

## ~PRAYER (4033)

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- **Worshipful address to the true God, or to false gods. Mere speech to God is not necessarily prayer, as is seen in the judgment in Eden and in the case of Cain.**
  
- **Later they heard the voice of Yehowah God walking in the garden about the breezy part of the day, and the man and his wife went into hiding from the face of Yehowah God in between the trees of the garden. (Genesis 3:8)**
  
- **And Yehowah God kept calling to the man and saying to him; Where are you? (Genesis 3:9)**
  
- **Finally he said; Your voice I heard in the garden, but I was afraid because I was naked and so I hid myself. (Genesis 3:10)**
  
- **At that he said; Who told you that you were naked? From the tree from which I commanded you not to eat have you eaten? (Genesis 3:11)**
  
- **And the man went on to say; The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree and so I ate. (Genesis 3:12)**
  
- **With that Yehowah God said to the woman; What is this you have done? To this the woman replied; The serpent, it deceived me and so I ate. (Genesis 3:13)**
  
- **Later on Yehowah said to Cain; Where is Abel your brother? And he said; I do not know. Am I my brothers guardian? (Genesis 4:9)**
  
- **At this he said; What have you done? Listen! Your brothers blood is crying out to me from the ground. (Genesis 4:10)**
  
- **And now you are cursed in banishment from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brothers blood at your**

hand. ([Genesis 4:11](#))

- When you cultivate the ground, it will not give you back its power. A wanderer and a fugitive you will become in the earth. ([Genesis 4:12](#))
- At this Cain said to Yehowah; My punishment for error is too great to carry. ([Genesis 4:13](#))
- Here you are actually driving me this day from off the surface of the ground, and from your face I shall be concealed. I must become a wanderer and fugitive on the earth, and it is certain that anyone finding me will kill me. ([Genesis 4:14](#))
- **Prayer** involves devotion, trust, respect, and a sense of dependence on the one to whom the **prayer** is directed. The various Hebrew and Greek words relating to **prayer** convey such ideas as to ask, make request, petition, entreat, supplicate, plead, beseech, beg, implore favor, seek, inquire of, as well as to praise, thank, and bless.
- **Petitions** and **supplications**, of course, can be made to men, and the original-language words are sometimes so used.
- Judah now came near to him and said; I **pray** you, my master, please let your slave speak a word in the hearing of my master, and do not let your anger grow hot against your slave, because it is the same with you as with Pharaoh. ([Genesis 44:18](#))
- This is what you are to say to Joseph; I **beseech** you, pardon, please, the revolt of your brothers and their sin in that they have rendered evil to you. And now pardon, please, the revolt of the servants of your fathers God. And Joseph burst into tears when they spoke to him. ([Genesis 50:17](#))
- If, on the one hand, I am really a wrongdoer and have committed anything deserving of death, I do not beg off from dying, if, on the other hand, none of those things exists of which these men accuse me, no man can hand me over to them as a favor. I appeal to Caesar! ([Acts of Apostles 25:11](#))
- But **prayer**, used in a **religious** sense, does not apply to such cases. One might **beseech** or **implore** another person to do something, but in so doing he would not view this individual as his God. He would

not, for example, silently petition such one, nor do so when the individual was not visibly present, as one does in prayer to God.

### **· The Hearer Of Prayer**

- The entire Scriptural record testifies that Yehowah is the One to whom **prayer** should be directed.
- To my sayings do give ear, O Yehowah, do understand my sighing. (**Psalms 5:1**)
- Do pay attention to the sound of my **cry for help**, o my King and my God, because to you I pray. (**Psalms 5:2**)
- You must **pray**, then, this way; Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. (**Matthew 6:9**)
- That he is the **Hearer of prayer**.
- **O Hearer of prayer**, even to you people of all flesh will come. (**Psalms 65:2**)
- Truly God has heard, he has paid attention to the voice of my **prayer**. (**Psalms 66:19**)
- And has power to act in behalf of the petitioners.
- This is why I tell you, all the things you **pray** and ask for have faith that you have practically received, and you will have them. (**Mark 11:24**)
- Now to the one who can, according to his power which is operating in us, do more than superabundantly beyond all the things we ask or conceive. (**Ephesians 3:20**)
- To pray to false gods and their idol images is exposed as stupidity, for the idols do not have the ability either to hear or to act, and the gods they represent are unworthy of comparison with the true God.
- Then Yehowah said to the sons of Israel; Was it not from Egypt and from the Amorites and from the sons of Ammon and from the Philistines. (**Judges 10:11**)

- **And the Sidonians and Amalek and Midian, when they oppressed you and you went crying out to me, that I proceeded to save you out of their hand? (Judges 10:12)**
- **As for you, you abandoned me and took up serving other gods. That is why I shall not save you again. (Judges 10:13)**
- **Go and call for aid to the gods whom you have chosen. Let them be the ones to save you in the time of your distress. (Judges 10:14)**
- **But the sons of Israel said to Yehowah; We have sinned. You yourself do to us according to anything that is good in your eyes. Only deliver us, please, this day. (Judges 10:15)**
- **And they began to remove the foreign gods from their midst and to serve Yehowah, so that his soul became impatient because of the trouble of Israel. (Judges 10:16)**
- **Their idols are silver and gold, the work of the hands of earthling man. (Psalms 115:4)**
- **Ears they have, but they cannot hear. A nose they have, but they cannot smell. (Psalms 115:6)**
- **Collect yourselves and come. Bring yourselves up close together, you escapees from the nations. Those carrying the wood of their carved image have not come to any knowledge, neither have those praying to a god that cannot save. (Isaiah 45:20)**
- **Bel has bent down, Nebo is stooping over, their idols have come to be for the wild beasts and for the domestic animals, their loads, pieces of luggage, a burden for the tired animals. (Isaiah 46:1)**
- **They must stoop over, they must each alike bend down, they are simply unable to furnish escape for the burden, but into captivity their own soul must go. (Isaiah 46:2)**
- **There are those who are lavishing out the gold from the purse, and with the scale beam they weigh out the silver. They hire a metalworker, and he makes it into a god. They prostrate themselves, yes, they bow down. (Isaiah 46:6)**

- They carry it upon the shoulder, they bear it and deposit it in its place that it may stand still. From its standing place it does not move away. One even cries out to it, but it does not answer, out of one's distress it does not save one. (**Isaiah 46:7**)
- The contest concerning godship between Baal and Yehowah, held on Mount Carmel, demonstrated the foolishness of **prayer** to false deities.
- Then Elijah approached all the people and said; How long will you be limping upon two different opinions? If Yehowah is the true God, go following him, but if Baal is, go following him. And the people did not say a word in answer to him. (**1 Kings 18:21**)
- And Elijah went on to say to the people; I myself have been left as a prophet of Yehowah, I alone, while the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men. (**1 Kings 18:22**)
- Now let them give us two young bulls, and let them choose for themselves one young bull and cut it in pieces and put it upon the wood, but they should not put fire to it. And I myself shall dress the other young bull, and I must place it upon the wood, but I shall not put fire to it. (**1 Kings 18:23**)
- And you must call upon the name of your god, and I, for my part, shall call upon the name of Yehowah, and it must occur that the true God that answers by fire is the true God. To this all the people answered and said; The thing is good. (**1 Kings 18:24**)
- Elijah now said to the prophets of Baal; Choose for yourselves one young bull and dress it first, because you are the majority, and call upon the name of your god, but you must not put fire to it. (**1 Kings 18:25**)
- Accordingly they took the young bull that he gave them. Then they dressed it, and they kept calling upon the name of Baal from morning till noon, saying; O Baal, answer us! But there was no voice, and there was no one answering. And they kept limping around the altar that they had made. (**1 Kings 18:26**)
- And it came about at noon that Elijah began to mock them and say; Call at the top of your voice, for he is a god, for he must be concerned with a matter, and he has excrement and has to go to the privy. Or maybe he is asleep and ought to wake up! (**1 Kings**

**18:27)**

- **And they began calling at the top of their voice and cutting themselves according to their custom with daggers and with lances, until they caused blood to flow out upon them. (1 Kings 18:28)**
- **And it came about that, as soon as noon was past and they continued behaving as prophets until the going up of the grain offering, there was no voice, and there was no one answering, and there was no paying of attention. (1 Kings 18:29)**
- **At length Elijah said to all the people; Approach me. So all the people approached him. Then he proceeded to mend the altar of Yehowah that was torn down. (1 Kings 18:30)**
- **So Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom Yehowah's word had come, saying; Israel is what your name will become. (1 Kings 18:31)**
- **And he went on to build the stones into an altar in the name of Yehowah and to make a trench, of about the area sowed with two seah measures of seed, all around the altar. (1 Kings 18:32)**
- **After that he put the pieces of wood in order and cut the young bull in pieces and placed it upon the pieces of wood. He now said; Fill four large jars with water and pour it upon the burnt offering and upon the pieces of wood. (1 Kings 18:33)**
- **Then he said; Do it again. So they did it again. But he said; Do it a third time. So they did it a third time. (1 Kings 18:34)**
- **Thus the water went all around the altar, and the trench also he filled with water. (1 Kings 18:35)**
- **And it came about at the time that the grain offering goes up that Elijah the prophet began to approach and say; O Yehowah, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that you are God in Israel and I am your servant and it is by your word that I have done all these things. (1 Kings 18:36)**
- **Answer me, O Yehowah, answer me, that this people may know that you, Yehowah, are the true God and you yourself have turned their heart back. (1 Kings 18:37)**

- **At that the fire of Yehowah came falling and went eating up the burnt offering and the pieces of wood and the stones and the dust, and the water that was in the trench it licked up. (1 Kings 18:38)**
- **When all the people saw it, they immediately fell upon their faces and said; Yehowah is the true God! Yehowah is the true God! (1 Kings 18:39)**
- **When the men of the city got up early in the morning as usual, why, look! The altar of Baal had been pulled down and the sacred pole that was beside it had been cut down, and the second young bull had been offered up on the altar that had been built. (Judges 6:28)**
- **And they began to say one to another; Who has done this thing? And they went inquiring and seeking. Finally they said; Gideon the son of Joash is the one that has done this thing. (Judges 6:29)**
- **So the men of the city said to Joash; Bring your son out that he may die, because he has pulled down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the sacred pole that was by it. (Judges 6:30)**
- **At this Joash said to all those who stood against him; Will you be the ones to make a legal defense for Baal to see whether you yourselves may save him? Whoever makes a legal defense for him ought to be put to death even this morning. If he is God, let him make a legal defense for himself, because someone has pulled down his altar. (Judges 6:31)**
- **And he began to call him Jerubbaal on that day, saying; Let Baal make a legal defense in his own behalf, because someone has pulled down his altar. (Judges 6:32)**
- **Though some claim that **prayer** may properly be addressed to others, such as to God's Son, the evidence is emphatically to the contrary.**
- **True, there are rare instances in which words are addressed to Jesus Christ in heaven. Stephen, when about to die, appealed to Jesus, saying; Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.**

- **And they went on casting stones at Stephen as he made appeal and said; Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. (Acts of Apostles 7:59)**
- **However, the context reveals a circumstance giving basis for this exceptional expression. Stephen at that very time had a vision of Jesus standing at God's right hand, and evidently reacting as if he were in Jesus personal presence, he felt free to speak this plea to the one whom he recognized as the head of the Christian congregation.**
- **But he, being full of Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and caught sight of God's glory and of Jesus standing at God's right hand. (Acts of Apostles 7:55)**
- **And he said; Look! I behold the heavens opened up and the Son of man standing at God's right hand. (Acts of Apostles 7:56)**
- **And he is the head of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that he might become the one who is first in all things. (Colossians 1:18)**
- **Similarly, the apostle John, at the conclusion of the Revelation, says, Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**
- **He that bears witness of these things says; Yes, I am coming quickly. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus. (Revelation 22:20)**
- **But again the context shows that, in a vision.**
- **By inspiration I came to be in the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a strong voice like that of a trumpet. (Revelation 1:10)**
- **After these things I saw, and, look! An opened door in heaven, and the first voice that I heard was as of a trumpet, speaking with me, saying; Come on up here, and I shall show you the things that must take place. (Revelation 4:1)**
- **After these things I immediately came to be in the power of the spirit, and, look! A throne was in its position in heaven, and there is one seated upon the throne. (Revelation 4:2)**
- **John had been hearing Jesus speak of his future coming and thus John responded with the above expression of his desire for that coming.**



- **I, Jesus, sent my angel to bear witness to you people of these things for the congregations. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star. (Revelation 22:16)**
- **He that bears witness of these things says, Yes, I am coming quickly. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus. (Revelation 22:20)**
- **In both cases, that of Stephen and that of John, the situation differs little from that of the conversation John had with a heavenly person in this Revelation vision.**
- **And in response one of the elders said to me; These who are dressed in the white robes, who are they and where did they come from? (Revelation 7:13)**
- **So right away I said to him; My lord, you are the one that knows. And he said to me; These are the ones that come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:14)**
- **But as I was journeying and drawing close to Damascus, about midday, suddenly out of heaven a great light flashed all around me. (Acts of Apostles 22:6)**
- **And I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? (Acts of Apostles 22:7)**
- **I answered, Who are you, Lord? And he said to me, I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting. (Acts of Apostles 22:8)**
- **Now the men that were with me beheld, indeed, the light but did not hear the voice of the one speaking to me. (Acts of Apostles 22:9)**
- **At that I said; What shall I do, Lord? The Lord said to me; Rise, go your way into Damascus, and there you will be told about everything it is appointed for you to do. (Acts of Apostles 22:10)**
- **But as I could not see anything for the glory of that light, I arrived in Damascus, being led by the hand of those who were with me. (Acts of Apostles 22:11)**
- **Now Ananias, a certain man reverent according to the Law, well**

reported on by all the Jews dwelling there. (**Acts of Apostles 22:12**)

- Came to me and, standing by me, he said to me, Saul, brother, have your sight again! And I looked up at him that very hour. (**Acts of Apostles 22:13**)
- He said; The God of our forefathers has chosen you to come to know his will and to see the righteous One and to hear the voice of his mouth. (**Acts of Apostles 22:14**)
- Because you are to be a witness for him to all men of things you have seen and heard. (**Acts of Apostles 22:15**)
- And now why are you delaying? Rise, get baptized and wash your sins away by your calling upon his name. (**Acts of Apostles 22:16**)
- But when I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance. (**Acts of Apostles 22:17**)
- And saw him saying to me; Hurry up and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not agree to your witness concerning me. (**Acts of Apostles 22:18**)
- And I said; Lord, they themselves well know that I used to imprison and flog in one synagogue after another those believing upon you. (**Acts of Apostles 22:19**)
- And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being spilled, I myself was also standing by and approving and guarding the outer garments of those doing away with him. (**Acts of Apostles 22:20**)
- And yet he said to me, Get on your way, because I shall send you out to nations far off. (**Acts of Apostles 22:21**)
- Now they kept listening to him down to this word, and they raised their voices, saying; Take such a man away from the earth, for he was not fit to live! (**Acts of Apostles 22:22**)
- There is nothing to indicate that Christian disciples so expressed themselves under other circumstances to Jesus after his ascension to heaven. Thus, the apostle Paul writes;

- Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication along with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. (**Philippians 4:6**)
- The article **APPROACH TO GOD** considers the position of Christ Jesus as the one **through** whom **prayer** is directed. Through Jesus blood, offered to God in sacrifice, we have boldness for the way of entry into the holy place, that is, boldness to approach God's presence in prayer, approaching with true hearts in the full assurance of faith.

