

The Christian Prayer

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- [0 : 00] Welcome. Thank you for listening to The Sousom Word by David Entry. The words you catch will change your world. May your story change from this message.
- Be blessed. Matthew chapter 6 verse 5. It says, when you prevent our prayer, let's read it from the screen if you can, please. Let's go.
- And when our prayers, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the street, that they may be seen of men.
- Verily I say unto you, they have their hope. So prayer is a when. When you pray. So we have to pray.
- And verse 16 says that when you fast. Fasting is a necessity. A philosopher many years ago decided to do a research on human beings and animals and came to the conclusion that initially, it was believed that human beings are different from animals in a lot of ways.
- [1 : 20] But she did a research and found out that really there's no difference between human beings and animals. Because human beings communicate. Animals also communicate among themselves.
- So, and then even further, they began to believe that animals very soon, they'll be able to, they have a way of cooking. Making fire. In the jungle, some animals are quite wild.
- So they are not, they might not do it in an advanced way like us, but they, they can do it. So that means that there's no difference.
- Now if they begin to cook properly, and they do Chinese steak away. But she's wrong. Because there's a difference between animals.
- One of the major difference between human beings and animals is human beings pray. Animals can pray. Generally, prayer.
- [2 : 19] There are people who said they are atheists. God is so central that even for someone to say, I'm an atheist, you must have your definition of who you are has God inside it.
- Taste. Te, te, te, te, te. Teo is God. I'm atheist. It's like God is the center of everything. You can see, sometimes you can hear, and someone who says, I'm an atheist, saying, oh, oh God.
- Calling on God when their car loses control. So everybody prays one way or the other.
- Some people choose not to because they believe that there's no God, and God doesn't exist. So they don't. Others also believe that God exists, but God is not in control. That's Daisy.
- And others believe, like us, believe that theism. God exists and is in control. And now, almost every religion prays.
- [3 : 18] So then if we are gathering here to pray, someone will say, okay, but you are going to pray. Me too, I'm also going to pray. I'm going to the Buddhist temple to pray. I'm going to the mosque to pray. They pray, sometimes five times or three times a day.

I mean, not sometimes. That's their shadow. Three times a day. The Muslims and the Buddhists can chant for a very long time.

You know, so religions pray. So what is different about Christian prayer? One of the things you have to understand about Christian prayer is Christian prayer is not instinctive.

Prayer is a human instinct. You know, that's why some where Christianity hasn't got into whatever. It's something you can go to the remote part of the world.

You meet people, they have their own way of praying. Some of them will pray to animals. Some of them will pray to rocks, the river. But there's some way of relating to the supernatural.

[4 : 17] So it's instinctive. But Christian prayer is not just instinctive. It's distinctive. What makes it distinctive? What makes Christian prayer distinct?

Different from all the other prayers. That's what I want to talk about. It's different from all the other prayers. All the other prayers, Christian prayer is the number one Christian prayer.

It can never be private. I know you are wondering. Actually, when they came to Jesus, they said, teach us how to pray.

What did he say? Our Father. That means once you are praying, you are in a crowd already. He said, say, my Father. Matthew chapter 6, verse 9.

He said, our Father. So Christian prayer is, what do you mean? You know, even in Islam, they believe that their God is Allah.

[5 : 18] And their God has one prophet. And their God's prophet is called Muhammad. But even that, you can pray to their God, who is called Allah.

Different from Yahweh. You can pray to their God, who is called Allah, without getting Muhammad involved. So prayer for the Muslims is between you and God.

And only one God, like him and just you. But a Christian prayer is not like that. Christian prayer is the barest minimum in the group.

In that group is for you. God the Father. God the Son. God the Holy Spirit. That's the barest minimum.

So anytime we are praying, it's the one who is praying. God the Father. God the Son. God the Holy Spirit. They are all present. Or he is all present.

[6 : 17] In the prayers. Now, that is the barest minimum. But as soon as you pray, Satan also gets involved. Or gets interested. So that's why sometimes prayer can be very difficult.

