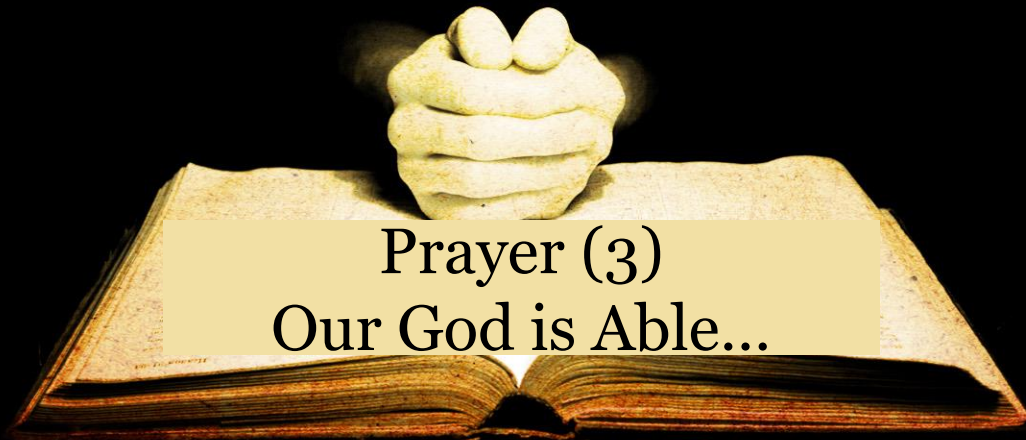


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Prayer (3)
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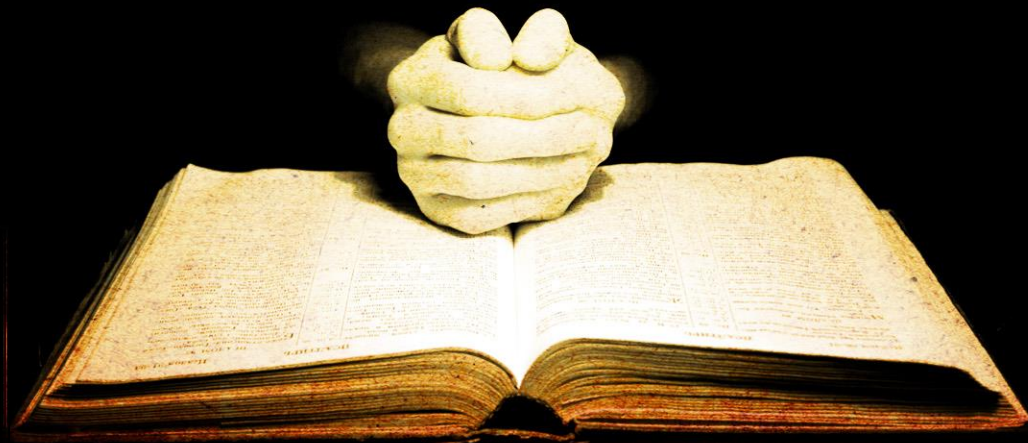
A study of prayer!



- Last week, we addressed access to God. Prayer is about access to Him.
- But we need to take care of our sins to have that access. Jesus provided what was needed to make that access possible.
- We also noted that we have access as His children.
- Finally, we saw God's grace at work as we pray

Prayer (2)

Our God is Able...



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Our 2024 Theme



He knows what we need!

- There is nothing that God does not know!
- He is omniscient (all knowing, all aware)
- **Psalm 147:5**, Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.
- **Psalm 139:1-4**, David prays acknowledging that God knows everything.
- **Hebrews 4:13**, no creature is hidden from His sight
- **Matthew 6:6-8**, in your room in secret



He knows what we need!

- He knows everything BEFORE it occurs
- **Isaiah 48:3**, I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.
- **Jeremiah 1:5**, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”
- **Psalms 139:13-16**, “You formed my inward parts...”



He knows what we need!

- If God knows all, WHY should I pray?
- **Because He commanded it – 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 18:1, Philippians 4:6, etc.**
- **Because it gives us confidence as we approach Him – 1 John 5:14-15.** We may not fully grasp how He answer prayers, but knowing His power, He knows what is best!



He knows what we need!

- If God knows all, WHY should I pray?
- **It keeps our prayers in check – James 4:2-3**, what are we praying for?
He knows our hearts & motives, etc.
- **We are aware of our needs and His ability to provide –** While God can do His part, I **MUST** be willing to do my part.
(**Cf. Matthew 25:14-30**
Matt. 6:11, 2 Thess. 3:10, etc.)



He knows what we need!

- If God knows all, WHY should I pray?
- **The omniscience of God should not cause us to dismiss prayer.**

It ought to give us comfort and peace

Philippians 4:6-7

James 5:16



He can answer us

- **Our God is able!**
- Not only is God all seeing, He is omnipotent (all-powerful)
- **Ephesians 3:20**, able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think
- “To Him who is able...”
Romans 16:25 – establish you
Jude 24 – keep you from stumbling



He can answer us

- **Nothing is too hard for Him**
- **Jeremiah 32:16-17, 27** – “Is there anything too hard for Me?”
- **Matthew 19:26**, with God all things are possible



He can answer us

- **Nothing is too hard for Him**
- He spoke this universe and light into existence – **Genesis 1:1-3**
- He divided the Red Sea – **Exodus 14:13, 30**
- He brought Jesus into this world through a virgin
- He allowed Him to be crucified, but then raised Him from the dead – **1 Corinthians 15:1-4ff.**
- He has given us His word – **Hebrews 4:12, 1 Peter 1:24-25; Romans 1:16-17, 2 Timothy 3:16-17**



He can answer us

- **Nothing is too hard for Him**
- Thus, when we pray to God, we can do so with great confidence:

That He hears us – **1 John 5:14-15**

James 5:13-18 – necessarily implied
cf. **1 Kings 17:1, 18:1ff**



He is not far from us

- **Acts 17:27**
- **Isaiah 55:6-7**, Seek the LORD while He may be found...
- **2 Corinthians 6:16** – I will dwell in them, and walk among them
(**Exodus 29:45, Leviticus 26:12, Jeremiah 31:33, 32:38**, etc.)



He is not far from us

- Of course, these verses are not saying God is physically present, but He is here spiritually.
- He hears our prayers, anywhere and everywhere (if we are walking in the light)

Psalm 139:7-12

- He cares about us – **1 Peter 5:7**



He is not far from us

- We must have confidence that we can go to God in prayer, wherever we are.

The ungodly may take away your freedoms, but they cannot take you some place where God cannot hear your prayers, intercessions and supplications!



Our God knows what we need,
is able, and is near to us when
we pray.



Will you boldly come before
His throne?
(Hebrews 4:16)





Let us pray!