**See Also APPROACH TO GOD**

- Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness for the way of entry into the holy place by the blood of Jesus. (**Hebrews 10:19**)
- Which he inaugurated for us as a new and living way through the curtain, that is, his flesh. (**Hebrews 10:20**)
- And since we have a great priest over the house of God. (**Hebrews 10:21**)
- Let us approach with true hearts in the full assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies bathed with clean water. (**Hebrews 10:22**)
- Jesus Christ is therefore the one and only way of reconciliation with God and approach to God in **prayer**.
- Jesus said to him; I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (**John 14:6**)
- You did not choose me, but I chose you, and I appointed you to go on and keep bearing fruit and that your fruit should remain, in order, that no matter what you ask the Father in my name he might give it to you. (**John 15:16**)
- And in that day you will ask me no question at all. Most truly I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything he will give it to you in my name. (**John 16:23**)
- Until this present time you have not asked a single thing in my name. Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be made full. (**John 16:24**)

- To the congregation of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in union with Christ Jesus, called to be holy ones, together with all who everywhere are calling upon the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. (**1 Corinthians 1:2**)
- Because through him we, both peoples, have the approach to the Father by one spirit. (**Ephesians 2:18**)

**See Also JESUS CHRIST (His Vital Place in God's Purpose)**

**· Those Whom God Hears**

- People of all flesh may come to the Hearer of **prayer**, Yehowah God.
- O Hearer of **prayer**, even to you people of all flesh will come. (**Psalms 65:2**)
- In order, that those who remain of the men may earnestly seek Yehowah, together with people of all the nations, people who are called by my name, says Yehowah, who is doing these things. (**Acts of Apostles 15:17**)
- Even during the period that Israel was God's private property, his covenant people, foreigners could approach Yehowah in **prayer** by recognizing Israel as God's appointed instrument and the temple at Jerusalem as his chosen place for sacrifice.
- They are, too, your people and your private property whom you brought out with your great power and your outstretched arm. (**Deuteronomy 9:29**)
- And also to the foreigner who is no part of your people Israel and who actually comes from a distant land by reason of your great name and your strong hand and your stretched-out arm, and they actually come and pray toward this house. (**2 Chronicles 6:32**)
- Then may you yourself listen from the heavens, from your established place of dwelling, and you must do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order, that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and may fear you the same as your people Israel do, and may know that your name has been

called upon this house that I have built. (2 Chronicles 6:33)

- **And Yehowah will certainly deal Egypt a blow. There will be a dealing of a blow and a healing, and they must return to Yehowah, and he must let himself be entreated by them and must heal them. (Isaiah 19:22)**
- **Later, by Christ's death, the distinction between Jew and Gentile was forever removed.**
- **Therefore keep bearing in mind that formerly you were people of the nations as to flesh, uncircumcision you were called by that which is called circumcision made in the flesh with hands. (Ephesians 2:11)**
- **That you were at that particular time without Christ, alienated from the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, and you had no hope and were without God in the world. (Ephesians 2:12)**
- **But now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off have come to be near by the blood of the Christ. (Ephesians 2:13)**
- **For he is our peace, he who made the two parties one and destroyed the wall in between that fenced them off. (Ephesians 2:14)**
- **By means of his flesh he abolished the enmity, the Law of commandments consisting in decrees, that he might create the two peoples in union with himself into one new man and make peace. (Ephesians 2:15)**
- **And that he might fully reconcile both peoples in one body to God through the torture stake, because he had killed off the enmity by means of himself. (Ephesians 2:16)**
- **At the home of the Italian Cornelius, Peter recognized that God is not partial, but in every nation the man that fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him.**
- **At this Peter opened his mouth and said; For a certainty I perceive that God is not partial. (Acts of Apostles 10:34)**
- **But in every nation the man that fears him and works**

righteousness is acceptable to him. (**Acts of Apostles 10:35**)

- **The determining factor, then, is the heart of the individual and what his heart is moving him to do.**
- **I have called with my whole heart. Answer me, O Yehowah. Your regulations I will observe. (**Psalms 119:145**)**
- **Let us raise our heart along with our palms to God in the heavens. (**Lamentations 3:41**)**
- **Those who observe God's commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his eyes have the assurance that his ears are also open to them.**
- **And whatever we ask we receive from him, because we are observing his commandments and are doing the things that are pleasing in his eyes. (**1 John 3:22**)**
- **The desire of the meek ones you will certainly hear, O Yehowah. You will prepare their heart. You will pay attention with your ear. (**Psalms 10:17**)**
- **The sacrifice of the wicked ones is something detestable to Yehowah, but the **prayer** of the upright ones is a pleasure to him. (**Proverbs 15:8**)**
- **For the eyes of Yehowah are upon the righteous ones, and his ears are toward their supplication, but the face of Yehowah is against those doing bad things. (**1 Peter 3:12**)**
- **Conversely, those who disregard God's Word and Law, shedding blood and practicing other wickedness, do not receive a favorable hearing from God, their **prayers** are detestable to him.**
- **Yehowah is far away from the wicked ones, but the **prayer** of the righteous ones he hears. (**Proverbs 15:29**)**
- **He that is turning his ear away from hearing the Law, even his **prayer** is something detestable. (**Proverbs 28:9**)**
- **And when you spread out your palms, I hide my eyes from you. Even though you make many **prayers**, I am not listening, with bloodshed your very hands have become filled. (**Isaiah 1:15**)**

- **At that time they will call to Yehowah for aid, but he will not answer them. And he will conceal his face from them in that time, according as they committed badness in their dealings. (Micah 3:4)**
- **The very **prayer** of such ones can become a sin.**
- **And with words of hatred they have surrounded me, and they keep fighting against me without cause. (Psalms 109:3)**
- **For my love they keep resisting me, but on my part there is **prayer**. (Psalms 109:4)**
- **And they render to me bad for good and hatred for my love. (Psalms 109:5)**
- **Appoint over him someone wicked, and may a resister himself keep standing at his right hand. (Psalms 109:6)**
- **When he is judged, let him go forth as someone wicked, and let his very **prayer** become a sin. (Psalms 109:7)**
- **King Saul, by his presumptuous, rebellious course, lost God's favor, and although Saul would inquire of Yehowah, Yehowah never answered him, either by dreams or by the Urim or by the prophets.**
- **Although Saul would inquire of Yehowah, Yehowah never answered him, either by dreams or by the Urim or by the prophets. (1 Samuel 28:6)**
- **Jesus said that hypocritical persons who sought to draw attention to their piety by praying received their reward in full from men, but not from God.**
- **Also, when you pray, you must not be as the hypocrites, because they like to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the broad ways to be visible to men. Truly I say to you, they are having their reward in full. (Matthew 6:5)**
- **The pious-appearing Pharisees made long **prayers**, boasted of their superior morality, yet were condemned by God for their hypocritical course.**

- They are the ones devouring the houses of the widows and for a pretext making long **prayers**, these will receive a heavier judgment. (**Mark 12:40**)
- Two men went up into the temple to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. (**Luke 18:10**)
- The Pharisee stood and began to pray these things to himself, O God, I thank you I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unrighteous, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. (**Luke 18:11**)
- I fast twice a week, I give the tenth of all things I acquire. (**Luke 18:12**)
- But the tax collector standing at a distance was not willing even to raise his eyes heavenward, but kept beating his breast, saying; O God, be gracious to me a sinner. (**Luke 18:13**)
- I tell you, This man went down to his home proved more righteous than that man, because everyone that exalts himself will be humiliated, but he that humbles himself will be exalted. (**Luke 18:14**)
- Though they drew near with their mouths, their hearts were far from God and his Word of truth.
- In reply he said to them; Why is it you also overstep the commandment of God because of your tradition? (**Matthew 15:3**)
- For example, God said; Honor your father and your mother, and, Let him that reviles father or mother end up in death. (**Matthew 15:4**)
- But you say; Whoever says to his father or mother; Whatever I have by which you might get benefit from me is a gift dedicated to God. (**Matthew 15:5**)
- He must not honor his father at all. And so you have made the word of God invalid because of your tradition. (**Matthew 15:6**)
- You hypocrites, Isaiah aptly prophesied about you, when he said; (**Matthew 15:7**)



- **This people honors me with their lips, yet their heart is far removed from me. (Matthew 15:8)**
- **It is in vain that they keep worshiping me, because they teach commands of men as doctrines. (Matthew 15:9)**
- **Call out full-throated, do not hold back. Raise your voice just like a horn, and tell my people their revolt, and the house of Jacob their sins. (Isaiah 58:1)**
- **Yet day after day it was I whom they kept seeking, and it was in the knowledge of my ways that they would express delight, like a nation that carried on righteousness itself and that had not left the very justice of their God, in that they kept asking me for righteous judgments, drawing near to God in whom they had delight. (Isaiah 58:2)**
- **For what reason did we fast and you did not see, and did we afflict our soul and you would take no note? Indeed you people were finding delight in the very day of your fasting, when there were all your toilers that you kept driving to work. (Isaiah 58:3)**
- **Indeed for quarreling and struggle you would fast, and for striking with the fist of wickedness. Did you not keep fasting as in the day for making your voice to be heard in the height? (Isaiah 58:4)**
- **Should the fast that I choose become like this, as a day for earthling man to afflict his soul? For bowing down his head just like a rush, and that he should spread out mere sackcloth and ashes as his couch? Is it this that you call a fast and a day acceptable to Yehowah? (Isaiah 58:5)**
- **Is not this the fast that I choose? To loosen the fetters of wickedness, to release the bands of the yoke bar, and to send away the crushed ones free, and that you people should tear in two every yoke bar? (Isaiah 58:6)**
- **Is it not the dividing of your bread out to the hungry one, and that you should bring the afflicted, homeless people into your house? That, in case you should see someone naked, you must cover him, and that you should not hide yourself from your own flesh? (Isaiah 58:7)**

- **In that case your light would break forth just like the dawn, and speedily would recuperation spring up for you. And before you your righteousness would certainly walk, the very glory of Yehowah would be your rear guard. (Isaiah 58:8)**
- **In that case you would call, and Yehowah himself would answer; You would cry for help, and he would say; Here I am! If you will remove from your midst the yoke bar, the poking out of the finger and the speaking of what is hurtful. (Isaiah 58:9)**
- **The individual must have faith in God and in his being the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him.**
- **Moreover, without faith it is impossible to please him well, for he that approaches God must believe that he is and that he becomes the rewarder of those earnestly seeking him. (Hebrews 11:6)**
- **Approaching in the full assurance of faith.**
- **Let us approach with true hearts in the full assurance of faith, having had our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies bathed with clean water. (Hebrews 10:22)**
- **But my righteous one will live by reason of faith, and, if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him. (Hebrews 10:38)**
- **Now we are not the sort that shrink back to destruction, but the sort that have faith to the preserving alive of the soul. (Hebrews 10:39)**
- **Recognition of ones own sinful state is essential, and when serious sins have been committed, the individual must soften the face of Yehowah.**
- **So I said to myself, Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and the face of Yehowah I have not softened. So I compelled myself and went offering up the burnt sacrifice. (1 Samuel 13:12)**
- **Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity, it has come upon us, and we have not softened the face of Yehowah our God by turning back from our error and by showing insight into your trueness. (Daniel 9:13)**

- **By first softening his own heart in sincere repentance, humility, and contrition.**
- **And to the king of Judah, who is sending you to inquire of Yehowah, this is what you should say to him; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; As regards the words that you have heard. (2 Chronicles 34:26)**
- **For the reason that your heart was soft so that you humbled yourself because of God at your hearing his words concerning this place and its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before me and ripped your garments apart and wept before me, I, even I, have heard, is the utterance of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 34:27)**
- **Here I am gathering you to your forefathers, and you will certainly be gathered to your graveyard in peace, and your eyes will not look upon all the calamity that I am bringing upon this place and its inhabitants. Then they brought the reply to the king. (2 Chronicles 34:28)**
- **For you do not take delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it, in whole burnt offering you do not find pleasure. (Psalms 51:16)**
- **The sacrifices to God are a broken spirit, a heart broken and crushed, O God, you will not despise. (Psalms 51:17)**
- **I have softened your face with all my heart. Show me favor according to your saying; (Psalms 119:58)**
- **Then God may let himself be entreated and may grant forgiveness and a favorable hearing.**
- **In time Jehoahaz softened the face of Yehowah, so that Yehowah listened to him, for he had seen the oppression upon Israel, because the king of Syria had oppressed them. (2 Kings 13:4)**
- **When I shut up the heavens that no rain may occur and when I command the grasshoppers to eat up the land and if I send a pestilence among my people. (2 Chronicles 7:13)**
- **And my people upon whom my name has been called humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn back from their bad ways, then I myself shall hear from the heavens and forgive their sin, and I shall heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)**

- **And Yehowah kept speaking to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. (2 Chronicles 33:10)**
- **Finally Yehowah brought against them the chiefs of the army that belonged to the king of Assyria, and so they captured Manasseh in the hollows and bound him with two fetters of copper and took him to Babylon. (2 Chronicles 33:11)**
- **And as soon as it caused him distress, he softened the face of Yehowah his God and kept humbling himself greatly because of the God of his forefathers. (2 Chronicles 33:12)**
- **And he kept praying to Him, so that He let himself be entreated by him and He heard his request for favor and restored him to Jerusalem to his kingship, and Manasseh came to know that Yehowah is the true God. (2 Chronicles 33:13)**
- **Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you indecisive ones. (James 4:8)**
- **Give way to misery and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into dejection. (James 4:9)**
- **Humble yourselves in the eyes of Yehowah, and he will exalt you. (James 4:10)**
- **No longer will one feel that God has blocked approach to himself with a cloud mass, that prayer may not pass through.**
- **Do let us search out our ways and explore them, and do let us return clear to Yehowah. (Lamentations 3:40)**
- **Let us raise our heart along with our palms to God in the heavens. (Lamentations 3:41)**
- **We ourselves have transgressed, and we have behaved rebelliously. You yourself have not forgiven. (Lamentations 3:42)**
- **You have blocked approach with anger, and you keep pursuing us. You have killed. You have shown no compassion. (Lamentations 3:43)**