You're trying to pray and you're yawning and it's like you sleep. Because prayer gets Satan's attention. So as soon as you pray, Satan also comes on the scene.

It comes around. And when he's coming, it doesn't come alone. The Bible says that principalities and power, they are also coming. Angels are also on. So the Christian prayer brings so many personalities involved.

And then if I'm praying with you, then the two of us with a crowd. The Bible says that we, Hebrews chapter 12, verse 1.

Seeing we are surrounded by this so great a cloud. The people who have also died, the saints, they can't communicate with us. Listen to that. That people can't communicate to living people.

[7 : 17] Living people cannot communicate to dead people. Anyone who communicates to dead person is exposing yourself to demonic influences and demonic invasion.

It's called necromancy. You are communicating with dead bodies or dead people. Your father who died or the princess who died in a car crash is now beginning to talk to you.

You will only go off. Demons feed on that. And any spiritual communication outside of the Holy Spirit is demonic.

So we don't talk to dead people. So Apostle Paul, Apostle Peter, all those things they teach you when you are praying, pray to the saints. They'll be blessed to be.

Mary is dead and God bless. She can't. But they are all saints. And when we pray, they come on the sea. The Bible says you are surrounded with a great cloud of their witnesses.

[8 : 22] They are witnesses. So our prayers, what makes our prayer distinctive is that it's not a private prayer. Hallelujah.

Number two, it's only Christianity that when you are praying, you call God father. Jews don't do that. Don't mind people who tell you they believe in the fatherhood, universal fatherhood of God.

No. Or, you know, universal brotherhood of man. We are not all brothers. It's only those in Christ that are in one family. But it's only, Jesus said when you pray, say what?

Our father. So the God we pray to is not like just a creator. He's a personal father God. It's very important.

It's a personal father God. Number three, what makes our prayers distinctive is that Christian prayer is not fortune.

[9 : 29] It's not fortune. It's not luck. Many people, let's pray, maybe something might happen. Maybe. Christian prayer is not fortune.

It's not based on fortune. Maybe for you, justly. Maybe something will happen. Let's try it and see. No, no, no, no. Christian prayer is faith.

It's faith. We know that something happens when we pray. It's faith. James chapter 1 verse 6, 7, 8.

It talks about how you should ask in faith. With no doubting. For he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

The next statement. Let not that person suppose you receive anything. Ah, ah. Your prayer. He said, don't let that guy. He said, don't forget it. Don't think you'll receive anything from God.

[10 : 31] Really? What have I done? He said, you didn't ask in faith. Wow. Faithlessness invalidates your prayer. So it's faith, not lack.

Not chance. In prayer, we don't deal with chance. We deal with faith. Let him ask in faith. Jesus puts it this way.

Mark chapter 11 verse 22. Have. In God. Tell someone, have faith in God. Have faith in God. This fasting period, have faith in God.

Amen. Don't be afraid. Don't fear. Fear not. Have faith in God. Amen. Jesus says, can you imagine people who are about to sink in a boat, a whole boat.

And they cry for Jesus to help them. Jesus rather reprimands them kind of. He said, why are you so fearful? But what should I do? But it's a fearful situation. He said, but why are you so fearful?

[11 : 37] You're asking why am I so... Ah! I'm sinking. You're asking why am I... He said, when you are with me, stop fearing. Stop fearing when you are with me.

Tell somebody, somebody stop fearing. Stop fearing. Stop fearing. No evil will happen to you. Amen. No evil.

Your health will not deteriorate. Amen. No evil. Amen. Amen. Definitely, this will be your year of all unrest.

Amen. Amen. All right. You know, last year today, that's your problem. You begin to make references of when it didn't happen. Amen. That's your problem.

That's your problem. David, when he first go like that, there might be times when he did things that didn't happen. But he chose to make reference of when things happened. Wow. That's why we hear testimony.

[12 : 39] So you can't say nothing has happened. It's happening for others. use that one. Stop using what you tried and it didn't work. Because it's working.

