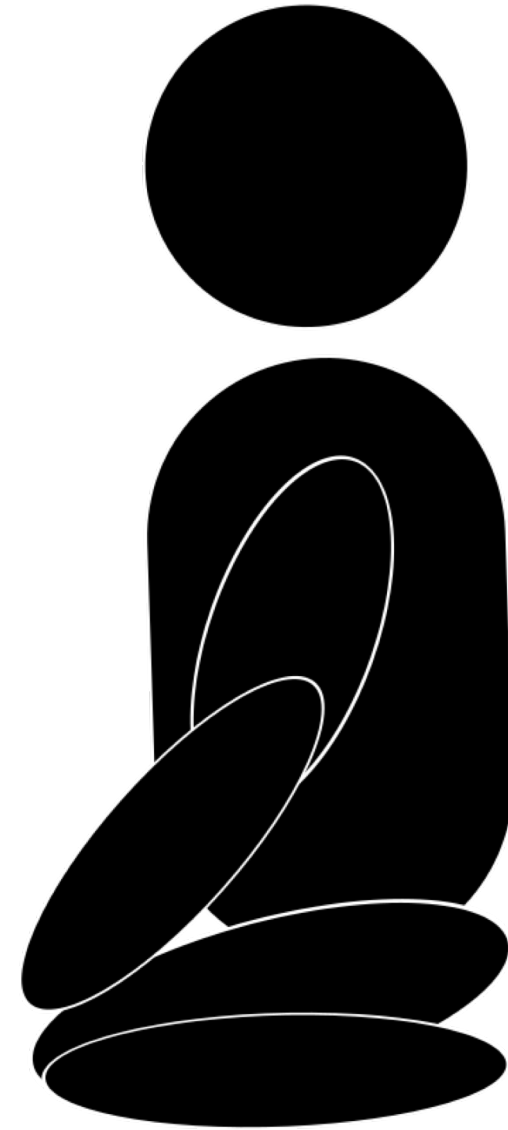


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Transformative Bible Study

POWER OF PRAYER



Why do we pray?



BUILDS OUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH
JESUS



SEEK GOD'S WILL
FOR OUR LIVES



SEEK GOD'S
GUIDANCE



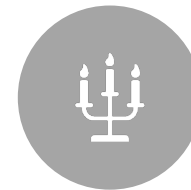
TO OVERCOME
TEMPTATION



A WEAPON FOR OUR
USE IN SPIRITUAL
WARFARE



GOD HAS
COMMANDED US TO
PRAY



ACTIVATES OUR
FAITH



TO COVER OTHERS

Types of prayers

- **Adoration** (I will bless you Oh Lord)
- **Agreement** (corporate prayer)
- **Communion** (pray without ceasing)
- **Confession** (acknowledging our sin and seeking forgiveness)
- **Contrition** – (a sorrow motivated by love of God)
- **Intercession** (on behalf of others)
- **Petition** (asking of God)
- **Supplication** (making our petition known)...cast all your cares on me
- **Spiritual Warfare** (letting go and letting God/hearing/trusting)
- **Thanksgiving** (our many blessings)..I will bless the Lord at all times

What is
prayer?

Prayer is a conversation between two people, you and God. While others may be listening, your conversation is always with God.

Prayer of Gratitude David

David is first introduced in Scripture in the book of 1 Samuel 16:1-13

David was anointed King of Judah when he was 33; and King of Israel when he was 40 years of age years 2 Samuel 2:4 and 2 Samuel 5:2

David was the father of Solomon

David is known as a man after God's heart

10 Reasons David is considered as a man after God's own heart



Humble – Lowborn men are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie; if weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath. [Psalm 62:9](#)

Reverent – I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. [Psalm 18:3](#)

Respectful – Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief. [Psalm 31:9](#)

Trusting – The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? [Psalm 27:1](#)

Loving – I love you, O Lord, my strength. [Psalm 18:1](#)

Devoted – You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. [Psalm 4:7](#)

Recognition – I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. [Psalm 9:1](#)

Faithful – Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. [Psalm 23:6](#)

Obedient – Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. [Psalm 119:34](#)

Repentant – For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. [Psalm 25:11](#)

David's example is a great road map for how we are to live our life.

David Back Story

David

- David is a shepherd boy - 1 Samuel 16:10-11
- David Defeat Goliath - 1 Samuel 17
- David becomes best friends with Jonathan
- King Solomon is fearful of David and seeks to kill him
- David hears of Saul and Jonathan death and laments
- The Ark of the Covenant is brought Jerusalem
- David desires to build a house unto the Lord

David's Prayer

2 Samuel

7:18-29

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

“Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ¹⁹ And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!^[a]

²⁰ **“What more can David say to you?** For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. ²¹ For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

²² **“How great you are, Sovereign LORD!** There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. ²³ And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt?^[b] ²⁴ You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, LORD, have become their God.

²⁵ **“And now, LORD God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house.** Do as you promised, ²⁶ so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The LORD Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight.

²⁷ **“LORD Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you.** ²⁸ Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. ²⁹ Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”

Lessons from David Prayer

David begins his prayer with **unpretentiousness**. He is the King of Israel but in the presence of God he asked the question ***Who am I?*** We are not worthy to be in the presence of God, yet He beckons us to come.

David speaks about the favor God has **bestowed** upon his life. In our prayers, we must express gratitude for grace and mercy of God.

David recognizes every great thing which has occurred in his life must be **ascribed** to God. What have we accomplished of our own merit? Nothing. Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

David **magnifies** the **greatness** and glory of God. When we stand in God's presence in prayer magnify Him, exalt Him, and glorify Him. He alone is worthy to be praised.

David give **thanks** to the only true God, Jehovah for protecting his nation Israel and restating the promise of God.

WHEN GOD SAYS NO

- Learn to give thanks
- Adopt an attitude of gratitude
- Remember God is in control – He sees and knows what we can't
- He causes all things to work together for our good
- Even when God says “no” He remains a provider, a way-maker, a chain-breaker, a burden-bearer, a heart-fixer, a soul-deliver, and a mind-regulator



Questions

- Has God ever say “no” to you and what was your response?
- When you have responded “no” to a family and/or friends request, can you recall why?
- Is “no” an end or a beginning?

God is shaping and fashioning us for something far greater than we may have imagine!