- You have blocked approach to yourself with a cloud mass, that **prayer** may not pass through. (**Lamentations 3:44**)
- Though a person may not be cut off completely from receiving audience with God, his **prayers** can be hindered if he fails to follow God's counsel.
- You husbands, continue dwelling in like manner with them according to knowledge, assigning them honor as to a weaker vessel, the feminine one, since you are also heirs with them of the undeserved favor of life, in order for your **prayers** not to be hindered. (**1 Peter 3:7**)
- Those seeking forgiveness must be forgiving toward others.
- For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. (**Matthew 6:14**)
- Whereas if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (**Matthew 6:15**)
- And when you stand **praying**, forgive whatever you have against anyone, in order, that your Father who is in the heavens may also forgive you your trespasses. (**Mark 11:25**)
- And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone that is in debt to us, and do not bring us into temptation. (**Luke 11:4**)

#### •• What Constitutes A Proper Matter For Prayer

- Basically **prayers** involve confession;
- Moreover, Hezekiah spoke to the heart of all the Levites who were acting with fine discretion toward Yehowah. And they proceeded to eat the appointed feast for seven days, sacrificing communion sacrifices and making confession to Yehowah the God of their forefathers. (**2 Chronicles 30:22**)
- Petitions or requests
- In the days of his flesh Christ offered up supplications and also petitions to the One who was able to save him out of death, with

- strong outcries and tears, and he was favorably heard for his godly fear. (**Hebrews 5:7**)
- **Expressions of praise and thanksgiving,**
  - **I will bless Yehowah at all times, constantly his praise will be in my mouth. (**Psalms 34:1**)**
  - **It is good to give thanks to Yehowah and to make melody to your name, O Most High. (**Psalms 92:1**)**
  - **Vows**
  - **And she went on to make a vow and say; O Yehowah of armies, if you will without fail look upon the affliction of your slave girl and actually remember me, and you will not forget your slave girl and actually give to your slave girl a male offspring, I will give him to Yehowah all the days of his life, and no razor will come upon his head. (**1 Samuel 1:11**)**
  - **Do not hurry yourself as regards your mouth, and as for your heart, let it not be hasty to bring forth a word before the true God. For the true God is in the heavens but you are on the earth. That is why your words should prove to be few. (**Ecclesiastes 5:2**)**
  - **For a dream certainly comes in because of abundance of occupation, and the voice of a stupid one because of the abundance of words. (**Ecclesiastes 5:3**)**
  - **Whenever you vow a vow to God, do not hesitate to pay it, for there is no delight in the stupid ones. What you vow, pay. (**Ecclesiastes 5:4**)**
  - **Better is it that you vow not than that you vow and do not pay. (**Ecclesiastes 5:5**)**
  - **Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin, neither say before the angel that it was a mistake. Why should the true God become indignant on account of your voice and have to wreck the work of your hands? (**Ecclesiastes 5:6**)**
  - **The **prayer** given by Jesus to his disciples was evidently a model, or a basic pattern, because later **prayers** by Jesus himself, as well as by**

his disciples, did not rigidly adhere to the specific words of his model prayer.

- You must pray, then, this way; Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified. ([Matthew 6:9](#))
- Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth. ([Matthew 6:10](#))
- Give us today our bread for this day. ([Matthew 6:11](#))
- And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ([Matthew 6:12](#))
- And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the wicked one. ([Matthew 6:13](#))
- In its initial words, this **prayer** concentrates on the prime issue, calling for the sanctification of God's name, which began to be reproached by the rebellion in Eden, as well as for the realization of the divine will by means of the promised Kingdom, which government is headed by the prophesied Seed, the Messiah.
- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. ([Genesis 3:15](#))
- Such **prayer** requires that the one praying be definitely on God's side in the issue.

**See Also YEHOWAH (Name to Be Sanctified and Vindicated)**

- Jesus parable at;
- While they were listening to these things he spoke in addition an illustration, because he was near Jerusalem and they were imagining that the kingdom of God was going to display itself instantly. ([Luke 19:11](#))
- Therefore he said; A certain man of noble birth traveled to a distant land to secure kingly power for himself and to return. ([Luke 19:12](#))
- Calling ten slaves of his he gave them ten minas and told them,

**Do business till I come. (Luke 19:13)**

- **But his citizens hated him and sent out a body of ambassadors after him, to say; We do not want this man to become king over us. (Luke 19:14)**
- **Eventually when he got back after having secured the kingly power, he commanded to be called to him these slaves to whom he had given the silver money, in order to ascertain what they had gained by business activity. (Luke 19:15)**
- **Then the first one presented himself, saying; Lord, your mina gained ten minas. (Luke 19:16)**
- **So he said to him, Well done, good slave! Because in a very small matter you have proved yourself faithful, hold authority over ten cities. (Luke 19:17)**
- **Now the second came, saying; Your mina, Lord, made five minas. (Luke 19:18)**
- **He said to this one also, You, too, be in charge of five cities. (Luke 19:19)**
- **But a different one came, saying; Lord, here is your mina, that I kept laid away in a cloth. (Luke 19:20)**
- **You see, I was in fear of you, because you are a harsh man; You take up what you did not deposit and you reap what you did not sow. (Luke 19:21)**
- **He said to him, Out of your own mouth I judge you, wicked slave. You knew, did you, that I am a harsh man, taking up what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? (Luke 19:22)**
- **Hence why is it you did not put my silver money in a bank? Then on my arrival I would have collected it with interest. (Luke 19:23)**
- **With that he said to those standing by; Take the mina from him and give it to him that has the ten minas. (Luke 19:24)**
- **But they said to him, Lord, he has ten minas! (Luke 19:25)**



- **I say to you, To everyone that has, more will be given, but from the one that does not have, even what he has will be taken away. (Luke 19:26)**
- **Moreover, these enemies of mine that did not want me to become king over them bring here and slaughter them before me. (Luke 19:27)**
- **Shows what the coming of the Kingdom means its coming to execute judgment, to destroy all opposers, and to bring relief and reward to those hoping in it.**
- **They are, in fact, expressions inspired by demons and perform signs, and they go forth to the kings of the entire inhabited earth, to gather them together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty. (Revelation 16:14)**
- **Look! I am coming as a thief. Happy is the one that stays awake and keeps his outer garments, that he may not walk naked and people look upon his shamefulness. (Revelation 16:15)**
- **And they gathered them together to the place that is called in Hebrew Har-Magedon. (Revelation 16:16)**
- **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (Revelation 19:11)**
- **His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows, but he himself. (Revelation 19:12)**
- **And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)**
- **Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (Revelation 19:14)**
- **And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (Revelation 19:15)**

- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)**
- **I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the birds that fly in midheaven; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. (Revelation 19:17)**
- **That you may eat the fleshy parts of kings and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. (Revelation 19:18)**
- **And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. (Revelation 19:19)**
- **And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. (Revelation 19:20)**
- **But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. (Revelation 19:21)**
- **The following expression, let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth, thus refers primarily, not to the doing of God's will by human's, but, rather, to God's own acting in fulfillment of his will toward the earth and its inhabitants, manifesting his power to realize his declared purpose. The person praying, of course, also expresses thereby his own preference for, and submission to, that will.**
- **Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth. (Matthew 6:10)**
- **And going a little way forward, he fell upon his face, praying and saying; My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you will. (Matthew 26:39)**

- **The request for daily bread, forgiveness, protection against temptation, and deliverance from the wicked one all relate to the petitioners desire to continue living in God's favor. He expresses this desire for all others of like faith, not for himself alone.**
- **Epaphras, who is from among you, a slave of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings, always exerting himself in your behalf in his **prayers**, that you may finally stand complete and with firm conviction in all the will of God. ([Colossians 4:12](#))**
- **These matters in this model **prayer** are of fundamental importance to all men of faith and express needs they all have in common.**
- **The Scriptural account shows that there are, on the other hand, many other matters that may affect individuals to a greater or lesser degree or that result from particular circumstances or occasions and that are also proper subjects for **prayer**.**
- **Though not specifically mentioned in Jesus model **prayer**, they are, nevertheless, related to the matters there presented. Personal prayers, then, may embrace virtually every facet of life.**
- **And in that day you will ask me no question at all. Most truly I say to you, If you ask the Father for anything he will give it to you in my name. ([John 16:23](#))**
- **Until this present time you have not asked a single thing in my name. Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be made full. ([John 16:24](#))**
- **Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication along with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. ([Philippians 4:6](#))**
- **While you throw all your anxiety upon him, because he cares for you. ([1 Peter 5:7](#))**
- **Thus, all rightly seek increased knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.**
- **Instruct me, O Yehowah, in the way of your regulations, that I may observe it down to the last. ([Psalms 119:33](#))**

- **Make me understand, that I may observe your Law and that I may keep it with the whole heart. (Psalms 119:34)**
- **So, if any one of you is lacking in wisdom, let him keep on asking God, for he gives generously to all and without reproaching, and it will be given him. (James 1:5)**
- **Yet some may need such in special ways. They may call on God for guidance in matters of judicial decisions, as did Moses**
- **Now listen to my voice. I shall advise you, and God will prove to be with you. You yourself serve as representative for the people before the true God, and you yourself must bring the cases to the true God. (Exodus 18:19)**
- **And they judged the people on every proper occasion. A hard case they would bring to Moses, but every small case they themselves would handle as judges. (Exodus 18:26)**
- **Now there happened to be men who had become unclean by a human soul so that they were not able to prepare the Passover sacrifice on that day. Hence they presented themselves before Moses and Aaron on that day. (Numbers 9:6)**
- **Then those men said to him; We are unclean by a human soul. Why should we be restrained from presenting the offering to Yehowah at its appointed time in the midst of the sons of Israel? (Numbers 9:7)**
- **At this Moses said to them; Stand there, and let me hear what Yehowah may command regarding you. (Numbers 9:8)**
- **Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (Numbers 9:9)**
- **Then the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hopher the son of Gilead the son of Machir the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph, came near. And these were the names of his daughters, Mahlah, Noah and Hoglah and Milcah and Tirzah. (Numbers 27:1)**
- **And they proceeded to stand before Moses and before Eleazar the priest and before the chieftains and all the assembly at the entrance of the tent of meeting, saying; (Numbers 27:2)**

- **Our father has died in the wilderness, and yet he did not prove to be in among the assembly, that is, those who ranged themselves against Yehowah in the assembly of Korah, but for his own sin he has died, and he did not get to have any sons. (Numbers 27:3)**
- **Why should the name of our father be taken away from the midst of his family because he had no son? O give us a possession in the midst of our father's brothers. (Numbers 27:4)**
- **At that Moses presented their case before Yehowah. (Numbers 27:5)**
- **Yehowah then said this to Moses. (Numbers 27:6)**
- **The daughters of Zelophehad are speaking right. By all means you should give them the possession of an inheritance in the midst of their father's brothers, and you must cause their fathers inheritance to pass to them. (Numbers 27:7)**
- **And to the sons of Israel you should speak, saying; In case any man should die without his having a son, you must then cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. (Numbers 27:8)**
- **And if he has no daughter, you must then give his inheritance to his brothers. (Numbers 27:9)**
- **And if he has no brothers, you must then give his inheritance to his father's brothers. (Numbers 27:10)**
- **And if his father has no brothers, you must then give his inheritance to his blood relation who is closest to him of his family, and he must take possession of it. And it must serve as a statute by judicial decision for the sons of Israel, just as Yehowah has commanded Moses. (Numbers 27:11)**
- **In case a matter for judicial decision should be too extraordinary for you, one in which blood has been shed, in which a legal claim has been raised, or a violent deed has been committed, matters of dispute, inside your gates, you must also rise and go up to the place that Yehowah your God will choose. (Deuteronomy 17:8)**
- **And you must go to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge who will be acting in those days, and you must make inquiry, and they must hand down to you the word of the judicial decision.**

**(Deuteronomy 17:9)**

- Then you must do in accordance with the word that they will hand down to you from that place which Yehowah will choose, and you must be careful to do according to all that they instruct you. **(Deuteronomy 17:10)**
- In accordance with the Law that they will point out to you, and according to the judicial decision that they will say to you, you should do. You must not turn aside from the word that they will hand down to you, to the right or to the left. **(Deuteronomy 17:11)**
- And the man who will behave with presumptuousness in not listening to the priest who is standing to minister there to Yehowah your God or to the judge, that man must die, and you must clear out what is bad from Israel. **(Deuteronomy 17:12)**
- And all the people will hear and become afraid, and they will not act presumptuously anymore. **(Deuteronomy 17:13)**
- Or in the appointment of persons to special responsibility among God's people.
- Then Moses spoke to Yehowah, saying; **(Numbers 27:15)**
- Let Yehowah the God of the spirits of all sorts of flesh appoint over the assembly a man. **(Numbers 27:16)**
- Who will go out before them and who will come in before them and who will bring them out and who will bring them in, that Yehowah's assembly may not become like sheep that have no shepherd. **(Numbers 27:17)**
- So Yehowah said to Moses; Take for yourself Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom there is spirit, and you must lay your hand upon him. **(Numbers 27:18)**
- In the progress of these days he went out into the mountain to pray, and he continued the whole night in **prayer** to God. **(Luke 6:12)**
- But when it became day he called his disciples to him and chose from among them twelve, whom he also named apostles. **(Luke**

**6:13)**

- **And they prayed and said; You, O Yehowah, who know the hearts of all, designate which one of these two men you have chosen. (Acts of Apostles 1:24)**
- **To take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas deviated to go to his own place. (Acts of Apostles 1:25)**
- **And the thing spoken was pleasing to the whole multitude, and they selected Stephen, a man full of faith and Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. (Acts of Apostles 6:5)**
- **And they placed them before the apostles, and, after having prayed, these laid their hands upon them. (Acts of Apostles 6:6)**
- **They may seek strength and wisdom to carry out certain assignments or to face up to particular trials or dangers.**
- **After that Jacob said; O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Yehowah, you who are saying to me, Return to your land and to your relatives and I will deal well with you. (Genesis 32:9)**
- **I am unworthy of all the loving kindnesses and of all the faithfulness that you have exercised toward your servant, for with but my staff I crossed this Jordan and now I have become two camps. (Genesis 32:10)**
- **Deliver me, I pray you, from my brothers hand, from Esau's hand, because I am afraid of him that he may come and certainly assault me, mother together with children. (Genesis 32:11)**
- **And you, you have said; Unquestionably I shall deal well with you and I will constitute your seed like the grains of sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. (Genesis 32:12)**
- **Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized and, as he was praying, the heaven was opened up. (Luke 3:21)**
- **Then Jesus came with them to the spot called Gethsemane, and he said to the disciples; Sit down here while I go over there and pray. (Matthew 26:36)**

