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## Prayer as Worship

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### You can also Worship God through Prayer!

Here is an teaching outline you can use for your lessons or personal learning on how you can be inspired to worship God through prayer.

#### 1. Public Worship.

Ps. 122:1; Acts 2:42, 46-47; Heb. 10:25.

We "congregate" as a redeemed family to worship God.

- Worship is an end in itself, not merely a means to an end.
- We do not worship to become holy. We are made holy to worship.
- We do not worship to get ourselves "charged up" for evangelism.
- We evangelize in order to bring men and women to worship the true God.

#### 2. Private Worship. How can you worship God in private? John 4:24

#### 3. Worship through life, love, service and witness.

Rom. 12:1; Heb. 13:15-16; I Peter 2:9-12.

#### 4. Praise joined with prayer in Scripture.

Phil. 4:6; I. Th. 5:16-18.

- The "house of prayer" is to be entered with praise and thanksgiving (Ps. 100:4; Mark 11:17).
- Scripture calls us to worship, praise and thanksgiving. Ps. 9:11; Heb. 13:15; I. Pet. 2:9; Rev. 19:5.
- Because of who God is. 1 Chron. 16:29; Ps. 18:3, 96:9; Is. 6:1-8; Rom. 11:33-36; Rev.4:8-11.
- Because of all He has done. Psalm 103:1-5; Luke 17:17-18; Ro. 12:1; Rev. 5:11-12.
- Because of all He is now doing.
- The common mercies of life, health, food, shelter, security, and peace.
- The assurance of God's presence, provision, and mercy.
- The people around us--family, friends, colleagues, brothers and sisters in Christ.
- The privileges given us in life.
- Opportunities before us for love, service and witness.
- The high calling given us and the privilege of prayer.

#### 5. Because God is at work for good even when things go against us.

Rom. 8:28-29; 2 Cor. 4:7-12.

- "Always and for everything give thanks." I. Th. 5:18, "giving thanks in all circumstances." Eph.5:20
- "Jesus took the cup and gave thanks" Matt. 26:27, 1 Peter 1:3-9
- Peter miserably denied his Lord. Mark 14:66-72, Acts 3:11; 4:13.

- Stephen was martyred for his witness, yet in ...Acts 7:51-8:1; 26:12-19.
- Paul was under pressure "beyond ability to endure" (2 Cor. 1:8-11; 2:14-17).

*Though giant rains put out the sun, Here stand I for a sign. Though earth be filled with waters dark, my cup is filled with wine. Tell to the trembling priests that live under the deluge rod, One nameless, tattered, broken man Stood up and drank to God. G.K. Chesterton*

### **6. Because of all God will do.**

1 Cor. 15:20-28; Phil. 2:9-10; 1 John 3:1-3; Rev. 22:3-5.

### **7. A pattern for private worship. Mark 12:28-34**

- Look up - in adoration.
- Offer up- in whole 'souled out' dedication.
- Gather up- in heartfelt praise and thanksgiving.
- Get up - go with God in commitment and confidence .
- Reinforce - with teammates in Christ.

### **8. Praise also releases God's power.**

### **Questions to Ponder**

#### **Read John 4:24**

1. What does prayer mean to you? What does worship mean to you? How do these two go together?
2. How can you worship God in private? How have you in the past?
3. Jesus said, *I who speak to you am he*. How has this been so in your life? What can you do to listen to Christ more?
4. What do you need to learn personally so you can be more inspired to worship God through prayer?
5. What do you need to surrender personally?
6. How can prayer with worship help you through:
  - a. Life?
  - b. Love?
  - c. Service?
  - d. Relationships?
  - e. Struggles?
  - f. Being a good witness?
7. How does a lost focus or a habit of being careless or lazy get in the way?

8. How can praise also release God's power for your life? In so doing, what would your life look like?
9. Take a careful inventory of your life, what it is that you want to be pleased with? How does this get in the way of real worship?
10. What can you do to make this form of pray and worship more effectual?

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