



Hebrews 7:25 | SCRIPTURE

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Prayer Makes All The Difference | SERMON

Jesus prayed on earth.
Jesus prayed in heaven.
Jesus continues to pray.

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

Prayer is a cry, a conversation, and a confrontation.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

Three types of prayers:

Asking (petition)

Seeking (devotion)

Knocking (intercession)

1. Prayer brings a REWARD.

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Matthew 6:6

Prayer is as much about results as it is about rewards.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." Genesis 15:1

God's presence is the reward of prayer.

If the request is wrong - God says NO

If the timing is wrong - God says SLOW

If you are wrong - God says GROW

If everything is right - God says GO

"We shall not grow weary of waiting upon God if we remember how long and how graciously He once waited for us." Charles Spurgeon

2. Prayer brings REVIVAL.

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. Luke 3:21

And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." Luke 3:22

While He prayed...heaven was opened.

While He prayed...the Holy Spirit descended.

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While He prayed...a voice came from heaven.

As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. Luke 9:29

As He prayed...His face was changed.

As He prayed...His robe became white.

As He prayed...Moses & Elijah showed up.

If prayer brings revival, prayerlessness brings you into a rut.

Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me for one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:40-41

"Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer." John Bunyan

"No man can do a great and enduring work for God who is not a man of prayer, and no man can be a man of prayer who does not give much time to praying." E.M. Bounds

"To give prayer the secondary place is to make God secondary in life's affairs." E.M. Bounds

Pray when you feel like praying; it is a sin to neglect such an opportunity.

Pray when you don't feel like praying; it is dangerous to remain in such a condition.

3. Prayer brings RELEASE.

"When we feel least like praying is the time when we most need to pray." R. A. Torrey

When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." Luke 22:40

And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed. Luke 22:41

Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. Luke 22:43

When prayer doesn't remove the struggle, it renews your strength.

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Revelation 6:10

Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed. Revelation 6:11

When the answer to prayer is delayed, God clothes you with the robe of His comfort.

"I do not pray to get out of prison but to do the will of God." Our Daily Bread, December 29, 1993

4. Prayer brings RESULTS.

The Bible records 650 prayers and 450 answers to prayers.



"One of the greatest tragedies of prayerlessness is the unemployment of angels." Jentezen Franklin

"Prayer is earthly license for heavenly interference." Myles Munroe

"Prayers are prophecies. They are the best predictors of your spiritual future. Who you become is determined by how you pray. Ultimately, the transcript of your prayers becomes the script of your life."
Mark Batterson

Prayer doesn't change God but it does change things.

God will fulfill His promise but He delights to answer your prayer.

Getting Practical About Prayer

"Prayer is not learned in a classroom but in the closet." E. M. Bounds

We learn prayer by praying.

A. Proper Prayer: To the Father, through the Son, and by the Holy Spirit.

B. Place of Prayer: Pray privately and publicly.

Men of God had altars where they prayed. Later on, people prayed in the temple.

Jesus prayed in the wilderness, on a mountain, in a garden, or any solitary place.

We are told to go into our room to pray (Mt 6:6).

We also gather with others to pray. The church is a house of prayer (Mt 21:13).

C. Posture for Prayer: Heart posture is most important.

Physical postures for prayer:

Sitting (2 Sa 7:18)

Standing (Mark 11:25)

Kneeling (Dan 6:10; Acts 7:60; 9:40; 20:36; 21:5; Eph 3:16)

Face to the ground (Mt 26:39)

Hands lifted up (1 Tim 2:8)

Eyes lifted to heaven (Jn 17:1)

Placing the head between your knees (1 Kings 18:42)

D. Plan for Prayer: Try the TACOS prayer

TACOS:

Thanksgiving

Adoration

Confession

Others

Self