- **And taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he started to be grieved and to be sorely troubled. (Matthew 26:37)**
- **Then he said to them; My soul is deeply grieved, even to death. Stay here and keep on the watch with me. (Matthew 26:38)**
- **And going a little way forward, he fell upon his face, praying and saying; My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you will. (Matthew 26:39)**
- **And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter; Could you men not so much as watch one hour with me? (Matthew 26:40)**
- **Keep on the watch and pray continually, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit, of course, is eager, but the flesh is weak. (Matthew 26:41)**
- **Again, for the second time, he went off and prayed, saying; My Father, if it is not possible for this to pass away except I drink it, let your will take place. (Matthew 26:42)**
- **And he came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. (Matthew 26:43)**
- **So leaving them, he again went off and prayed for the third time, saying once more the same word. (Matthew 26:44)**
- **Their reasons for blessing God and thanking him may vary according to their own personal experiences.**
- **But I wish all men were as I myself am. Nevertheless, each one has his own gift from God, one in this way, another in that way. (1 Corinthians 7:7)**
- **And there are varieties of operations, and yet it is the same God who performs all the operations in all persons. (1 Corinthians 12:6)**
- **But the manifestation of the spirit is given to each one for a beneficial purpose. (1 Corinthians 12:7)**
- **In connection with everything give thanks. For this is the will of**



**God in union with Christ Jesus respecting you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)**

- **I therefore exhort, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, offerings of thanks, be made concerning all sorts of men. (1 Timothy 2:1)**
- **Concerning kings and all those who are in high station, in order, that we may go on leading a calm and quiet life with full godly devotion and seriousness. (1 Timothy 2:2)**
- **The apostle speaks of prayers being made concerning all sorts of men, concerning kings and all those who are in high station. On his final night with his disciples, Jesus, in prayer, said that he did not make request concerning the world, but concerning those whom God had given him, and that these were not of the world but were hated by the world.**
- **I make request concerning them. I make request, not concerning the world, but concerning those you have given me, because they are yours. (John 17:9)**
- **I have given your word to them, but the world has hated them, because they are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world. (John 17:14)**
- **It therefore appears that Christian prayers regarding officials of the world are not without limitation. The apostles further words indicate that such prayers are ultimately in favor of God's people, in order, that we may go on leading a calm and quiet life with full godly devotion and seriousness.**
- **Concerning kings and all those who are in high station, in order, that we may go on leading a calm and quiet life with full godly devotion and seriousness. (1 Timothy 2:2)**
- **Earlier examples illustrate this. Nehemiah prayed that God would give him pity before King Artaxerxes.**
- **Ah, Yehowah, please, let your ear become attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who take delight in fearing your name, and, please, do grant success to your servant today and make him an object of pity before this man. Now I myself happened to be cupbearer to the king.**

**(Nehemiah 1:11)**

- **And may God Almighty give you pity before the man, that he may certainly release to you your other brother and Benjamin. But I, in case I must be bereaved, I shall certainly be bereaved! (Genesis 43:14)**
- **And Yehowah instructed the Israelites to seek the peace of the city, Babylon, in which they would be exiled, praying on its behalf, since in its peace there will prove to be peace for you yourselves.**
- **Also, seek the peace of the city to which I have caused you to go into exile, and pray in its behalf to Yehowah, for in its peace there will prove to be peace for you yourselves. (Jeremiah 29:7)**
- **Similarly, Christians **prayed** concerning the threats of the rulers in their day.**
- **After being released they went to their own people and reported what things the chief priests and the older men had said to them. (Acts of Apostles 4:23)**
- **Upon hearing this they with one accord raised their voices to God and said; Sovereign Lord, you are the One who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them. (Acts of Apostles 4:24)**
- **And who through Holy Spirit said by the mouth of our forefather David, your servant; Why did nations become tumultuous and peoples meditate upon empty things? (Acts of Apostles 4:25)**
- **The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers massed together as one against Yehowah and against his anointed one. (Acts of Apostles 4:26)**
- **Even so, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with men of nations and with peoples of Israel were in actuality gathered together in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. (Acts of Apostles 4:27)**
- **In order to do what things your hand and counsel had foreordained to occur. (Acts of Apostles 4:28)**
- **And now, Yehowah, give attention to their threats, and grant**

- your slaves to keep speaking your word with all boldness. (**Acts of Apostles 4:29**)
- While you stretch out your hand for healing and while signs and portents occur through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 4:30**)
  - And undoubtedly their **prayers** in behalf of imprisoned Peter also involved the officials with authority to release him.
  - Consequently Peter was being kept in the prison, but **prayer** to God for him was being carried on intensely by the congregation. (**Acts of Apostles 12:5**)
  - In harmony with Christ's counsel, they **prayed** for those persecuting them.
  - However, I say to you; Continue to love your enemies and to pray for those persecuting you. (**Matthew 5:44**)
  - But Agrippa said to Paul; In a short time you would persuade me to become a Christian. (**Acts of Apostles 26:28**)
  - At this Paul said; I could wish to God that whether in a short time or in a long time not only you but also all those who hear me today would become men such as I also am, with the exception of these bonds. (**Acts of Apostles 26:29**)
  - Brothers, the goodwill of my heart and my supplication to God for them are, indeed, for their salvation. (**Romans 10:1**)
  - For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to accurate knowledge. (**Romans 10:2**)
  - For, because of not knowing the righteousness of God but seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. (**Romans 10:3**)
  - Giving thanks for God's provisions, such as food, was done from early times.
  - When you have eaten and satisfied yourself, you must also bless Yehowah your God for the good land that he has given you. (**Deuteronomy 8:10**)

- **Watch out for yourself that you may not forget Yehowah your God so as not to keep his commandments and his judicial decisions and his statutes that I am commanding you today. (Deuteronomy 8:11)**
- **For fear that you may eat and indeed satisfy yourself, and you may build good houses and indeed dwell in them. (Deuteronomy 8:12)**
- **And your herd and your flock may increase, and silver and gold may increase for you, and all that is yours may increase. (Deuteronomy 8:13)**
- **And your heart may indeed be lifted up and you may indeed forget Yehowah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. (Deuteronomy 8:14)**
- **Who caused you to walk through the great and fear-inspiring wilderness, with poisonous serpents and scorpions and with thirsty ground that has no water, who brought forth water for you out of the flinty rock. (Deuteronomy 8:15)**
- **Who fed you with manna in the wilderness, which your fathers had not known, in order to humble you and in order to put you to the test so as to do you good in your afterdays. (Deuteronomy 8:16)**
- **And you do say in your heart; My own power and the full might of my own hand have made this wealth for me. (Deuteronomy 8:17)**
- **And you must remember Yehowah your God, because he is the giver of power to you to make wealth, in order to carry out his covenant that he swore to your forefathers, as at this day. (Deuteronomy 8:18)**
- **Next he commanded the crowds to recline on the grass and took the five loaves and two fishes, and, looking up to heaven, he said a blessing and, after breaking the loaves, he distributed them to the disciples, the disciples in turn to the crowds. (Matthew 14:19)**
- **After he said this, he also took a loaf, gave thanks to God before**

- them all and broke it and started eating. (**Acts of Apostles 27:35**)
- **If I am partaking with thanks, why am I to be spoken of abusively over that for which I give thanks? (**1 Corinthians 10:30**)**
  - **Therefore, whether you are eating or drinking or doing anything else, do all things for God's glory. (**1 Corinthians 10:31**)**
  - **Appreciation for God's goodness, however, is to be shown in everything, not only for material blessings.**
  - **Pray incessantly. (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**)**
  - **In connection with everything give thanks. For this is the will of God in union with Christ Jesus respecting you. (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**)**
  - **Speaking to yourselves with psalms and praises to God and spiritual songs, singing and accompanying yourselves with music in your hearts to Yehowah. (**Ephesians 5:19**)**
  - **In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ giving thanks always for all things to our God and Father. (**Ephesians 5:20**)**
  - **In the final analysis, it is knowledge of God's will that governs the contents of a persons prayers, for the supplicant must realize that, if his request is to be granted, it must please God.**
  - **Knowing that the wicked and those disregarding God's Word have no favor with Him, the supplicant obviously cannot request that which runs counter to righteousness and to God's revealed will, including the teachings of God's Son and his inspired disciples.**
  - **If you remain in union with me and my sayings remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will take place for you. (**John 15:7**)**
  - **You did not choose me, but I chose you, and I appointed you to go on and keep bearing fruit and that your fruit should remain, in order, that no matter what you ask the Father in my name he might give it to you. (**John 15:16**)**
  - **Thus, statements regarding the asking of anything.**

- **And in that day you will ask me no question at all. Most truly I say to you; If you ask the Father for anything he will give it to you in my name. (John 16:23)**
- **Are not to be taken out of context. Anything clearly does not embrace things the individual knows, or has reason to believe, are not pleasing to God. John states;**
- **And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that, no matter what it is that we ask according to his will, he hears us. (1 John 5:14)**
- **Instead, you ought to say; If Yehowah wills, we shall live and also do this or that. (James 4:15)**
- **Jesus told his disciples:**
- **Again I truly say to you, If two of you on earth agree concerning anything of importance that they should request, it will take place for them due to my Father in heaven. (Matthew 18:19)**
- **While material things, such as food, are proper subjects of prayer, materialistic desires and ambitions are not, as such texts as;**
- **Stop storing up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break in and steal. (Matthew 6:19)**
- **Rather, store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6:20)**
- **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)**
- **The lamp of the body is the eye. If, then, your eye is simple, your whole body will be bright. (Matthew 6:22)**
- **But if your eye is wicked, your whole body will be dark. If in reality the light that is in you is darkness, how great that darkness is! (Matthew 6:23)**
- **No one can slave for two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stick to the one and despise the**

other. You cannot slave for God and for Riches. (**Matthew 6:24**)

- **On this account I say to you; Stop being anxious about your souls as to what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your bodies as to what you will wear. Does not the soul mean more than food and the body than clothing? (**Matthew 6:25**)**
- **Observe intently the birds of heaven, because they do not sow seed or reap or gather into storehouses, still your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are? (**Matthew 6:26**)**
- **Who of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his life span? (**Matthew 6:27**)**
- **Also, on the matter of clothing, why are you anxious? Take a lesson from the lilies of the field, how they are growing. They do not toil, nor do they spin. (**Matthew 6:28**)**
- **But I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. (**Matthew 6:29**)**
- **If, now, God thus clothes the vegetation of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much rather clothe you, you with little faith? (**Matthew 6:30**)**
- **So never be anxious and say; What are we to eat? Or; What are we to drink? Or; What are we to put on? (**Matthew 6:31**)**
- **For all these are the things the nations are eagerly pursuing. For your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. (**Matthew 6:32**)**
- **Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you. (**Matthew 6:33**)**
- **So, never be anxious about the next day, for the next day will have its own anxieties. Sufficient for each day is its own badness. (**Matthew 6:34**)**
- **Do not be loving either the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (**1 John 2:15**)**

- Because everything in the world, the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the showy display of ones means of life, does not originate with the Father, but originates with the world. **(1 John 2:16)**
- Furthermore, the world is passing away and so is its desire, but he that does the will of God remains forever. **(1 John 2:17)**
- **Show.** Nor can one rightly **pray** for those whom God condemns.
- And as for you, do not **pray** in behalf of this people, neither raise in their behalf an entreating cry or a **prayer** nor beseech me, for I shall not be listening to you. **(Jeremiah 7:16)**
- And as for you, do not **pray** in behalf of this people, and do not lift up in their behalf an entreating cry or a **prayer**, for I shall not be listening in the time of their calling out to me in regard to their calamity. **(Jeremiah 11:14)**
- In like manner the spirit also joins in with help for our weakness, for the problem of what we should **pray** for as we need to we do not know, but the spirit itself pleads for us with groanings unuttered. **(Romans 8:26)**
- Yet he who searches the hearts knows what the meaning of the spirit is, because it is pleading in accord with God for holy ones. **(Romans 8:27)**
- Shows that the Christian, under certain circumstances, will not know just what to **pray** for, but his unuttered groanings are nonetheless understood by God.
- The apostle shows that this is by means of God's spirit, or active force. It should be remembered that it was by his spirit that God inspired the Scriptures.
- All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. **(2 Timothy 3:16)**
- That the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work. **(2 Timothy 3:17)**
- For prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men



spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. (**2 Peter 1:21**)

- **These contained prophecies and included events that prefigured the circumstances that would come upon his servants in later times and showed the way in which God would guide his servants and bring them the help they needed.**
- **For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our instruction, that through our endurance and through the comfort from the Scriptures we might have hope. (**Romans 15:4**)**
- **In this fact you are greatly rejoicing, though for a little while at present, if it must be, you have been grieved by various trials. (**1 Peter 1:6**)**
- **In order, that the tested quality of your faith, of much greater value than gold that perishes despite its being proved by fire, may be found a cause for praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (**1 Peter 1:7**)**
- **Though you never saw him, you love him. Though you are not looking upon him at present, yet you exercise faith in him and are greatly rejoicing with an unspeakable and glorified joy. (**1 Peter 1:8**)**
- **As you receive the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (**1 Peter 1:9**)**
- **Concerning this very salvation a diligent inquiry and a careful search were made by the prophets who prophesied about the undeserved kindness meant for you. (**1 Peter 1:10**)**
- **They kept on investigating what particular season or what sort of season the spirit in them was indicating concerning Christ when it was bearing witness beforehand about the sufferings for Christ and about the glories to follow these. (**1 Peter 1:11**)**
- **It was revealed to them that, not to themselves, but to you, they were ministering the things that have now been announced to you through those who have declared the Good News to you with Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven. Into these very things angels are desiring to peer. (**1 Peter 1:12**)**

- It may not be until after the needed help has been received that the Christian realizes that what he **might** have prayed for, but did not know how to, was already set forth in God's spirit-inspired Word.
- But just as it is written: Eye has not seen and ear has not heard, neither have there been conceived in the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love him. (**1 Corinthians 2:9**)
- For it is to us God has revealed them through his spirit, for the spirit searches into all things, even the deep things of God. (**1 Corinthians 2:10**)

### · The Answering Of Prayers

- Although God anciently carried on a measure of two-way communication with certain individuals, this was not common, for the most part being restricted to special representatives, such as Abraham and Moses.
- After these things the word of Yehowah came to Abram in a vision, saying; Do not fear, Abram. I am a shield for you. Your reward will be very great. (**Genesis 15:1**)
- At this Abram said; Sovereign Lord Yehowah, what will you give me, seeing that I am going childless and the one who will possess my house is a man of Damascus, Eliezer? (**Genesis 15:2**)
- And Abram added; Look! You have given me no seed, and, look! a son of my household is succeeding me as heir. (**Genesis 15:3**)
- But, look! The word of Yehowah to him was in these words; This man will not succeed you as heir, but one who will come out of your own inward parts will succeed you as heir. (**Genesis 15:4**)
- He now brought him outside and said; Look up, please, to the heavens and count the stars, if you are possibly able to count them. And he went on to say to him; So your seed will become. (**Genesis 15:5**)
- However, Moses said to the true God; Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I have to bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt? (**Exodus 3:11**)

