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People

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Jesus

Dependent and Ever-Increasing Prayer



James 5:13-16

Our Attitude must be
Dependent, Humble,
Confident & Grateful

PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

PRAYERS CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE

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11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.

Ephesians 1:11

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on the earth? Behold, heaven
and the highest heaven
cannot contain you; how
much less this house that I
have built! 1 Kings 1:27

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nations,
and his glory above the heavens!
5 Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
Psalm 114:4-5

“You cannot manipulate God. You cannot manipulate Him by incantations, repetition, public utterances, or your own predictions. God is sovereign. So when you bring your requests to God he may say yes, and he may say no.” RC Sproul

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13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" — ¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. James 4:13-14

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28 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 this day.
1 Kings 27-28

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6 who looks far down
on the heavens and the
earth?

7 He raises the poor from the
dust
and lifts the needy from the
ash heap,

8 to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.

9 He gives the barren woman a
home,
making her the joyous mother
of children.

Praise the LORD! Psalm 113:5-9

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True prayer brings the mind to the immediate contemplation of God's character and holds it there until the believer's soul is properly impressed. John MacArthur

Prayer is an attitude of dependency upon God; an act of submission to the Divine will in accordance with our needs and desires. Arthur Pink

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(That I may) ⁹ be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith. Philippians 3:9

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Prayer can be delineated as
an act of faith and worship
whereby the precious promises
of God are brought home to
the mind of the believer. John
Hannah

Prayer is not so much the
vehicle of benevolent
acquisition as that of worship,
adoration, and praise. John
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Take Home:

What do you think needs to be the focal point of your prayer life: The power of God to answer, Your perspective regarding requests, or your growth as a believer?