So, faith is required for every Christian prayer. Other prayers is fortune. Let me add, before I move on towards the faith, I'm going to talk a little bit about faith in prayer.

In Christian prayer, let me add the fourth one. In Christian prayer, it is a communication. It's not one way.

We talk to God, He talks to us. It's like a conversation. It's more of a conversation than meditation. Christian prayer is more of a conversation than meditation.

We speak to God, He speaks to us. We speak to God. Now, let's talk about faith in prayer. When we talk about faith in prayer, most people think when we say faith, faith to believe.

[13 : 49] Faith, believe that you will get what you're asking for. So, that's all you're thinking about. No, but there are seven aspects of faith in prayer.

Seven aspects. The last one is the one that everybody think, God, I pray, I'll get it when I pray. No. Yes, you will get it. But there are other seven. There are other six. What you should believe when you are praying.

Not just believe that it will be done. But what else should you do? There are things you should believe even before you get to there. It will be done. So, that's the seven, the six, and then I'll add it.

I'm coming to talk about faith. Number one. Hebrews chapter 11, verse six. For without faith, it's impossible to please God. And we, for he who comes to, let's read it.

I like it when we read it out. Please try, do me a favor. Read it out as loud as you can. Okay? Everybody. Everybody. Let's go. Let's go. Wow.

[15 : 02] So, when you are coming to God, you are supposed to come, what? Believing, right? But believe what? That he's a rewarder. No, no, no, no, no, no, no. Believe what? It's there.

What should you believe? What should you believe? What should you believe? What should you believe? Yes. You are praying to a God who is. He's there. He exists. Yeah.

Is he really? No. You must first know that he's there. I'm coming to him. I don't know. Don't come. Wow. Wow. So, God is real.

Wow. Wow. And God is here. Hallelujah. Believe that he exists. That's where you start your faith in prayer.

That God exists. God is. Thank you, Lord. God is the God or a God who is.

[15 : 58] He exists there. He's there. Or maybe, oh, this whole thing about God. Okay, let me try. He's moving even to fortune. Let me try. You see, many people think God owes them a proof of himself.

God, you owe me. Other than that, this whole church thing I won't do. You don't do it and die and see. And when he dies once, you are not waking up coming back. You have been deceived that way you come back as a prince.

No. You are not coming back. You are not. Or maybe, okay, you are bad. So, you come back as a rat. You are actually not coming back at all. After death, there is judgment.

Hebrews chapter 9, 27. Once. All right. So, God is. Everybody say God is. God is. You have to believe that God is. Number two, when you, wow.

When you pray, what should you believe? What should we believe? That, so, number one, that God is.

[17 : 03] Number two, you know, have you met people who say, they try to be very intellectual? They say, I know there is something there. But I don't call it God.

There is higher power. There is a force. Energy. Energy. There is an energy somewhere. You call it God. I don't call it God. You call it God.

I don't call it God. What do you call it? I call it force. Force somewhere. Somewhere, something. Because they are trying to escape the fact that there is God. So, God is.

So, people, if you say you are praying to the God who is. Somebody also say he is. But I don't call him God. So, he is. So, he is a force. There is a force. There is a ground force.

There is a principle. There is an energy somewhere. I'm praying. So, the energy is. So, the second thing you should believe is that God is personal.

[18 : 10] He has feelings. He has will. He has decisions. He makes decisions. So, it's not a force. Force don't speak. Power doesn't speak.

You better pray to your plug. Electric plug then. Because he has power. Power does not speak. A person speaks.

A person feels. You can grieve a person. You can make a person happy. You can make a force happy. That you are driving. And then you step on the brake.

The force. The brake slump. I'm happy. No. You can make a force happy. He is personal.

God is personal. Let's all say that together. God is personal. So, because he is personal, that's why you can relate with him. You can communicate with him. And he made us in his image.

[19 : 12] So, we can communicate with him. Animals can communicate with him. God didn't make them in his image. So, we can communicate with God. We can have interactions with God.

So, God is personal. He is personal in form of three persons. God, the Father. God, the Son. God, the Spirit.