- To this he said; Because I shall prove to be with you, and this is the sign for you that it is I who have sent you; After you have brought the people out of Egypt, you people will serve the true God on this mountain. (**Exodus 3:12**)
- Nevertheless, Moses said to the true God; Suppose I am now come to the sons of Israel and I do say to them, The God of your forefathers has sent me to you, and they do say to me, What is his name? What shall I say to them? (**Exodus 3:13**)
- At this God said to Moses; I **SHALL PROVE TO BE WHAT I SHALL PROVE TO BE**. And he added; This is what you are to say to the sons of Israel, I **SHALL PROVE TO BE** has sent me to you. (**Exodus 3:14**)
- Then God said once more to Moses; This is what you are to say to the sons of Israel, Yehowah the God of your forefathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name to time indefinite, and this is the memorial of me to generation after generation. (**Exodus 3:15**)
- And they began to say to Moses; You speak with us, and let us listen, but let not God speak with us for fear we may die. (**Exodus 20:19**)
- Even then, with the exception of when he spoke to or about his Son while on earth, God's words were evidently transmitted through angels.
- Then Yehowah's angel appeared to him in a flame of fire in the midst of a thorn bush. As he kept looking, why, here the thorn bush was burning with the fire and yet the thorn bush was not consumed. (**Exodus 3:2**)
- When Yehowah saw that he turned aside to inspect, God at once called to him out of the midst of the thorn bush and said; Moses! Moses! To which he said; Here I am. (**Exodus 3:4**)
- Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (**Galatians 3:19**)

- **Messages delivered personally by materialized angels were likewise uncommon, as is evidenced by the disturbed effect they generally produced on the receivers.**
- **Consequently Gideon realized that it was Yehowah's angel. At once Gideon said; Alas, Sovereign Lord Yehowah, for the reason that I have seen Yehowah's angel face to face! (Judges 6:22)**
- **To him Yehowah's angel appeared, standing at the right side of the incense altar. (Luke 1:11)**
- **But Zechariah became troubled at the sight, and fear fell upon him. (Luke 1:12)**
- **In her sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent forth from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth. (Luke 1:26)**
- **To a virgin promised in marriage to a man named Joseph of David's house, and the name of the virgin was Mary. (Luke 1:27)**
- **And when he went in before her he said; Good day, highly favored one, Yehowah is with you. (Luke 1:28)**
- **But she was deeply disturbed at the saying and began to reason out what sort of greeting this might be. (Luke 1:29)**
- **So the angel said to her; Have no fear, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (Luke 1:30)**
- **The answering of **prayers** in the majority of cases, therefore, was through prophets or by the granting of, or the refusal to grant, the request. Yehowah's answers to **prayers** often had a clearly recognizable effect, as when he delivered his servants from their enemies**
- **And it came about afterward that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon and with them some of the Ammonim came against Jehoshaphat in war. (2 Chronicles 20:1)**
- **So people came and told Jehoshaphat, saying; There has come against you a large crowd from the region of the sea, from Edom, and there they are in Hazazon-tamar, that is to say; En-gedi. (2 Chronicles 20:2)**

- **At that Jehoshaphat became afraid and set his face to search for Yehowah. So he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. (2 Chronicles 20:3)**
- **Eventually those of Judah were collected together to inquire of Yehowah. Even from all the cities of Judah they came to consult Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 20:4)**
- **Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the congregation of Judah and of Jerusalem in the house of Yehowah before the new courtyard. (2 Chronicles 20:5)**
- **And he proceeded to say; O Yehowah the God of our forefathers, are you not God in the heavens, and are you not dominating over all the kingdoms of the nations, and are there not in your hand power and mightiness, with no one to hold his ground against you? (2 Chronicles 20:6)**
- **Did not you yourself, O God of ours, drive away the inhabitants of this land from before your people Israel and then give it to the seed of Abraham, your lover, to time indefinite? (2 Chronicles 20:7)**
- **And they took up dwelling in it, and they proceeded to build in it for you a sanctuary for your name, saying; (2 Chronicles 20:8)**
- **If there should come upon us calamity, sword, adverse judgment, or pestilence or famine, let us stand before this house and before you, for your name is in this house, that we may call to you for aid out of our distress, and may you hear and save. (2 Chronicles 20:9)**
- **And now here the sons of Ammon, and Moab and the mountainous region of Seir, whom you did not allow Israel to invade when they were coming out of the land of Egypt, but they turned away from them and did not annihilate them. (2 Chronicles 20:10)**
- **Yes, here they are rewarding us by coming in to drive us out from your possession that you caused us to possess. (2 Chronicles 20:11)**
- **O our God, will you not execute judgment upon them? For in us there is no power before this large crowd that is coming against**

us, and we ourselves do not know what we ought to do, but our eyes are toward you. (**2 Chronicles 20:12**)

- Further, he took counsel with the people and stationed singers to Yehowah and those offering praise in holy adornment as they went out ahead of the armed men, and saying; Give praise to Yehowah, for to time indefinite is his loving-kindness. (**2 Chronicles 20:21**)
- And at the time that they started off with the joyful cry and praise, Yehowah set men in ambush against the sons of Ammon, Moab and the mountainous region of Seir who were coming into Judah, and they went smiting one another. (**2 Chronicles 20:22**)
- And the sons of Ammon and Moab proceeded to stand up against the inhabitants of the mountainous region of Seir to devote them to destruction and annihilate them, and as soon as they finished with the inhabitants of Seir, they helped each one to bring his own fellow to ruin. (**2 Chronicles 20:23**)
- But as for Judah, it came to the watchtower of the wilderness. When they turned their faces toward the crowd, why, there they were, their carcasses fallen to the earth without anyone escaping. (**2 Chronicles 20:24**)
- Or when he provided for their physical needs in times of dire scarcity.
- Later Moses caused Israel to depart from the Red Sea and they went out to the wilderness of Shur and marched on for three days in the wilderness, but they did not find water. (**Exodus 15:22**)
- In time they came to Marah, but they were not able to drink the water from Marah because it was bitter. That is why he called its name Marah. (**Exodus 15:23**)
- And the people began to murmur against Moses, saying; What are we to drink? (**Exodus 15:24**)
- Then he cried out to Yehowah. So Yehowah directed him to a tree, and he threw it into the water and the water became sweet. There He established for them a regulation and a case for judgment and there he put them to the test. (**Exodus 15:25**)

- **But undoubtedly the most frequent answer was not so easily discernible, since it related to giving moral strength and enlightenment, enabling the person to hold to a righteous course and carry out divinely assigned work.**
- **But the Lord stood near me and infused power into me, that through me the preaching might be fully accomplished and all the nations might hear it, and I was delivered from the lion's mouth. (2 Timothy 4:17)**
- **Particularly for the Christian the answer to **prayers** involved matters mainly spiritual, not as spectacular as some powerful acts of God in earlier times, but equally vital.**
- **On seeing the crowds he felt pity for them, because they were skinned and thrown about like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36)**
- **Then he said to his disciples; Yes, the harvest is great, but the workers are few. (Matthew 9:37)**
- **Therefore, beg the Master of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest. (Matthew 9:38)**
- **That is also why we, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the accurate knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual comprehension. (Colossians 1:9)**
- **Carry on **prayer** for us, for we trust we have an honest conscience, as we wish to conduct ourselves honestly in all things. (Hebrews 13:18)**
- **Is there anyone suffering evil among you? Let him carry on **prayer**. Is there anyone in good spirits? Let him sing psalms. (James 5:13)**
- **Acceptable **prayer** must be made to the right person, Yehowah God, on right matters, those in harmony with God's declared purposes, in the right manner, through God's appointed way, Christ Jesus, and with a right motive and a clean heart.**
- **You do ask, and yet you do not receive, because you are asking**

- for a wrong purpose, that you may expend it upon your cravings for sensual pleasure. (**James 4:3**)
- **Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an enemy of God. (James 4:4)**
  - **Or does it seem to you that the scripture says to no purpose; It is with a tendency to envy that the spirit which has taken up residence within us keeps longing? (James 4:5)**
  - **However, the undeserved kindness which he gives is greater. Hence it says; God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. (James 4:6)**
  - **Along with all of this, there is need for persistence. Jesus said to keep on asking, seeking, and knocking, not giving up.**
  - **Further, he said to them; Who of you will have a friend and will go to him at midnight and say to him; Friend, loan me three loaves. (Luke 11:5)**
  - **Because a friend of mine has just come to me on a journey and I have nothing to set before him? (Luke 11:6)**
  - **And that one from inside says in reply; Quit making me trouble. The door is already locked, and my young children are with me in bed. I cannot rise up and give you anything. (Luke 11:7)**
  - **I tell you, although he will not rise up and give him anything because of being his friend, certainly because of his bold persistence he will get up and give him what things he needs. (Luke 11:8)**
  - **Accordingly I say to you, Keep on asking, and it will be given you, keep on seeking, and you will find, keep on knocking, and it will be opened to you. (Luke 11:9)**
  - **For everyone asking receives, and everyone seeking finds, and to everyone knocking it will be opened. (Luke 11:10)**
  - **Then he went on to tell them an illustration with regard to the need for them always to pray and not to give up. (Luke 18:1)**



- **Saying; In a certain city there was a certain judge that had no fear of God and had no respect for man. (Luke 18:2)**
- **But there was a widow in that city and she kept going to him, saying; See that I get justice from my adversary at Law. (Luke 18:3)**
- **Well, for a while he was unwilling, but afterward he said to himself; Although I do not fear God or respect a man. (Luke 18:4)**
- **At any rate, because of this widows continually making me trouble, I will see that she gets justice, so that she will not keep coming and pummeling me to a finish. (Luke 18:5)**
- **Then the Lord said; Hear what the judge, although unrighteous, said! (Luke 18:6)**
- **Certainly, then, shall not God cause justice to be done for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night, even though he is long-suffering toward them? (Luke 18:7)**
- **He raised the question as to whether, at his future arrival, he would find faith in the power of prayer on earth.**
- **I tell you, He will cause justice to be done to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man arrives, will he really find the faith on the earth? (Luke 18:8)**
- **The seeming delay on God's part in answering some prayers is not due to any inability nor to a lack of willingness, as the Scriptures make clear.**
- **Indeed, who is the man among you whom his son asks for bread, he will not hand him a stone, will he? (Matthew 7:9)**
- **Or, perhaps, he will ask for a fish, he will not hand him a serpent, will he? (Matthew 7:10)**
- **Therefore, if you, although being wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more so will your Father who is in the heavens give good things to those asking him? (Matthew 7:11)**

- **So, if any one of you is lacking in wisdom, let him keep on asking God, for he gives generously to all and without reproaching, and it will be given him. (James 1:5)**
- **Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (James 1:17)**
- **In some cases the answer must await God's timetable.**
- **Certainly, then, shall not God cause justice to be done for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night, even though he is long-suffering toward them? (Luke 18:7)**
- **Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. (1 Peter 5:6)**
- **Yehowah is not slow respecting his promise, as some people consider slowness, but he is patient with you because he does not desire any to be destroyed but desires all to attain to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)**
- **And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those slaughtered because of the word of God and because of the witness work that they used to have. (Revelation 6:9)**
- **And they cried with a loud voice, saying; Until when, Sovereign Lord holy and true, are you refraining from judging and avenging our blood upon those who dwell on the earth? (Revelation 6:10)**
- **And a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little while longer, until the number was filled also of their fellow slaves and their brothers who were about to be killed as they also had been. (Revelation 6:11)**
- **Primarily, however, it is evident that God allows his petitioners to demonstrate the depth of their concern, the intensity of their desire, the genuineness of their motive.**
- **Evening and morning and noontime I cannot but show concern and I moan, and he hears my voice. (Psalms 55:17)**

- O Yehowah, the God of my salvation, by day I have cried out, in the night also in front of you. (**Psalms 88:1**)
- And yet to you, O Yehowah, I myself have cried for help, and in the morning my own **prayer** keeps confronting you. (**Psalms 88:13**)
- For God, to whom I render sacred service with my spirit in connection with the Good News about his Son, is my witness of how without ceasing I always make mention of you in my **prayers**. (**Romans 1:9**)
- Begging that if at all possible I may now at last be prospered in the will of God so as to come to you. (**Romans 1:10**)
- For I am longing to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to you in order for you to be made firm. (**Romans 1:11**)
- **At times they must be like Jacob in his wrestling a long time in order to obtain a blessing.**
- Finally Jacob was left by himself. Then a man began to grapple with him until the dawn ascended. (**Genesis 32:24**)
- When he got to see that he had not prevailed over him, then he touched the socket of his thigh joint, and the socket of Jacob's thigh joint got out of place during his grappling with him. (**Genesis 32:25**)
- After that he said; Let me go, for the dawn has ascended. To this he said; I am not going to let you go until you first bless me. (**Genesis 32:26**)
- **Similarly, while Yehowah God cannot be pressured by numbers into acting, he evidently takes note of the extent of concern shown among his servants as a body, taking action when they collectively show deep concern and united interest.**
- And it came about during those many days that the king of Egypt finally died, but the sons of Israel continued to sigh because of the slavery and to cry out in complaint, and their cry for help kept going up to the true God because of the slavery. (**Exodus 2:23**)

- In time God heard their groaning and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (**Exodus 2:24**)
- So God looked on the sons of Israel and God took notice. (**Exodus 2:25**)
- Where apathy or a measure of it exists, God may withhold action. In the reconstruction of Jerusalem's temple, a project for some time not well supported.
- At that the people of the land were continually weakening the hands of the people of Judah and disheartening them from building. (**Ezra 4:4**)
- And hiring counselors against them to frustrate their counsel all the days of Cyrus the king of Persia down till the reign of Darius the king of Persia. (**Ezra 4:5**)
- And in the reign of Ahasuerus, at the start of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. (**Ezra 4:6**)
- Also, in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel and the rest of his colleagues wrote to Artaxerxes the king of Persia, and the writing of the letter was written in Aramaic characters and translated into the Aramaic language. (**Ezra 4:7**)
- Now after the copy of the official document of Artaxerxes the king had been read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their colleagues, they went in a hurry to Jerusalem to the Jews and stopped them by force of arms. (**Ezra 4:23**)
- It was then that the work on the house of God, which was in Jerusalem, stopped, and it continued stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius the king of Persia. (**Ezra 4:24**)
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; As regards this people, they have said; The time has not come, the time of the house of Yehowah, for it to be built. (**Haggai 1:2**)
- And the word of Yehowah continued to come by means of Haggai the prophet, saying; (**Haggai 1:3**)
- Is it the time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses,

while this house is waste? (**Haggai 1:4**)

