



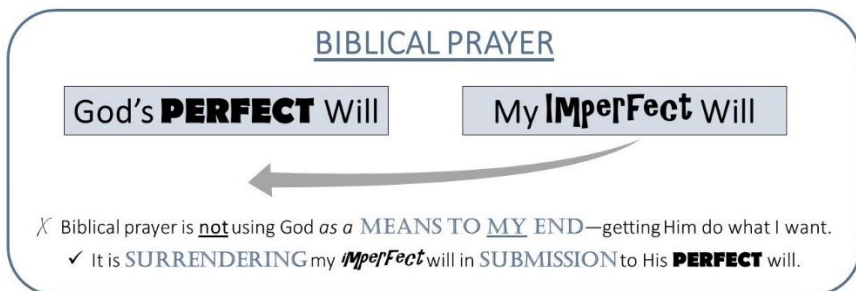
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A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — “*to obey is better than sacrifice*” (1 Samuel 15:22)

Prayer was the lifeblood of the early church (Acts 2:42).

James 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.



2 Chronicles 7:14 If **My** people, which are called by **My** name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek **My** face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Biblical prayer is submission to the will of God by being obedient to His Word.

- I. Christ's Preliminary Remarks about Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)
 - A. A Caution against Hypocrisy—Be GENUINE (5)
 - B. A Command to follow—Be INTIMATE (6)
 - C. A Caution against “*vain repetition*”—Be EFFECTIVE (7)
 - D. A Contrast with the disobedient—Be HUMBLE (8)

- II. The Primary Marks of Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)
 - A. Acknowledge God's SUPREMACY—“*Hallowed be Thy name*” (9)
 - B. Acknowledge God's SOVEREIGNTY—“*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done*” (10)
 - C. Acknowledge God's SUFFICIENCY—“*Give us this day our daily bread*” (11)
 - D. Acknowledge God as my SAVIOR from sin—“*Forgive us our debts*” (12)
 - E. Acknowledge God as my STRENGTH—“*Lead us not into temptation*” (13)

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- † My action: Be REVERENT
- † My Attitude: WORSHIP
- † My Awareness: my UNWORTHINESS

This places me at God's footstool as His servant. It reminds me of God's worthiness and my unworthiness.

I. Introduction—The Divine _____ (Jeremiah 33:2-3)

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

II. He is SUPREME because of _____ HE is

“...Hallowed be Thy name.” – This Greek word translated “*hallowed*” carries the idea of making something _____.

A. He is GOOD (Psalm 86)

- B. He is UNCHANGING (Malachi 3:6)
 - C. He is TRANSCENDENT (Isaiah 55:8-9)
 - D. He is TRUSTWORTHY (Titus 1:2)
 - E. He is FAITHFUL (Lamentations 3:23)
 - F. He is HOLY (Isaiah 6)
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III. He is SUPREME because of WHO HE IS _____ (Psalm 18:1-3)

During this time, approach God with a sense of awe. Acknowledging Who God is by recalling His attributes but also the **implications** of those attributes—**WHO HE IS TO ME!**

- A. He is NEAR Me (Psalm 145:18)
- B. He BLESSES Me (Psalm 103)
- C. He KNOWS Me (Psalm 139:1-6)
- D. He SAVED Me (John 3:16)

Our Response to these Truths: STILLNESS & SUBMISSION

Psalm 46:10 Be still [*relax in trust*], and know [*intimately and personally*] that I **AM** God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

POINT OF ACTION: Biblical prayer begins with worship. Pray to the Father acknowledging His supremacy. Be in awe as you reverently approach His throne. Kneel at His footstool as His humble servant being reminded of God’s worthiness and your unworthiness.

Psalm 95:6-7 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the **LORD** our **Maker**. **7** For **He** is our **God**; and we *are* the people of **His** pasture, and the sheep of **His** hand.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: *Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!*