "He is the LORD our God; His judgments *are* in all the earth. Remember His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, *The covenant which* He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel *for* an everlasting covenant, Saying, 'To you I will give the land of Canaan As the allotment of your inheritance,' When you were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it."



**Pastor's Note: David's entire song is one of victory and thanksgiving. The entire song is a declaration of what God has done based upon His covenant. Our prayers and praises should include declarations of His faithfulness during past victories and declarations of His covenant promises for future victories.**

### C. Examples of Covenant Prayers in the Bible

1. **Jacob - Genesis 32:9-12 NKJV** "Then Jacob said, 'O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you': I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies. Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me *and* the mother with the children. For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"
2. **Hezekiah - 2 Kings 20:1-3 NKJV** "In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, 'Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.' Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, '**Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was* good in Your sight.**' And Hezekiah wept bitterly."
  - a. Hezekiah didn't just pray, He prayed based upon his covenant.
  - b. The Old Covenant was performance/work based. He reminded God of his works.
  - c. It is important to remember that our covenant is not based upon our performance, rather it is based upon the performance of Jesus.



**D. New Covenant Prayers.**

**1. We pray in the name of Jesus.**

**a. We have been given Jesus' power of attorney.**

**b. Our prayer may be one of requests or it may be one of using our authority.**

**c. Scriptures**

- **John 14:13-14 NKJV** "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*."

- **Mark 16:17-18 NKJV** "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

- **Acts 3:6-7 NKJV** "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.' And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God."

- **Acts 4:10 NKJV** "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole."

**d. New covenant prayer is not based upon my performance.** *My results do not come by telling God why I deserve to receive an answer to prayer based upon my good deeds.*

**e. My prayers are answered as I pray in faith according to my covenant in Jesus.**

**2. New covenant prayers are prayers of faith.**

**a. Faith in what Jesus has done for us – *established righteousness.***

**b. Faith in what Jesus has made available to us – *our inheritance.***



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- c. **Faith in our confession and declaration of His word.**
- d. **Mark 11:23-24 NKJV** “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*.”

**Pastor’s Note: New covenant prayers should include BELIEF when they are prayed – not when we see the answer manifested.**

- 3. **New covenant prayers are based upon promises – the same way the old covenant was established upon promises.**
  - **1 Cor 1:20 KJV** “For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”
  - **AMP** “For as many as are the promises of God, in Christ they are [all answered] ‘Yes.’ So through Him we say our ‘Amen’ to the glory of God.”
  - **GNT** “for it is he who is the ‘Yes’ to all of God’s promises. This is why through Jesus Christ our ‘Amen’ is said to the glory of God.”
  - **NIV** “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God.”

**Pastor’s Note: *The Old Covenant was limited because often the people received a NO to their prayers because their performance was not enough to warrant a YES.***

***The New Covenant give us a YES based upon the performance of JESUS. WE must say AMEN by faith!***

- *AMEN IS TO AGREE WITH THE PROMISE*
- *AMEN IS TO APPROPRIATE THE PROMISE TO YOURSELF BY FAITH.*
- *AMEN QUALIFIES US TO RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF THE PROMISE.*