- **And now this is what Yehowah of armies has said; Set your heart upon your ways. (**Haggai 1:5**)**
- **You have sown much seed, but there is a bringing of little in. There is an eating, but it is not to satisfaction. There is a drinking, but not to the point of getting intoxicated. There is a putting on of clothes, but it is not with anyones getting warm, and he that is hiring himself out is hiring himself out for a bag having holes. (**Haggai 1:6**)**
- **This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Set your heart upon your ways. (**Haggai 1:7**)**
- **Go up to the mountain, and you must bring in lumber. And build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and I may be glorified, Yehowah has said. (**Haggai 1:8**)**
- **There was a looking for much, but here there was just a little, and you have brought it into the house, and I blew upon it, for what reason? Is the utterance of Yehowah of armies. By reason of my house that is waste, while you are on the run, each one in behalf of his own house. (**Haggai 1:9**)**
- **Therefore over you the heavens kept back their dew, and the earth itself kept back its yield. (**Haggai 1:10**)**
- **And I kept calling for dryness upon the earth, and upon the mountains, and upon the grain, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon what the ground would bring forth, and upon earthling man, and upon domestic animal, and upon all the toil of the hands. (**Haggai 1:11**)**
- **And Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest, and all the remaining ones of the people began to listen to the voice of Yehowah their God, and to the words of Haggai the prophet, as Yehowah their God had sent him, and the people began to fear because of Yehowah. (**Haggai 1:12**)**
- **There were interruptions and delay, whereas later, in Nehemiah's reconstruction of the city walls, accomplished with **prayer** and good support, the work was done in just 52 days.**

- **Finally I said to them; You are seeing the bad plight in which we are, how Jerusalem is devastated and its gates have been burned with fire. Come and let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer continue to be a reproach. (Nehemiah 2:17)**
- **And I went on to tell them of the hand of my God, how it was good upon me, and also of the kings words that he had said to me. At this they said; Let us get up, and we must build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work. (Nehemiah 2:18)**
- **Now when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian heard of it, they began to deride us and look on us despisingly and say; What is this thing that you are doing? Is it against the king that you are rebelling? (Nehemiah 2:19)**
- **However, I replied to them and said to them; The God of the heavens is the One that will grant us success, and we ourselves, his servants, shall get up, and we must build, but you yourselves have no share, nor just claim, nor memorial in Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 2:20)**
- **Hear, O our God, for we have become an object of contempt, and make their reproach return upon their own head, and give them to the plunder in the land of captivity. (Nehemiah 4:4)**
- **And do not cover over their error and their sin from before you. Let it not be wiped out, for they have committed offense against the builders. (Nehemiah 4:5)**
- **So we kept building the wall, and the entire wall came to be joined together clear to half its height, and the people continued to have a heart for working. (Nehemiah 4:6)**
- **Now it came about that, as soon as Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabians and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem had gone forward, for the gaps had started to be stopped up, they became very angry. (Nehemiah 4:7)**
- **And all of them began to conspire together to come and fight against Jerusalem and cause me disturbance. (Nehemiah 4:8)**

- **But we prayed to our God and kept a guard posted against them day and night on account of them. (Nehemiah 4:9)**
- **And Judah began to say; The power of the burden bearer has stumbled, and there is a great deal of rubbish, and we ourselves are not able to build on the wall. (Nehemiah 4:10)**
- **Moreover, our adversaries kept saying; They will not know and they will not see until we come right in among them, and we shall certainly kill them and put a stop to the work. (Nehemiah 4:11)**
- **And it came about that, whenever the Jews dwelling close by them came in, they proceeded to say to us ten times; They will come up from all the places where you people will return to us. (Nehemiah 4:12)**
- **So I kept men posted at the lowest parts of the place behind the wall at the open places, and I kept the people posted by families with their swords, their lances and their bows. (Nehemiah 4:13)**
- **When I saw their fear I immediately rose and said to the nobles and the deputy rulers and the rest of the people; Do not be afraid on their account. Yehowah the great and the fear-inspiring One keep in your mind, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes. (Nehemiah 4:14)**
- **Now it came about that as soon as our enemies heard that it had become known to us, so that the true God had frustrated their counsel and we had all of us gone back to the wall, each one to his work. (Nehemiah 4:15)**
- **Yes, it came about that from that day forward half of my young men were active in the work and half of them were holding the lances, the shields and the bows and the coats of mail, and the princes were behind the whole house of Judah. (Nehemiah 4:16)**
- **As for the builders on the wall and those who were carrying the burden of load bearers, each one was active in the work with his one hand while the other hand was holding the missile. (Nehemiah 4:17)**
- **And the builders were girded, each one with his sword upon his**

hip, while building, and the one to blow the horn was alongside me. ([Nehemiah 4:18](#))

- **And I proceeded to say to the nobles and the deputy rulers and the rest of the people; The work is large and extensive, and we are spread about upon the wall far apart from one another. ([Nehemiah 4:19](#))**
- **In the place where you hear the sound of the horn, there is where you will collect yourselves together to us. Our God himself will fight for us. ([Nehemiah 4:20](#))**
- **While we were active in the work, the other half of them also were holding the lances, from the ascending of the dawn until the stars came out. ([Nehemiah 4:21](#))**
- **Besides, at that time I said to the people; Let the men spend the night, each one with his attendant, in the midst of Jerusalem, and they must become for us a guard by night and workers by day. ([Nehemiah 4:22](#))**
- **As for me and my brothers and my attendants and the men of the guard who were behind me, we were not taking off our garments, each one having his missile in his right hand. ([Nehemiah 4:23](#))**
- **At length the wall came to completion on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. ([Nehemiah 6:15](#))**
- **Writing the Corinthian congregation, Paul speaks of God's deliverance of him from danger of death, and he states,**
- **For we do not wish you to be ignorant, brothers, about the tribulation that happened to us in the district of Asia, that we were under extreme pressure beyond our strength, so that we were very uncertain even of our lives. ([2 Corinthians 1:8](#))**
- **In fact, we felt within ourselves that we had received the sentence of death. This was that we might have our trust, not in ourselves, but in the God who raises up the dead. ([2 Corinthians 1:9](#))**
- **From such a great thing as death he did rescue us and will rescue us, and our hope is in him that he will also rescue us further. ([2](#)**



## **Corinthians 1:10)**

- You also can help along by your supplication for us, in order, that thanks may be given by many in our behalf for what is kindly given to us due to many **prayerful** faces. (**2 Corinthians 1:11**)
- Now I desire you to know, brothers, that my affairs have turned out for the advancement of the Good News rather than otherwise. (**Philippians 1:12**)
- So that my bonds have become public knowledge in association with Christ among all the Praetorian Guard and all the rest. (**Philippians 1:13**)
- And most of the brothers in the Lord, feeling confidence by reason of my prison bonds, are showing all the more courage to speak the word of God fearlessly. (**Philippians 1:14**)
- True, some are preaching the Christ through envy and rivalry, but others also through goodwill. (**Philippians 1:15**)
- The latter are publicizing the Christ out of love, for they know I am set here for the defense of the Good News. (**Philippians 1:16**)
- But the former do it out of contentiousness, not with a pure motive, for they are supposing to stir up tribulation for me in my prison bonds. (**Philippians 1:17**)
- What then? Nothing, except that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is being publicized, and in this I rejoice. In fact, I will also keep on rejoicing. (**Philippians 1:18**)
- for I know this will result in my salvation through your supplication and a supply of the spirit of Jesus Christ. (**Philippians 1:19**)
- in harmony with my eager expectation and hope that I shall not be ashamed in any respect, but that in all freeness of speech Christ will, as always before, so now be magnified by means of my body, whether through life or through death. (**Philippians 1:20**)
- The power of intercessory prayer is regularly stressed, whether by an individual or a collective group. It was in regard to praying for

**one another that James said; A righteous man's supplication, when it is at work, has much force.**

- **Is there anyone sick among you? Let him call the older men of the congregation to him, and let them pray over him, greasing him with oil in the name of Yehowah. (James 5:14)**
- **And the **prayer** of faith will make the indisposed one well, and Yehowah will raise him up. Also, if he has committed sins, it will be forgiven him. (James 5:15)**
- **Therefore openly confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may get healed. A righteous man's supplication, when it is at work, has much force. (James 5:16)**
- **Elijah was a man with feelings like ours, and yet in **prayer** he prayed for it not to rain, and it did not rain upon the land for three years and six months. (James 5:17)**
- **And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the land put forth its fruit. (James 5:18)**
- **My brothers, if anyone among you is misled from the truth and another turns him back. (James 5:19)**
- **Know that he who turns a sinner back from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (James 5:20)**
- **But now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will make supplication for you. So keep living. But if you are not returning her, know that you will positively die, you and all who are yours. (Genesis 20:7)**
- **And Abraham began to make supplication to the true God, and God proceeded to heal Abimelech and his wife and his slave girls, and they began bearing children. (Genesis 20:17)**
- **Finally, brothers, carry on **prayer** for us, that the word of Yehowah may keep moving speedily and being glorified just as it is in fact with you. (2 Thessalonians 3:1)**
- **And that we may be delivered from harmful and wicked men, for faith is not a possession of all people. (2 Thessalonians 3:2)**

- Carry on **prayer** for us, for we trust we have an honest conscience, as we wish to conduct ourselves honestly in all things. (**Hebrews 13:18**)
- But I exhort you more especially to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. (**Hebrews 13:19**)
- Also notable is the frequent pleading of ones case before Yehowah, the Sovereign Ruler. The **petitioner** presents reasons why he believes the request to be right, evidence of his having a right and unselfish motive, and reasoning to show that there are other factors outweighing his own interests or considerations.
- These might be that the honor of God's own name or the good of his people is involved, or they may include the effect on others as a result of God's action or refusal to act. Appeals may be made to God's justice, his loving-kindness, his being a God of mercy.
- At this point the men turned from there and got on their way to Sodom, but as for Yehowah, he was still standing before Abraham. (**Genesis 18:22**)
- Then Abraham approached and began to say; Will you really sweep away the righteous with the wicked? (**Genesis 18:23**)
- Suppose there are fifty righteous men in the midst of the city. Will you, then, sweep them away and not pardon the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are inside it? (**Genesis 18:24**)
- It is unthinkable of you that you are acting in this manner to put to death the righteous man with the wicked one so that it has to occur with the righteous man as it does with the wicked! It is unthinkable of you. Is the Judge of all the earth not going to do what is right? (**Genesis 18:25**)
- Then Yehowah said; If I shall find in Sodom fifty righteous men in the midst of the city I will pardon the whole place on their account. (**Genesis 18:26**)
- But Abraham went on to answer and say; Please, here I have taken upon myself to speak to Yehowah, whereas I am dust and ashes. (**Genesis 18:27**)

- **Suppose the fifty righteous should be lacking five. Will you for the five bring the whole city to ruin? To this he said; I shall not bring it to ruin if I find there forty-five. (Genesis 18:28)**
- **But yet again he spoke further to him and said; Suppose forty are found there. In turn he said; I shall not do it on account of the forty. (Genesis 18:29)**
- **But he continued; May Yehowah, please, not grow hot with anger, but let me go on speaking; Suppose thirty are found there. In turn he said; I shall not do it if I find thirty there. (Genesis 18:30)**
- **But he continued on; Please, here I have taken upon myself to speak to Yehowah; Suppose twenty are found there. In turn he said; I shall not bring it to ruin on account of the twenty. (Genesis 18:31)**
- **Finally he said; May Yehowah, please, not grow hot with anger, but let me speak just this once; Suppose ten are found there. In turn he said; I shall not bring it to ruin on account of the ten. (Genesis 18:32)**
- **Then Yehowah went his way when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place. (Genesis 18:33)**
- **Then Lot said to them; Not that, please, Yehowah! (Genesis 19:18)**
- **Please, now, your servant has found favor in your eyes so that you are magnifying your loving-kindness, which you have exercised with me to preserve my soul alive, but I, I am not able to escape to the mountainous region for fear calamity may keep close to me and I certainly die. (Genesis 19:19)**
- **Please, now, this city is nearby to flee there and it is a small thing. May I, please, escape there, is it not a small thing? And my soul will live on. (Genesis 19:20)**
- **And Moses proceeded to soften the face of Yehowah his God and to say; Why, O Yehowah, should your anger blaze against your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a strong hand? (Exodus 32:11)**

- **Why should the Egyptians say; With evil intent he brought them out in order to kill them among the mountains and to exterminate them from the surface of the ground? Turn from your burning anger and feel regret over the evil against your people. (Exodus 32:12)**
- **Remember Abraham, Isaac and Israel your servants, to whom you swore by yourself, in that you said to them, I shall multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens, and all this land that I have designated I shall give to your seed, that they may indeed take possession of it to time indefinite. (Exodus 32:13)**
- **And Yehowah began to feel regret over the evil that he had spoken of doing to his people. (Exodus 32:14)**
- **In those days Hezekiah got sick to the point of dying. Accordingly Isaiah the son of Amoz the prophet came in to him and said to him; This is what Yehowah has said; Give commands to your household, for you yourself will indeed die and will not live. (2 Kings 20:1)**
- **At that he turned his face to the wall and began to pray to Yehowah, saying; (2 Kings 20:2)**
- **I beseech you, O Yehowah, remember, please, how I have walked before you in truthfulness and with a complete heart, and what was good in your eyes I have done. And Hezekiah began to weep profusely. (2 Kings 20:3)**
- **And it came about that Isaiah himself had not yet gone out to the middle court when Yehowah's word itself came to him, saying; (2 Kings 20:4)**
- **Go back, and you must say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, This is what Yehowah the God of David your forefather has said; I have heard your **prayer**. I have seen your tears. Here I am healing you. On the third day you will go up to the house of Yehowah. (2 Kings 20:5)**
- **Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river Ahava, to humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him the right way for us and for our little ones and for all our goods. (Ezra 8:21)**
- **For I felt ashamed to ask a military force and horsemen from the**

king to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had said to the king; The hand of our God is over all those seeking him for good, but his strength and his anger are against all those leaving him. ([Ezra 8:22](#))

- Therefore we fasted and made request of our God concerning this, so that he let himself be entreated by us. ([Ezra 8:23](#))
- Christ Jesus also **pleads** for his faithful followers.
- Who will file accusation against God's chosen ones? God is the One who declares them righteous. ([Romans 8:33](#))
- Who is he that will condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died, yes, rather the one who was raised up from the dead, who is on the right hand of God, who also **pleads** for us. ([Romans 8:34](#))
- The entire book of Psalms consists of **prayers** and songs of praise to God, its contents illustrating what **prayer** should be. Among many notable **prayers** are those by Jacob.
- After that Jacob said; O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Yehowah, you who are saying to me; Return to your land and to your relatives and I will deal well with you. ([Genesis 32:9](#))
- I am unworthy of all the loving kindnesses and of all the faithfulness that you have exercised toward your servant, for with but my staff I crossed this Jordan and now I have become two camps. ([Genesis 32:10](#))
- Deliver me, I pray you, from my brothers hand, from Esau's hand, because I am afraid of him that he may come and certainly assault me, mother together with children. ([Genesis 32:11](#))
- And you, you have said; Unquestionably I shall deal well with you and I will constitute your seed like the grains of sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. ([Genesis 32:12](#))
- **Moses**
- So I kept prostrating myself before Yehowah forty days and forty nights, for I prostrated myself thus because Yehowah talked of annihilating you. ([Deuteronomy 9:25](#))

