

Prayer

Supplication

Questions

- What is Prayer?
- What is the place of Corporate Prayer?
- Who should pray during Corporate Prayer?

A.C.T.S

- Adoration: Rendering to God the honor, respect, glory, and love due His holy majesty in light of how worthy he is
- Confession: Affirming and Agreeing with God's perspective and revelation
- Thanksgiving: Response of gratitude for God's person and His works, as we observe/consider/remember how God has intersected with and ruled over our lives and the lives of others.

Supplication

- ◉ Working Definition: Making requests of God, that align themselves to His nature, character, word, and will, in recognition of His ability to meet what we require.
- ◉ Do not ask for what is in contrast to God's nature
- ◉ Understand the difference between desires and needs
- ◉ Understand that you cannot provide your needs

Needs	Desires
Sustenance	Job/Money/Car/House
Faith/trust/belief	Worry-free/calmness/lack of anxiety
Salvation	Morality/Manners/Ethics
Justice	Vengeance/Vindication
Endurance/Preserverance	Comfort/Peace/Tranquility

Supplication

- Petitions: Asking God what is needed
- Intercession: Asking on behalf of others
- Questions: Seeking to understand
- Imprecations: Asking for God's judgment upon sin

Petitions

- Often in times of trial (Jam. 1:5-7)
- Content can concern everything (1 Pet. 5:7)
- Don't beat around the bush (Matt. 6:10-12; 25-32)
- Involving physical (Matt. 14:30), spiritual needs (Mk. 9:24), or both (2 Cor. 12:7-9)
- Pray and submit (2 Cor. 12:7-9) vs. once and done (1 Thess. 5:17)
- Conducted in holiness (1 Tim. 2:8)
- Within the will of God (Jn. 14:13-14)

Intercession

- Safety for believers among the heathen (Gen. 18)
- God's enabling of conception (Gen. 26:21)
- The repentance from bad theology (Job 42)
- Grace for people in rebellion (Ex. 32)
- Restoration of God's people after judgment (Dan. 9:4-19)
- Prayer for rulers to either convert or leave believers in peace (1 Tim. 2:1-2)
- Prayer for brothers to endure temptation (Lk. 22:31-32)

Questions

- ◉ Less than good questions (Doubt)
 - ◉ Mistaking trials for judgment (Job 7:17-21)
 - ◉ Questioning God's choice and plan (Ex. 3:11, 13; 4:1)
- ◉ Good questions (submission)
 - ◉ Acknowledging lack of perception (Ps. 19:12)
 - ◉ Acknowledging a lack of options (Ps. 73:25)
 - ◉ Acknowledging a lack of competition (Ps. 74:13)
 - ◉ Acknowledging a lack of patience (Ps. 79:15; Acts 1:6)

Imprecations

- "Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by" - Ps. 141:10
- "And in Your lovingkindness, cut off my enemies and destroy all those who afflict my soul, for I am Your servant" - Ps. 143:12
- Imprecations ≠ requests for personal vindication
- Imprecations = requests for God's righteous judgment upon sin
 - All sin receives wrath (upon calvary or in hell)
 - How can one pray imprecations in "Jesus' name"?

Psalm 140

- Prayers for Preservation (vv. 1-5)
- Prayers Based on Precedence (vv. 6-8)
- Prayers of Imprecation and Confidence (vv. 9-13)

Prayers for Protection

- Prayer for removal and protection (vv. 1-3)
 - Action: "Rescue" (חלץ) = to removed/pull out - "Preserve" (נצר) = to protect
 - Source: "evil" (רע) and "violent" (חמס) men
 - Reason: They constantly planning and plotting evil and violence
- Prayer for supervision and protection (vv. 4-5)
 - Action: "Keep" (שמר) = to watch/guard/oversee - "Preserve" (נצר) = to protect
 - Source: "evil" (רע) hands and violent (חמס) men
 - Reason: They are coming for me

Prayers Based on Precedence

- ◉ Request from a position of submission (v. 6)
 - ◉ Position of submission (v. 6a)
 - ◉ Request to be heard (v. 6b)
- ◉ Request from a position of precedence (vv. 7-8)
 - ◉ Submission restated (v. 7a)
 - ◉ Precedence stated (v. 7b)
 - ◉ Request made (v. 8)

Imprecations & Confidence

- ◉ Righteous Imprecations (vv. 9-11)
 - ◉ Precedence (v. 9a): YHWH does not protect their head
 - ◉ Request (vv. 9b-11): May they receive justice from YHWH
- ◉ Confessions of Confidence (vv. 12-13)
 - ◉ Confidence in YHWH's plan
 - ◉ Confession of YHWH's name
 - ◉ Anticipation of YHWH's presence

Conclusion

- ◉ David prays in the midst of real physical problems
 - ◉ He wants the situation to end
 - ◉ He asks to be removed from danger
- ◉ David prays within the will of God
 - ◉ He knows what and who he is in God's plan
- ◉ David prays from the perspective of God's glory
 - ◉ Knowing that God does not desire the wicked to endure
 - ◉ Knowing that justice will be served
 - ◉ Knowing that God's plan will come to fruition