

Prayer and Praise

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- 1. Express yourself to the Lord.
- Psalm 17:1-2 Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer-- it does not rise from deceitful lips. ² May my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.
- Psalm 17:6-8 give ear to me and hear my prayer. ⁷ Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings
- Psalm 17:13-14 ¹³ Rise up, O LORD, confront them, bring them down; rescue me from the wicked by your sword. ¹⁴ O LORD, by your hand save me

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- Each of these verses contain **IMPERATIVE** verbs!
- David expresses himself **unashamedly**, and at the same time **recognizes God's majesty**.
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- David wanted God's **attention** (vs 1-5)
- and he wanted God's **action** (vs 6-14)

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- ^{NAS} **John 15:7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.
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- David based his prayers on his understanding of God's **word**, God's **ways**, and God's **promises**.

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- ^{NAS} **1 John 3:22** and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.
- It's the job of the Holy Spirit to **convict** us. **Ask Him** to do that.

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- **Job 42:8-10** ¹⁰ And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

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- If you are a child of God and **confess** your sins – then you are **forgiven!** and the **Lord hears** you.
- **Jeremiah 29:11-13** ¹¹ 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. ¹² 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ 'And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.
- ^{NKJ} **Jeremiah 33:3** 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

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- Ask **in faith!**
- **James 1:5-8** ⁵ But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, ⁸ *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

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- *Ways God answers prayers:*
- God can say: **YES!** - to **exactly** what you've asked
- God can say: **YES!** - and answer in **a way you didn't ask for**
- God can say: **NO** - to exactly what you've asked for
- *(NO ... is an answer.)*
- God can say: **WAIT. Trust Me.**

- Prayer is all about **your relationship** to God. If you aren't **praying**... you aren't **relating!**

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- When you experience God – you will know Him as:
 - Your strength
 - Your rock
 - Your shield
 - The horn of your salvation
 - Your stronghold

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- Psalm 18:7-19
- David uses language that reflect God's **power, presence, and deliverance** of the Israelites when he talks about his own deliverance.

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- Psalm 18:7 – sounds like an earthquake
- Psalm 18:8 – fire comes from God's mouth
- Psalm 18:9 – YHWH comes down from heaven
- Psalm 18:10 -12 - He rides a cherub, thick clouds surround Him, the brightness is God Himself
- Psalm 18:13 – the LORD thundered... uttered His voice...
- Psalm 18:14 – the lightening is described as His arrow
- Psalm 18:15 – then foundations of the world were laid bare– the sea was parted
- David trusts the same God who delivered the nation of Israel.

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- It almost looks like David sat back and watched God do all the work,
- but the rest of the Psalm shows us that
- God did His supernatural work through David.
- **Psalm 18:33-40**

Exalt God because He gives the victory!

- He gives **God the credit.**

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- I Will Call Upon The Lord

D G D G

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ROCK OF AGES

A A4

There is no rock

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There is no god like our God

D D4

No other name

D D4 A A4 A A4

Worthy of all our praise

Exalt God because He gives you the victory!

E E4 E E4

The rock of salvation that cannot be moved

F#m D

He's proven Himself to be faithful and true

B4

There is no rock

D A A4 A (A4)

There is no God like ours

Exalt God because He gives you the victory!

F#m D A E

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