- **And I began to make supplication to Yehowah and to say; O Sovereign Lord Yehowah, do not bring to ruin your people, even your private property, whom you redeemed with your greatness, whom you brought out of Egypt with a strong hand. (Deuteronomy 9:26)**
- **Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Do not turn your face to the hardness of this people and their wickedness and their sin. (Deuteronomy 9:27)**
- **For fear the land out of which you brought us may say; Because Yehowah was unable to bring them into the land that he had promised them, and because he hated them he brought them out to put them to death in the wilderness. (Deuteronomy 9:28)**
- **They are, too, your people and your private property whom you brought out with your great power and your outstretched arm. (Deuteronomy 9:29)**
- **Job**
- **And say; Naked I came out of my mothers belly, And naked shall I return there. Yehowah himself has given, and Yehowah himself has taken away. Let the name of Yehowah continue to be blessed. (Job 1:21)**
- **Hannah**
- **And Hannah went on to pray and say; My heart does exult in Yehowah, my horn is indeed exalted in Yehowah. My mouth is widened against my enemies, for I do rejoice in the salvation from you. (1 Samuel 2:1)**
- **There is no one holy like Yehowah, for there is no one but you, and there is no rock like our God. (1 Samuel 2:2)**
- **Do not you people speak very haughtily so much, let nothing go forth unrestrained from your mouth, for a God of knowledge Yehowah is, and by him deeds are rightly estimated. (1 Samuel 2:3)**
- **The mighty men of the bow are filled with terror, but those that are stumbling do gird on vital energy. (1 Samuel 2:4)**

- **The satisfied must hire themselves out for bread, but the hungry actually cease to hunger. Even the barren has given birth to seven, but she that was abundant in sons has faded away. (1 Samuel 2:5)**
- **Yehowah is a Killer and a Preserver of life, a Bringer down to Sheol, and He brings up. (1 Samuel 2:6)**
- **Yehowah is an Impoverisher and an Enricher, an Abaser, also an Exalter. (1 Samuel 2:7)**
- **A Raiser of a lowly one from the dust, from the ashpit he lifts up a poor one, to make them sit with nobles, and a throne of glory he gives to them as a possession. For to Yehowah belong earth's supports, and he places upon them the productive land. (1 Samuel 2:8)**
- **The feet of his loyal ones he guards. As for the wicked ones, they are silenced in darkness, for not by power does a man prove superior. (1 Samuel 2:9)**
- **As for Yehowah, those contending against him will be terrified; Against them he will thunder in the heavens. Yehowah himself will judge the ends of the earth, that he may give strength to his king, that he may exalt the horn of his anointed one. (1 Samuel 2:10)**
- **David**
- **At that King David came in and sat down before Yehowah and said; Who am I, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah? And what is my house that you have brought me thus far? (2 Samuel 7:18)**
- **As though this should even be something little in your eyes, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah, yet you also speak respecting the house of your servant down to a distant future time, and this is the Law given for mankind, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (2 Samuel 7:19)**
- **And what more can David add and speak to you, when you yourself know your servant well, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah? (2 Samuel 7:20)**



- **For the sake of your word and in agreement with your own heart you have done all these great things to cause your servant to know them. (2 Samuel 7:21)**
- **That is why you are indeed great, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah, for there is no other like you, and there is no God except you among all of whom we have heard with our ears. (2 Samuel 7:22)**
- **And what one nation in the earth is like your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to himself as a people and to assign himself a name and to do for them great and fear-inspiring things, to drive out because of your people, whom you have redeemed to yourself from Egypt, the nations and their gods? (2 Samuel 7:23)**
- **And you proceeded to establish your people Israel firmly for yourself as your people to time indefinite, and you yourself, O Yehowah, have become their God. (2 Samuel 7:24)**
- **And now, Yehowah God, the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house carry out to time indefinite and do just as you have spoken. (2 Samuel 7:25)**
- **And let your own name become great to time indefinite, saying; Yehowah of armies is God over Israel, and let the very house of your servant David become firmly established before you. (2 Samuel 7:26)**
- **For you, Yehowah of armies the God of Israel, have made a revelation to your servants ear, saying; A house I shall build for you. That is why your servant has taken heart to pray to you with this prayer. (2 Samuel 7:27)**
- **And now, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah, you are the true God, and as for your words, let them prove to be truth, since you promise to your servant this goodness. (2 Samuel 7:28)**
- **And now take it upon yourself and bless the house of your servant for it to continue to time indefinite before you, for you yourself, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah, have promised, and due to your blessing let the house of your servant be blessed to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:29)**
- **Consequently David blessed Yehowah before the eyes of all the congregation and David said; Blessed may you be, O Yehowah**

- the God of Israel our father, from time indefinite even to time indefinite. (1 Chronicles 29:10)**
- **Yours, O Yehowah, are the greatness and the mightiness and the beauty and the excellency and the dignity, for everything in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Yehowah, the One also lifting yourself up as head over all. (1 Chronicles 29:11)**
  - **The riches and the glory are on account of you, and you are dominating everything, and in your hand there are power and mightiness, and in your hand is ability to make great and to give strength to all. (1 Chronicles 29:12)**
  - **And now, O our God, we are thanking you and praising your beautiful name. (1 Chronicles 29:13)**
  - **And yet, who am I and who are my people, that we should retain power to make voluntary offerings like this? For everything is from you, and out of your own hand we have given to you. (1 Chronicles 29:14)**
  - **For we are alien residents before you and settlers the same as all our forefathers. Like a shadow our days are upon the earth and there is no hope. (1 Chronicles 29:15)**
  - **O Yehowah our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build for you a house for your holy name, from your hand it is, and to you it all belongs. (1 Chronicles 29:16)**
  - **And I well know, O my God, that you are an examiner of the heart, and that it is in rectitude that you take pleasure. I, for my part, in the uprightness of my heart have voluntarily offered all these things, and now your people who are on hand here I have enjoyed seeing make offerings voluntarily to you. (1 Chronicles 29:17)**
  - **O Yehowah the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel our forefathers, do keep this to time indefinite as the inclination of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and direct their heart to you. (1 Chronicles 29:18)**
  - **And to Solomon my son give a complete heart to keep your commandments, your testimonies and your regulations, and to**

do everything, and to build the castle for which I have made preparation. (**1 Chronicles 29:19**)

- **Solomon**

- **At this Solomon said; You yourself have exercised great loving-kindness toward your servant David my father according as he walked before you in truth and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with you, and you continued keeping toward him this great loving-kindness, so that you gave him a son to sit upon his throne as at this day. (**1 Kings 3:6**)**

- **And now, Yehowah my God, you yourself have made your servant king in the place of David my father, and I am but a little boy. I do not know how to go out and how to come in. (**1 Kings 3:7**)**

- **And your servant is in the middle of your people whom you have chosen, a multitudinous people that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. (**1 Kings 3:8**)**

- **And you must give to your servant an obedient heart to judge your people, to discern between good and bad, for who is able to judge this difficult people of yours? (**1 Kings 3:9**)**

- **And Solomon began standing before the altar of Yehowah in front of all the congregation of Israel, and he now spread his palms out to the heavens. (**1 Kings 8:22**)**

- **And he went on to say; O Yehowah the God of Israel, there is no God like you in the heavens above or on the earth beneath, keeping the covenant and the loving-kindness toward your servants who are walking before you with all their heart. (**1 Kings 8:23**)**

- **You who have kept toward your servant David my father that which you promised him, so that you made the promise with your own mouth, and with your own hand you have made the fulfillment, as at this day. (**1 Kings 8:24**)**

- **And now, O Yehowah the God of Israel, keep toward your servant David my father that which you promised him, saying; There will not be cut off a man of yours from before me to sit upon the throne of Israel, if only your sons will take care of their way by walking before me just as you have walked before me. (**1 Kings****

**8:25)**

- **And now, O God of Israel, let your promise that you have promised to your servant David my father prove trustworthy, please. (1 Kings 8:26)**
- **But will God truly dwell upon the earth? Look! The heavens, yes, the heaven of the heavens, themselves cannot contain you, how much less, then, this house that I have built! (1 Kings 8:27)**
- **And you must turn toward the **prayer** of your servant and to his request for favor, O Yehowah my God, to listen to the entreating cry and to the prayer with which your servant is praying before you today. (1 Kings 8:28)**
- **That your eyes may prove to be opened toward this house night and day, toward the place of which you said; My name will prove to be there, to listen to the **prayer** with which your servant prays toward this place. (1 Kings 8:29)**
- **And you must listen to the request for favor on the part of your servant and of your people Israel with which they pray toward this place, and may you yourself hear at the place of your dwelling, in the heavens, and you must hear and forgive. (1 Kings 8:30)**
- **When a man sins against his fellowman, and he actually lays a cursing upon him to bring him under liability to the curse, and he actually comes within the curse before your altar in this house. (1 Kings 8:31)**
- **Then may you yourself hear from the heavens, and you must act and judge your servants by pronouncing the wicked one wicked by putting his way upon his own head, and by pronouncing the righteous one righteous by giving to him according to his own righteousness. (1 Kings 8:32)**
- **When your people Israel are defeated before the enemy, because they kept sinning against you, and they indeed return to you and laud your name and pray and make request for favor toward you in this house. (1 Kings 8:33)**
- **Then may you yourself hear from heaven, and you must forgive the sin of your people Israel and you must bring them back to the**

- ground that you gave to their forefathers. (**1 Kings 8:34**)
- When heaven is shut up so that no rain occurs, because they kept sinning against you, and they actually pray toward this place and laud your name, and from their sin they turn back, because you kept afflicting them. (**1 Kings 8:35**)
  - Then may you yourself hear from the heavens, and you must forgive the sin of your servants, even of your people Israel, because you teach them the good way in which they should walk, and you must give rain upon your land that you have given to your people as a hereditary possession. (**1 Kings 8:36**)
  - In case a famine occurs in the land, in case a pestilence occurs, in case scorching, mildew, locusts, cockroaches occur, in case their enemy besieges them in the land of their gates, any sort of plague, any sort of malady. (**1 Kings 8:37**)
  - Whatever **prayer**, whatever request for favor there may occur on the part of any man or of all your people Israel, because they know each one the plague of his own heart, and they actually spread out their palms to this house. (**1 Kings 8:38**)
  - Then may you yourself hear from the heavens, your established place of dwelling, and you must forgive and act and give to each one according to all his ways, because you know his heart, for you yourself alone well know the heart of all the sons of mankind. (**1 Kings 8:39**)
  - To the end that they may fear you all the days that they are alive upon the surface of the ground that you gave to our forefathers. (**1 Kings 8:40**)
  - And also to the foreigner, who is no part of your people Israel and who actually comes from a distant land by reason of your name (**1 Kings 8:41**)
  - For they shall hear of your great name and of your strong hand and of your stretched-out arm, and he actually comes and prays toward this house. (**1 Kings 8:42**)
  - May you yourself listen from the heavens, your established place of dwelling, and you must do according to all that for which the foreigner calls to you, in order, that all the peoples of the earth

may get to know your name so as to fear you the same as your people Israel do, and so as to know that your name itself has been called upon this house that I have built. (1 Kings 8:43)

- In case your people go out to the war against their enemy in the way that you send them, and they indeed pray to Yehowah in the direction of the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built to your name. (1 Kings 8:44)
- You must also hear from the heavens their **prayer** and their request for favor, and you must execute judgment for them. (1 Kings 8:45)
- In case they sin against you, for there is no man that does not sin, and you have to be incensed at them and abandon them to the enemy, and their captors actually carry them off captive to the land of the enemy distant or nearby. (1 Kings 8:46)
- And they indeed come to their senses in the land where they have been carried off captive, and they actually return and make request to you for favor in the land of their captors, saying; We have sinned and erred, we have acted wickedly. (1 Kings 8:47)
- And they indeed return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who carried them off captive, and they indeed pray to you in the direction of their land that you gave to their forefathers, the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built to your name. (1 Kings 8:48)
- You must also hear from the heavens, your established place of dwelling, their **prayer** and their request for favor, and you must execute judgment for them. (1 Kings 8:49)
- And you must forgive your people who had sinned against you and all their transgressions with which they transgressed against you, and you must make them objects of pity before their captors and they must pity them. (1 Kings 8:50)
- For they are your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out from Egypt, from inside the iron furnace. (1 Kings 8:51)
- That your eyes may prove to be opened to the request for favor of your servant and to the request for favor of your people Israel,

by listening to them in all for which they call to you. (1 Kings 8:52)

- For you yourself separated them as your inheritance out of all the peoples of the earth, just as you have spoken by means of Moses your servant when you were bringing our forefathers out from Egypt, O Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (1 Kings 8:53)
- And it came about that, as soon as Solomon finished praying to Yehowah with all this **prayer** and request for favor, he rose up from before the altar of Yehowah, from bending down upon his knees with his palms spread out to the heavens. (1 Kings 8:54)
- And he began to stand and bless all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying; (1 Kings 8:55)
- Blessed be Yehowah, who has given a resting-place to his people Israel according to all that he has promised. There has not failed one word of all his good promise that he has promised by means of Moses his servant. (1 Kings 8:56)
- May Yehowah our God prove to be with us just as he proved to be with our forefathers. May he neither leave us nor forsake us. (1 Kings 8:57)
- So as to incline our heart to himself to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and his regulations and his judicial decisions, which he gave in command to our forefathers. (1 Kings 8:58)
- And may these words of mine with which I have made request for favor before Yehowah prove to be near to Yehowah our God by day and night, that he may execute judgment for his servant and judgment for his people Israel as it may require day by day. (1 Kings 8:59)
- To the end that all the peoples of the earth may know that Yehowah is the true God. There is no other. (1 Kings 8:60)
- And your heart must prove to be complete with Yehowah our God by walking in his regulations and by keeping his commandments as at this day. (1 Kings 8:61)
- **Asa**