God, the Father. God, the Son. God, the Spirit. He is, these three persons is personal. Three persons.

He said, God is actually a person. He's a person. He makes decisions. You can appeal to his message. You can appeal and talk to him for him to make a decision.

God is a personal God. So, when you are about to pray, first of all, believe God is. Two, believe this God who is, is personal. He's not a force in some way.

[20 : 18] It's not some energy somewhere where some people will cross their legs and chant for the energy to come. Oh, energy of the universe. Oh, energy of the universe.

Come into me now. So, God is personal. Number three. You have to believe that.

My wife is not here at the moment. So, she can't hear what I'm saying. But she's just about, is it 30 miles away? But she can't hear.

How about my mom who is in Ghana? If I want to talk to her, she can't hear me. He said, it's going to be difficult. I have to take a phone.

And sometimes when you have been doing FaceTime and all those, there's lag. Latency. You know, there's lags a little bit. People, eventually people went to the moon. And when they got to the moon, they were able to talk to human beings.

[21 : 20] They communicate with them. But there's a delay. But they still communicate. God, you speak. You don't need a microphone.

He still hears. Oh, I feel like preaching now. He's hearing me. Some of you at the back there, you can't hear me. Because the public address system is helping.

If I put the microphone off, you will hear it. If I shout loud, the people outside might even hear me. But God doesn't need any of the systems. And you are talking to me.

And guess what? Can you imagine the number of people praying now? And he's hearing every individual person. He hears every individual one. Every individual person.

Every. So when you are praying, this is the confidence that we have in 1 John 5, verse 14. That when we pray according to his will, he hears us. And we know that if he hears us, verse 15, then we know that the petition we have asked of him, he shall do it.

[22 : 21] So God hears. When you are praying, believe that God is actually hearing you. He hears. He heard what he said. I just heard the baby.

The little child. Over there. Others outside might not hear. So if you are like that and outside and this baby is trying to call for my mom, we will not hear. If mom is fair.

But I can hear. So what I'm trying to say is that you have to know that God is hearing you. He's hearing you. It's not like he's a person, but he's also hearing you.

It doesn't matter the noise around you and all that. He's hearing you. He's in heaven, but he's hearing you. Someone say, God hears me when I pray. He hears me when I pray. Number four.

What should you believe? Number one, what should you believe when you are praying? Number two. God is a person. He's personal.

[23 : 19] God's three persons. Father, Son, Holy Spirit. So God is personal. Number three. Number four.

God listens. But it's the same thing. No. Some of you, your problem is listening. We are told don't go out with that boy.

You heard it, but you didn't listen. You see the difference? Yeah. When you were in school, your teacher said, you don't listen. You don't listen. I told you 18 plus 2 is 20.

I told you. You didn't listen. Mom used to tell you. I told you. Don't put the plate on the TV. I told you. Don't drink the tea and leave it on the couch.

Or in the, uh, uh, uh. Don't put your tea in the couch. Yeah. Tea cup with tea. And you are putting it on the sofa. I told you. But now you stained it. This sofa is expensive.

[24 : 21] From DSF. Is it DSL or DFL? DFS. DFS. I've been telling you. Don't listen. Don't listen. But God, when you pray.

Hallelujah. So you have to believe that God is listening to my prayers. Is this, listen. Talk to me. Talk to me. He heard you.

But he's actually listening. You're keen interest in what you got to say. God listens. God listens.

Please. I haven't said this yet. But. There's a difference between. I should have said it. In a bit. Earlier on. I said the distinctiveness of our prayer. I said it.

But didn't emphasize on it too much. Difference between meditating and praying. Some people will tell you. The highest form of prayer is meditation. Don't mind. What's meditation?

[25 : 21] Focused thinking. You meditate on God's word. But that's not prayer. In prayer you don't. They tell you. Even the highest form of meditation is just to think about nothing. Think about that craziness.

Ooh. Nothing. Yeah. Let your mind flow. Nothing. There's nothing. Nothing. Nothing. I'm about to drop something very important.

