

2. New Testament Pattern for Prayer + Overview of The Different Kinds of Prayer

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1. Introduction

Effective Prayer is based on the instructions God has given us in His Word!

2. The Different Kinds of Prayer each have their own set of rules

i. The same kind of Prayer should not be used for every situation

- ii. Some people think, “we should pray, **‘if it be Your will’** when we make a request to God for help, or for healing!” They say, “Jesus prayed that way.” We call this The Prayer of Dedication & Consecration. Jesus didn’t instruct us to use this kind of Prayer for every situation!

People who **do not know** God’s will concerning divine healing, protection, provision often pray, **“IF IT BE YOU WILL”**. They ‘HOPE’ God will come through for them ... Then when their prayer of ‘uncertainty’ goes unanswered, they then say, **“it can’t have been God’s will!”**

iii. The Bible reveals the general will of God for our lives as believers

Example: Redemption Promises: Healing, deliverance, wholeness, protection, peace, financial provision, *are all the will of God for us. So it is unscriptural to pray, “Father God, if it be Your will heal me!”*

3. Effective prayer is based on knowledge – knowing the Truth (John 8:32)

i. ... **KNOWING** God is **ABLE** and **WILLING** to answer our prayers

Example: Jesus settled the age-old question about God’s willingness to heal

Mark 1:40-42 *Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”* ⁴¹ Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, **“I am willing; be cleansed.”** ⁴² As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

ii. **Effective Prayer is based on KNOWING the CHARACTER of God**

God by His very nature is a Healer, Deliverer, Provider, Saviour! The OT describes God’s character through His 7-8 Redemptive Names.

iii. ... **KNOWING** the **PROMISES** of God

2 Corinthians 1:20 *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, ...*

iv. ... **KNOWING WHO WE ARE** in Christ

1 John 5:14-15 NIV *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.* ¹⁵ *And if we know that He hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of Him.*

Hebrews 4:16 **Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

4. Jesus gave us a ‘new’ Pattern for Prayer in the New Testament

John 16:23-24 *And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.*** ²⁴ *Until now you have asked nothing in My name. **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.***

- i. **“that day”** refers to a new Time Period called the New Testament, the Church Age, the Dispensation of Grace
- ii. **“... whatever you ask the Father”** In the Old Testament under the Law of Moses, people could not go directly to God to make their requests! It was the prophets and priests who stood before God on behalf of the people. Not only that – Jesus was telling His disciples that in “that Day” they would call “Jehovah” – “Father”! God was Jehovah, the Great I AM, the God, a consuming fire! (Exodus 20:18-19)

Calling God ‘Father’ had never been done before. Jesus was saying in this New Covenant, Jehovah was now “FATHER”, they were His children, joint heirs with Christ Jesus, each one is now a king and priest to God!

iii. **Whatever you ask the Father ‘in the name of Jesus’**

In the Old Testament **Jehovah had different names**, never had they used “ONE” name – an EARTHLY name! Jesus Christ! Praying in “ONE” name was NEW something they had not done before.

Note: We can FELLOWSHIP with Jesus and with the Holy Spirit ... But when it comes to asking for things, or us making a request, Jesus instructed us in the NT we ask the Father in His the Name Jesus and we will RECEIVE!

5. Overview of the Different Kinds of Prayer

Ephesians 6:18 NIV *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. BSB ... every kind of prayer...*

i. The Prayer of Dedication and Consecration

“consecrate” means **“to set apart as sacred.”** The Prayer of Dedication positions us to walk in places of spiritual authority and to watch over God’s affairs.

ii. The Prayer of Faith

Mark 11:24 ..., ***whatever things you ask, when you pray believe that you receive them, and you will have them.***

A ‘key’ to the Pray of Faith is: we must believe that we receive the answer when you pray (present tense), then you shall have it (future tense).

iii. The Prayer of Agreement

Matthew 18:18-20 *And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and **whatever you bind** on earth will be **bound** in heaven and **whatever you loose** on earth will be **loosed** in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you that **if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where **two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.*****

The Prayer of Agreement is like the Prayer of Faith only there is a multiplication factor in faith when believers agree together in prayer.

iv. The Prayer of Binding and Loosing

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v. The Prayer of Thanksgiving – accompanies all the other kinds of payer (Phil 4:6)

vi. “Tongues” is a complete supernatural Prayer Language

Acts 1:8 *But you shall **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **witnesses** to Me ...*

When we pray in tongues: We have supernatural fellowship with the Father in the spirit realm that we cannot have in any other way. We are releasing divine mysteries. We are activating angels ...

vii. The Prayer of Intercession

Mark 11:17b *Then He (Jesus) taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, **‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations?’***

Much of our intercession is made by praying in tongues ... (Rom 8:26)