

SECRETS OF EFFECTUAL PRAYER

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COMPREHENSION

Prayer is **conscious approach to God** or **deliberate drawing near to commune with God** in humility and holiness Jas 4:6-10. Such prayerful approach to God is usually **for adoration in gratitude and supplication for grace**.

Prayer which is **acceptable to God** does not conform to the world but must come from someone whose **bodily** life is dedicated as holy unto God and whose **mental** thought is renewed to approve what is good and perfect before God Rom 12:2.

Such people of prayer **must be free from** darkened understanding, futile mind, blinded hearts and ignorance of godless Gentiles Eph 4:17; and **must not be followers of** the lustful disobedient conduct of the age (course/era) of this world Eph 2:1-3.

Friendship with the world is enmity against God John 15:19; Jas 4:4; 1John 2:15-16.

CONDITIONS

The **conditions** for godly prayer are **consecration, confidence, concord, confession, continuousness and compliance** IN CHRIST 1John 5:14-15; Mat 18:18-20; Psa 133:1-3.

God's good **purpose** as revealed in His Word.

God's good **pleasure** as revealed in His Word.

God's great **power** is according to His **purpose** and **pleasure**.

God's great **power** is found in His **presence**.

The Saints' **piety** and **purity** is well **pleasing** to God.

The Saints' **prayers** bring them into God's **presence** to access His **power**.

God's **presence** and **power** are accessible to the Saints when they **pray** out of the **piety** to accomplish God's **purpose** and **pleasure** John 14:12-14.

Prayer without **piety** is **praying amiss** Jas 4:3.

When we chose or desire to do God's **pleasure** according to His **purpose**, we need to access God's **presence** and **power** through **prayer** John 15:7 (e.g. for **pardon, protection, provision, power** for **perseverance** and **perception**).

When we desire to know God's **Will** in any matter,

we need to access His **presence** through **prayer** and

we need to know His **purpose** and **pleasure** through the **Wisdom** in His **Word**.

When we desire to do God's **purpose** and **pleasure** at any time,

we need to access His **presence** and **power** through **prayer**.(Col 4:2,12)

COMMUNION

Prayer according to God's **purpose** and **pleasure** is our means of accessing God's **presence** to commune with Him.

Prayer is our means of entering into high priestly communion with the whole company of heaven Psa 133:1-3; Heb 12:22-24.

God's **Word** is God's **Wisdom** and **Will** and therefore our surest means of knowing God's **pleasure** and **purpose**.

COMBUSTION!

Prayer is our means of **standing** before God 1Kin 17:1; 18:42; Jas 5:13-15 to make **supplication** for the **supplies** we need (**pardon, perception, provision, power, perseverance and protection**) in order to **please** God and fulfil His **purpose** Luk 11:9-10.

Prayer is our means of **supplying** the required **spiritual fire** to kindle our heavenly golden **censer** (Psa 141:2; Rev 5:8) and **altar** (Lev 9:21-24; 1Kin 18:36-38; Rev 8:3-6) to smoke up favourable **memorial** before God's throne (Dan 9:23; Act 10:4; Php 4:6).

Therefore, **persistent prayer for pertinent provisions that fulfil God's purpose and pleasure is a permanent necessity** Luk 18:1; 21:26; 1Thes 5:17, for by it we keep our spiritual censers burning as memorial before God on earth and in heaven.

CONFIDENCE

Prayer duly prayed **in Christ's Name** and **for God's purpose and pleasure** is surely answered 1John 5:14-15; Mat 18:18-20.

Thanks to God for the **Holy Spirit**, Who is always there to help us pray aright if we are willing Rom 8:26-27.

IT'S TIME TO PRAY TO GOD.

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