Prayer is not thinking. Most people don't pray. They only think. Thinking. Oh God. Say it in your thinking.

In your mind. Oh God. Because God is able to do exceedingly about all that you can think of. Ask of. Jesus said in Luke chapter 11 verse 2. He said when you pray.

When you pray. Say it. When you pray. Say it. When you pray. Say it. You got to open your mouth and say. Some people don't like hearing themselves speak.

[26 : 23] When you pray. You have to hear yourself speak. Say it. How many of you have had wandering thoughts before? But you won't have wandering ways when you are praying.

You can have wandering thoughts. But certainly. When you try worse. You won't have wandering ways. Prayer involves speaking to God.

Speaking to. My pastor. I've been praying in my head. He said when you pray. Say it. They came to him and said that. Master. Because these are Jews.

One of the fundamental things about Jews. Is that you are taught God. God. You are taught. How to pray. From a child. Because Yahweh.

Is so. Central to a Jewish person. That. Your life. Evolves. God. And your people. That's all. So Jews. Your Jewish boys know how to pray.

[27 : 20] They teach them. Then these guys. They saw Jesus pray by his. Style of prayer. What's different? Because there's something distinctive about his prayer. Not the one we have been taught.

He's been calling God. Father. They came to him. Chapter 11 verse 1. Look. And they said. And it came to pass. When he was praying at a certain place.

When he sees. That one of his disciples. Said to him. Lord. Teach us. Not how to pray. Teach us. To pray. Teach us.

To pray. So we can do it. We want to do what you are doing. Let us. Do it. We want the ability to do it. Then he. He said. Teach us. To pray. John's disciples. Told his disciples. And he says.

That when you pray. That's the word he started. He said. Jesus said. When you pray. Say. So. Not think. When you pray.

[28 : 15] What do you do? Say. I don't like talking. Then you don't like praying. Hallelujah. I got it.

That's it. All right. So. Number one. Is faith. Faith. God exists. Is a person. Sorry. He's personal. He hears.

He listens. And then. Number. Five. When God listens. He will answer.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. He will. Oh.

Let me put it. He will respond. It's a communication. God will respond. Sometimes.

[29 : 11] How does he respond? He will tell you something. He will tell you don't marry that guy. Yeah. He will tell you. You can tell God. God really let me know if I should marry that guy.

Speak to me. Speak to me. I pray to God. I really want to know. And then you met a friend. On the road. You just. On the bus. And said. Now this. If you are not convinced about a person.

Don't marry the person. Ah. If I have you. They won't listen. Yeah. They won't hear.

Let alone to listen. Then. You came to church. And the brother was talking to you. And said. Hey. Let's go. Our sister was talking to you.

And a friend was talking to you. He said. I hope you are not planning to marry that guy. Okay. Now this.

[30 : 06] This is getting serious. You ask God to speak to you now. And the pastor is preaching. He says that. You want to marry somebody. And you know God doesn't want you to marry. Ah. No.

No. No. God. Now. This is. This is getting too serious. When you pray. God will respond. He hears and he listens.

And he will respond. Sometimes you open your Bible. And then. You can tell. It's like God is preaching. He's talking to you. How many of you have come to church before. And then. The pastor is preaching.

And he feels like. How did he know about. Everything I prayed about. You have answered all my questions. Meanwhile. I didn't have a clue. I don't have a clue. I don't have a clue.

But God is speaking to you. He's responding. You can respond through even systems. Say amen. Are you learning something at all? That's number five.

[31 : 05] Number six. When you pray. Believe. That. He will respond. And then he will act. Some people believe.

That God can change people. Right. So God can. Maybe. My. Sister. Is a problem for me. So God. I'm praying. Touch her life.

So people believe. God can change people. But they don't. Believe. Really. That. God can change the weather. Oh. Oh. They don't believe.

That God. God can. Make things change. Something happen. Not just people. But God is actually in control. Not only in the lives of people. But in control of the universe.

Yeah. You are about to have your. Wedding day. Say it's going to rain heavily. The day. You can pray. Believe God.

