

### 3. The Prayer of Dedication & Consecration

The Different Kinds of Prayer Series

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#### 1. Introduction

Ephesians 6:18 BSB *Pray in the Spirit at all times, **with every kind of prayer and petition**. To this end, stay alert with all perseverance in your prayers for all the saints.*

#### 2. Overview of The Prayer of Dedication & Consecration

- i. The Prayer of Dedication is a foundational kind of Prayer. It deals with our heart.
- ii. In this kind of prayer we dedicate our life to the will and purposes of God.
- iii. We also use the Prayer of Dedication and Consecration when God's will for our life is not clear.  
**Example:** our marriage partner, where God would call us to live, church family, ministry calling, career etc.  
We use phrases like: "Lord, Your will be done in my life." .
- iv. The *Prayer of Dedication & Consecration* is prayed over and over. Whereas the Prayer of Faith is prayed once for a particular need.

#### 3. Definition: Dedicate & Consecration – set apart as sacred

**"dedicate"** means **"set apart for a particular purpose, self-sacrificing devotion"**

**"consecrate"** means **"to set apart as sacred"**

##### Example 1. The Prayer of Consecration

Psalms 139:23-24 NIV *Search me, O God, and **know my heart**; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

##### Example 2. The Lord's Prayer Outline – the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray

Matthew 6:9-10 *In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father** in heaven, **hallowed be Your name.** <sup>10</sup> **Your kingdom come. Your will be done** on earth as it is in heaven.*

- i. Jesus taught us to begin prayer by giving God in first place. We call God **"Father"** and acknowledge that He is ***in heaven – meaning, He is above all, over all, our Creator!***
- ii. ***Holy is Your Name*** – reminds us that because God is holy, it is only right for us to live holy, sanctified lives
- iii. The Prayer moves on to: ***"surrender" – Your Kingdom come, Your will be done*** in our lives, our families, the earth.
- iv. Note: Before we ask for our needs to be met: bread, protection, forgiveness, we consecrate our lives to do His will!

#### 4. Our Journey of surrender – He must increase, but I must decrease

John 3:30-31 ***He must increase, but I must decrease.** <sup>31</sup> **He who comes from above is above all;***

John the Baptist, describes the journey of the born again human heart.

Ephesians 2:1-5, 10 ... you ... ***who were dead in trespasses and sins*** 2 ***in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,*** 3 ***among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*** 4 -5 ... ***when we were dead in our sins, made us alive ...***10 ***For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.***

#### 5. Scriptures of Dedication that give us language to pray and to speak

- i. *No one can serve two masters – you cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24*
- ii. *"Seek you **FIRST** the kingdom ..." and all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33*
- iii. *'The greatest among you shall be your servant,' Luke 22:26*
- iv. *No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom Luke 9:61-62*

## 6. The Prayer of Dedication keeps God in first place in our lives

Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17-18 **Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God ...<sup>12</sup> lest — when you have eaten and are full, ... and all that you have is multiplied;<sup>14</sup> when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ...<sup>17</sup> then you say in your heart, “My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.”<sup>18</sup> But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”**

## 7. The Prayer of Consecration helps us to humble ourselves under His mighty hand

*Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,* 1 Peter 5:6

*God resists the proud but gives His grace to the humble* James 4:6

## 8. The ‘I’ Must Die

Isaiah 14:12-15 Lucifer declared his 5 “I WILLS” – The same devil who ‘tested’ Adam comes to us today!

*How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!<sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;<sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’<sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.*

## 9. Pray the Word: I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer ‘I’ who lives

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

## 10. Example: Prayers of Consecration

Psalms 17:3-4, 15 *You have tested my heart; You have visited me in the night: You have tried me and have found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress concerning the works of men, by the word of Your lips, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer...*

Psalms 19:12-13 *Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.<sup>13</sup> Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.*

## 11. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ

Philippians 2:5-8 *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,<sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name that is above every name....*

John 6:38 *For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

John 5:30 *I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.*

Hebrews 5:8-9 *Though He was a Son, yet He **learned obedience by the things which He suffered.** And having been **perfected**, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.*

## 12. Qualifications to judge God’s house and have charge of His courts

Zechariah 3:7 *Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My house, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here.*

God gives charge of His Courts to those who have surrendered themselves to walk in His will and not fulfil the desires of their flesh. As we consecrate our lives to come under God’s authority, He is able to trust us with authority to execute His will in the earth.