

# Fundamentals of the Faith

*Prayer and the Believer.*

# What is Prayer?

- ✦ **Prayer is communion with God.**
  - ✦ Whether through adoration, confession, thanksgiving, or supplication, you are coming before the throne of grace.
- ✦ **Prayer assumes God is God and you are not.**
  - ✦ You cannot Praise/Confess Sin/Give Thanks/Make Request of a being that is on equal terms. To pray is to commune, but it also assumes submission.

# What is Prayer?

- ✦ **Προσεύχομαι:** To petition deity - *to pray*
- ✦ The most generic of the terms
  - ✦ Confession - Ezra 10:1
  - ✦ Intercession - Genesis 20:7, 17
  - ✦ Petition - Judges 13:8, 1 Samuel 1:10
  - ✦ Blessing - Matthew 19:13
  - ✦ Generic - 1 Kings 8:28; Matthew 26:36, 39, 41, 42, 44

# What is Prayer?

- ✦ **Εὐχή:** To pray/To vow/To bind with a legal or moral obligation
- ✦ Could bring emphasis to the fact that the one praying is bound to the one being prayed to.
  - ✦ Genesis 28:20
  - ✦ Judges 11:30
  - ✦ James 5:15

# What is Prayer?

- **Δέησις:** An urgent plea/a request/specific petition
  - Emphasizing the sovereignty and ability of the one being petitioned to accomplish what is being asked.
    - 1 Kings 8:28, 30, 38, 45, 52, 54
    - Luke 1:13
    - Romans 10:1

# Why Do We Pray?

- ✿ **We're Commanded to Pray**
  - ✿ 1 Thess. 5:17 - 1 Tim. 2:1-8 - James 5:13
- ✿ **We Need to Pray**
  - ✿ In Real-Life Situations: Acts 12:5
  - ✿ For Encouragement: Luke 18:1
  - ✿ In Worship: Hebrews 4:16

# What Keeps Us From Prayer?

- ✦ **Unbelief**

- ✦ Psalm 2:1-3

- ✦ Luke 18:11

- ✦ Romans 8:6-8

- ✦ **Sin**

- ✦ Psalm 32:3-4

- ✦ 1 Peter 3:7

# How Can we Pray Better?

- ✦ **Know Scripture**

- ✦ Psalm 19:7-14

- ✦ 1 Kings 8

- ✦ Matthew 6:5-15

- ✦ **Confess Sin**

- ✦ Psalm 32

- ✦ Joshua 7:19

- ✦ 1 Kings 8



# How Do We Pray?

- ✦ **The Model Prayer:** *Matthew 6:5-15*
  - ✦ Prayer is communication not incantation (vv.6-8)
  - ✦ Prayer is informed from Scripture (vv. 9-10)
  - ✦ Prayer assumes humility and submission (v. 11)
  - ✦ Prayer deals with sin (vv. 12-15).

# How Do We Pray?

- ✦ **A.C.T.S.** - (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication)
- ✦ **Adoration:** Psalm 8; 148; 149; 150
- ✦ **Confession:** Psalm 51
- ✦ **Thanksgiving:** Psalm 138
- ✦ **Supplication:** Psalm 140