[32 : 00] That God can stop there. Elijah did it now. Elijah did it. So don't just believe that God can change people. God can actually act.

And move things. And cause things to move. Cause. Some situations to happen. The flood that is happening somewhere. To cease.

God can cause things to happen. God can. God can crush. The virus. God can act. Say God can act. God can act.

That's number. Six or five. And then the last one. Is the one that. You believe that God will answer. When you pray. You'll get an answer.

You have to believe that. When you pray. You'll get an answer. Listen to how Jesus puts it. In Mark chapter 11. Verse 24. Mark 11. 24. It said. Therefore I say to you.

[32 : 58] Whatever thing you ask. Say ask. Ask. Let me. Let me. Say this. Briefly. There are people who say. You don't have to be asking anything. God knows what you will do already.

Read your Bible very carefully. Much of the time Jesus talked about prayer. Or prayed. 90. About 90 or 95 percent of it. Involved asking. Chunk of prayer has to do with asking.

I had a story about. A story of. An accomplished. Violinist. Accomplished violinist. And. His dad was super.

Unique violinist. So one day he was being interviewed. And he was asked. Did he. Who taught him how to play the violinist. Your dad. He said. No. No. No. His dad. Somebody. His dad's friend or somebody.

Taught him how to play. His dad didn't teach him. So his dad was once asked. Why didn't you teach your son to play? He said. He never asked me. He never asked me to teach him. God wants us to ask him.

[33 : 57] Ask. Ask. There's somebody. Ask. The other person. Go on and ask. Yeah. Ask. Jesus said.

Let's read it from the screen. That's scripture. Let's go. Therefore I say to you. Whatever you have been taught with prayer. Believe that you receive them. And you will have them.

He said. Believe. Believe that you receive them. You don't receive it after you have prayed. You receive it when you are praying. Then you will have them.

Believe that you receive them. So when you have. Believe. That's the last. So faith. Faith is the master key. That makes prayer different.

From any other thing. So then it's not a matter of luck. Or chance. Now to. You have to.

[34 : 58] Be intentional. About your faith. Two things you shouldn't do to your faith. Don't. Force. Faith.

You are forcing. It's almost like a fake faith. Faith is not a force.

Like by force. No. And number two. Faith is not feelings. Don't think. You see. Some people say. When I pray. I don't think. Because I didn't feel.

There's no way in the Bible. That scripture connects. Answer to prayer. With feelings. Yeah. Prayer. Answers to prayer. Is always in relation with faith.

Not feelings. Because sometimes. Your feelings might be different. But your faith. Faith. Sometimes you pray. You feel like. You don't feel like. God has listened to you. You have to.

[35 : 52] Believe. So don't use feelings. Now. When it comes to your faith. Don't let your faith. Follow your feelings. Let your feelings.

Follow your faith. Let your feelings. Follow your faith. So now. Faith is not based on your feelings. And don't.

Force. Faith. Yeah. Force. Okay. I have faith. No. Please. What should you do? Two things you should do. To your faith.

Feed your faith. Feed your faith. By listening to preaching. Reading your Bible. And all that. Feed faith. And.

Stretch your faith. In prayer. Stay in faith. And stretch your faith. So what does that mean? Don't believe God.

[36 : 51] For a jet now. You can believe God. For a bicycle. Depending on where you are.

That's. That. That is. Within reach. Then after you've got a bicycle. Or the first car. Believe God. For the next car. Or for the house. Don't believe.

Believe God. For at least one bedroom flight. Or house. Before you believe God. For a. Eight bedroom. House.

With swimming pool. And long tennis courts. In Kensington. Please. But the point is that.

It gets to a time you begin to. Believe. Stretch your faith. Stretch your faith for something. More. Stretch your faith. Feed it.

[37 : 49] And then stretch it in prayer. Believe God. God can do it. I believe God can do it. There's no forcing it. You've actually fed your faith. And then you are.

Stepping out. Or stretching it for something more. Don't only do what is convenient. And comfortable. Believe God for. Something big. Something bigger.

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