

Sermon Notes

June 23, 2024

Why and for What Should We Pray?

Why Should You Pray:

God has _____ all things.

Proverbs 16:33 *"The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord."*

Matthew 10:29-31 From the most _____ happenings, to

Proverbs 21:1 the most _____ God is in charge.

Proverbs 16:1 ; 16:9 *"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."*

We are to pray according to the council of His _____ to bring Him

_____.

Prayer _____ change God.

God is _____.

Prayer does not change the God's _____

Prayer allows us to _____ to the will of God.

James 5:16 *"the effective prayer of a righteous man avails much"*

The sovereignty of God demands that we _____.

He does answer our prayers when they _____ to God's

_____. The Westminster Larger Catechism defines prayer: "an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies".

For What Should You Pray?

Praise - Confess - Thanks - Supplication

Pray for _____ Provision

Pray for _____ Blessings

Matthew 6:12-13 *"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."*

Ephesians 1:15-22 *"For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the*

*God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom** and of revelation in the **knowledge of him**, having the eyes of your **hearts enlightened...***

*Ephesians 3:14–19 “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with **power through his Spirit** in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through **faith**—that you, being **rooted and grounded in love**, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all **the fullness of God.**”*

*Colossians 1:9–11 “For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with **the knowledge of his will** through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: **bearing fruit** in every good work, growing in the **knowledge of God**, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great **endurance and patience**”*

*Philippians 1:9-11 And this is my prayer: that your **love may abound** more and more in knowledge and **depth of insight**, so that you may be able to **discern what is best** and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of **righteousness** that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”*

*1 Thessalonians 5:23 “May God himself, the God of peace, **sanctify you through and through**. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

*“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us **eternal encouragement and good hope**, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”*

Prayers for Fruitfulness and Good Works

2 Thessalonians 3:1 to “pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored”.

Colossians 1:10 “walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God”

Persevering in Prayer

Psalm 62:8 “Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.”