- **And Asa began to call to Yehowah his God and say; O Yehowah, as to helping, it does not matter with you whether there are many or those with no power. Help us, O Yehowah our God, for upon you we do lean, and in your name we have come against this crowd. O Yehowah, you are our God. Do not let mortal man retain strength against you. (2 Chronicles 14:11)**
- **Jehoshaphat**
- **Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the congregation of Judah and of Jerusalem in the house of Yehowah before the new courtyard. (2 Chronicles 20:5)**
- **And he proceeded to say; O Yehowah the God of our forefathers, are you not God in the heavens, and are you not dominating over all the kingdoms of the nations, and are there not in your hand power and mightiness, with no one to hold his ground against you? (2 Chronicles 20:6)**
- **Did not you yourself, O God of ours, drive away the inhabitants of this land from before your people Israel and then give it to the seed of Abraham, your lover, to time indefinite? (2 Chronicles 20:7)**
- **And they took up dwelling in it, and they proceeded to build in it for you a sanctuary for your name, saying; (2 Chronicles 20:8)**
- **If there should come upon us calamity, sword, adverse judgment, or pestilence or famine, let us stand before this house and before you, for your name is in this house, that we may call to you for aid out of our distress, and may you hear and save. (2 Chronicles 20:9)**
- **And now here the sons of Ammon, and Moab and the mountainous region of Seir, whom you did not allow Israel to invade when they were coming out of the land of Egypt, but they turned away from them and did not annihilate them. (2 Chronicles 20:10)**
- **Yes, here they are rewarding us by coming in to drive us out from your possession that you caused us to possess. (2 Chronicles 20:11)**



- **O our God, will you not execute judgment upon them? For in us there is no power before this large crowd that is coming against us, and we ourselves do not know what we ought to do, but our eyes are toward you. (2 Chronicles 20:12)**
- **Elijah**
- **And it came about at the time that the grain offering goes up that Elijah the prophet began to approach and say; O Yehowah, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that you are God in Israel and I am your servant and it is by your word that I have done all these things. (1 Kings 18:36)**
- **Answer me, O Yehowah, answer me, that this people may know that you, Yehowah, are the true God and you yourself have turned their heart back. (1 Kings 18:37)**
- **Jonah**
- **Then Jonah prayed to Yehowah his God from the inward parts of the fish and said; Out of my distress I called out to Yehowah, and he proceeded to answer me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried for help. You heard my voice. (Jonah 2:1)**
- **When you threw me to the depths, into the heart of the open sea, then a very river encircled me. All your breakers and your waves, over me they passed on. (Jonah 2:3)**
- **And as for me, I said; I have been driven away from in front of your eyes! How shall I gaze again upon your holy temple? (Jonah 2:4)**
- **Waters encircled me clear to the soul, the watery deep itself kept enclosing me. Weeds were wound around my head. (Jonah 2:5)**
- **To the bottoms of the mountains I went down. As for the earth, its bars were upon me for time indefinite. But out of the pit you proceeded to bring up my life, O Yehowah my God. (Jonah 2:6)**
- **When my soul fainted away within me, Yehowah was the One whom I remembered. Then my prayer came in to you, into your holy temple. (Jonah 2:7)**
- **As for those who are observing the idols of untruth, they leave**

their own loving-kindness. (**Jonah 2:8**)

- **But as for me, with the voice of thanksgiving I will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed, I will pay. Salvation belongs to Yehowah. (**Jonah 2:9**)**
- **In time Yehowah commanded the fish, so that it vomited out Jonah onto the dry land. (**Jonah 2:10**)**
- **Hezekiah**
- **And Hezekiah began to pray before Yehowah and say; O Yehowah the God of Israel, sitting upon the cherubs, you alone are the true God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You yourself have made the heavens and the earth. (**2 Kings 19:15**)**
- **Incline your ear, O Yehowah, and hear. Open your eyes, O Yehowah, and see, and hear the words of Sennacherib that he has sent to taunt the living God. (**2 Kings 19:16**)**
- **It is a fact, O Yehowah, the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their land. (**2 Kings 19:17**)**
- **And they have consigned their gods to the fire, because they were no gods, but the workmanship of man's hands, wood and stone, so that they destroyed them. (**2 Kings 19:18**)**
- **And now, O Yehowah our God, save us, please, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O Yehowah, are God alone. (**2 Kings 19:19**)**
- **Jeremiah**
- **You have fooled me, O Yehowah, so that I was fooled. You used your strength against me, so that you prevailed. I became an object of laughter all day long, everyone is holding me in derision. (**Jeremiah 20:7**)**
- **For as often as I speak, I cry out. Violence and despoiling are what I call out. For the word of Yehowah became for me a cause for reproach and for jeering all day long. (**Jeremiah 20:8**)**
- **And I said; I am not going to make mention of him, and I shall speak no more in his name. And in my heart it proved to be like a**

burning fire shut up in my bones, and I got tired of holding in, and I was unable to endure it. ([Jeremiah 20:9](#))

- For I heard the bad report of many. There was fright all around. Tell out, that we may tell out about him. Every mortal man bidding me; Peace! They are watching for my limping. Perhaps he will be fooled, so that we may prevail against him and take our revenge upon him. ([Jeremiah 20:10](#))
- But Yehowah was with me like a terrible mighty one. That is why the very ones persecuting me will stumble and not prevail. They will certainly be put to much shame, because they will not have prospered. Their indefinitely lasting humiliation will be one that will not be forgotten. ([Jeremiah 20:11](#))
- But you, O Yehowah of armies, are examining the righteous one; You are seeing the kidneys and the heart. May I see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have revealed my case at law. ([Jeremiah 20:12](#))
- **The book of Daniel**
- And I proceeded to set my face to Yehowah the true God, in order to seek him with **prayer** and with entreaties, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ([Daniel 9:3](#))
- And I began to pray to Yehowah my God and to make confession and to say; Ah Yehowah the true God, the great One and the fear-inspiring One, keeping the covenant and the loving-kindness to those loving him and to those keeping his commandments. ([Daniel 9:4](#))
- We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, and there has been a turning aside from your commandments and from your judicial decisions. ([Daniel 9:5](#))
- And we have not listened to your servants the prophets, who have spoken in your name to our kings, our princes and our forefathers and to all the people of the land. ([Daniel 9:6](#))
- To you, O Yehowah, there belongs the righteousness, but to us the shame of face as at this day, to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to all those of Israel, those nearby and those far away in all the lands to which you dispersed them

because of their unfaithfulness with which they acted against you. ([Daniel 9:7](#))

- O Yehowah, to us belongs the shame of face, to our kings, to our princes and to our forefathers, because we have sinned against you. ([Daniel 9:8](#))
- To Yehowah our God belong the mercies and the acts of forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him. ([Daniel 9:9](#))
- And we have not obeyed the voice of Yehowah our God by walking in his laws that he set before us by the hand of his servants the prophets. ([Daniel 9:10](#))
- And all those of Israel have overstepped your law, and there has been a turning aside by not obeying your voice, so that you poured out upon us the curse and the sworn oath that is written in the Law of Moses the servant of the true God, for we have sinned against Him. ([Daniel 9:11](#))
- And he proceeded to carry out his words that he had spoken against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us great calamity, such as was not done under the whole heavens as what has been done in Jerusalem. ([Daniel 9:12](#))
- Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity, it has come upon us, and we have not softened the face of Yehowah our God by turning back from our error and by showing insight into your trueness. ([Daniel 9:13](#))
- And Yehowah kept alert to the calamity and finally brought it upon us, for Yehowah our God is righteous in all his works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. ([Daniel 9:14](#))
- And now, O Yehowah our God, you who brought your people out from the land of Egypt by a strong hand and proceeded to make a name for yourself as at this day, we have sinned, we have acted wickedly. ([Daniel 9:15](#))
- O Yehowah, according to all your acts of righteousness, please, may your anger and your rage turn back from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain, for, because of our sins and because of the errors of our forefathers, Jerusalem and your people are an object of reproach to all those round about us.

**(Daniel 9:16)**

- **And now listen, O our God, to the **prayer** of your servant and to his entreaties, and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary that is desolated, for the sake of Yehowah. (Daniel 9:17)**
- **Incline your ear, O my God, and hear. Do open your eyes and see our desolated conditions and the city that has been called by your name, for not according to our righteous acts are we letting our entreaties fall before you, but according to your many mercies. (Daniel 9:18)**
- **O Yehowah, do hear. O Yehowah, do forgive. O Yehowah, do pay attention and act. Do not delay, for your own sake, O my God, for your own name has been called upon your city and upon your people. (Daniel 9:19)**
- **While I was yet speaking and **praying** and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and letting my request for favor fall before Yehowah my God concerning the holy mountain of my God. (Daniel 9:20)**
- **And while I was yet speaking in the **prayer**, why, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the start, having been made weary with tiredness, was arriving by me at the time of the evening gift offering. (Daniel 9:21)**
- **Ezra**
- **And I went on to say; O my God, I do feel ashamed and embarrassed to raise my face to you, O my God, for our errors themselves have multiplied over our head and our guiltiness has grown great even to the heavens. (Ezra 9:6)**
- **From the days of our forefathers we have been in great guiltiness until this day, and because of our errors we have been given, we ourselves, our kings, our priests, into the hand of the kings of the lands with the sword, with the captivity and with the plunder and with shame of face, just as this day. (Ezra 9:7)**
- **And now for a little moment favor from Yehowah our God has come by leaving over for us those who escape and by giving us a peg in his holy place, to make our eyes shine, O our God, and to give us a little reviving in our servitude. (Ezra 9:8)**

- **For we are servants, and in our servitude our God has not left us, but he extends toward us loving-kindness before the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving so as to raise up the house of our God and to restore its desolated places and to give us a stone wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. (Ezra 9:9)**
- **And now what shall we say; O our God, after this? For we have left your commandments. (Ezra 9:10)**
- **Which you commanded by means of your servants the prophets, saying; The land that you people are going in to take possession of is an impure land because of the impurity of the peoples of the lands, because of their detestable things with which they have filled it from end to end by their uncleanness. (Ezra 9:11)**
- **And now your daughters do not you people give to their sons, neither their daughters do you accept for your sons, and to time indefinite you must not work for their peace and their prosperity, in order, that you may grow strong and certainly eat the good of the land and indeed take possession of it for your sons to time indefinite. (Ezra 9:12)**
- **And after all that has come upon us for our bad deeds and our great guiltiness, for you yourself, O our God, have underestimated our error, and you have given us those who have escaped such as these. (Ezra 9:13)**
- **Shall we go breaking your commandments again and forming marriage alliances with the peoples of these detestable things? Will you not get incensed at us to the limit so that there will be none remaining and none escaping? (Ezra 9:14)**
- **O Yehowah the God of Israel, you are righteous, because we have been left over as an escaped people as at this day. Here we are before you in our guiltiness, for it is impossible to stand before you on account of this. (Ezra 9:15)**
- **Nehemiah**
- **And it came about that, as soon as I heard these words, I sat down and began to weep and mourn for days, and I was continually fasting and praying before the God of the heavens. (Nehemiah 1:4)**

- **And I went on to say; Ah, Yehowah the God of the heavens, the God great and fear-inspiring, keeping the covenant and loving-kindness toward those loving him and keeping his commandments. (Nehemiah 1:5)**
- **Please, let your ear become attentive and your eyes opened, to listen to the **prayer** of your servant, which I am praying before you today, day and night, concerning the sons of Israel your servants, all the while making confession concerning the sins of the sons of Israel with which we have sinned against you. We have sinned, both I and the house of my father. (Nehemiah 1:6)**
- **We have unquestionably acted corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments and the regulations and the judicial decisions that you gave in command to Moses your servant. (Nehemiah 1:7)**
- **Remember, please, the word that you commanded Moses your servant, saying; Should you, for your part, act unfaithfully, I, for my part, shall scatter you among the peoples. (Nehemiah 1:8)**
- **When you will have returned to me and kept my commandments and done them, though your dispersed people should happen to be at the end of the heavens, from there I shall collect them and certainly bring them to the place that I have chosen to have my name reside there. (Nehemiah 1:9)**
- **And they are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. (Nehemiah 1:10)**
- **Ah, Yehowah, please, let your ear become attentive to the **prayer** of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who take delight in fearing your name, and, please, do grant success to your servant today and make him an object of pity before this man. Now I myself happened to be cupbearer to the king. (Nehemiah 1:11)**
- **Certain Levites**
- **And the Levites Jeshua and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah went on to say; Rise, bless Yehowah your God from time indefinite to time**

indefinite. And let them bless your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. (**Nehemiah 9:5**)

- You are Yehowah alone; You yourself have made the heavens, even the heaven of the heavens, and all their army, the earth and all that is upon it, the seas and all that is in them, and you are preserving all of them alive, and the army of the heavens are bowing down to you. (**Nehemiah 9:6**)
- You are Yehowah the true God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and constituted his name Abraham. (**Nehemiah 9:7**)
- And you found his heart faithful before you, so there was a contracting of the covenant with him to give him the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Jebusites and the Girgashites, to give it to his seed, and you proceeded to carry out your words, because you are righteous. (**Nehemiah 9:8**)
- So you saw the affliction of our forefathers in Egypt, and their outcry at the Red Sea you heard. (**Nehemiah 9:9**)
- Then you gave signs and miracles against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for you knew that they acted presumptuously against them, and you proceeded to make a name for yourself as at this day. (**Nehemiah 9:10**)
- And the sea you split before them, so that they crossed over through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and their pursuers you hurled into the depths like a stone in the strong waters. (**Nehemiah 9:11**)
- And by a pillar of cloud you led them by day, and by a pillar of fire by night, to light up for them the way in which they should go. (**Nehemiah 9:12**)
- And upon Mount Sinai you came down and spoke with them out of heaven and went on to give them upright judicial decisions and laws of truth, good regulations and commandments. (**Nehemiah 9:13**)
- And your holy Sabbath you made known to them, and commandments and regulations and a Law you commanded



- them by means of Moses your servant. (**Nehemiah 9:14**)
- **And bread from heaven you gave them for their hunger, and waters out of the crag you brought forth to them for their thirst, and you went on to say to them to enter and possess the land that you had lifted your hand in an oath to give to them. (**Nehemiah 9:15**)**
  - **And they themselves, even our forefathers, acted presumptuously and proceeded to harden their neck, and they did not listen to your commandments. (**Nehemiah 9:16**)**
  - **So they refused to listen, and they did not remember your wonderful acts that you performed with them, but they hardened their neck and appointed a head to return to their servitude in Egypt. But you are a God of acts of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness, and you did not leave them. (**Nehemiah 9:17**)**
  - **Yes, when they had made for themselves a molten statue of a calf and began to say; This is your God who led you up out of Egypt, and they went on to commit great acts of disrespect. (**Nehemiah 9:18**)**
  - **You, even you, in your abundant mercy did not leave them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud itself did not depart from over them by day to lead them in the way, nor the pillar of fire by night to light up for them the way in which they should go. (**Nehemiah 9:19**)**
  - **And your good spirit you gave to make them prudent, and your manna you did not hold back from their mouth, and water you gave them for their thirst. (**Nehemiah 9:20**)**
  - **And for forty years you provided them with food in the wilderness. They lacked nothing. Their very garments did not wear out, and their feet themselves did not become swollen. (**Nehemiah 9:21**)**
  - **And you proceeded to give them kingdoms and peoples, and to apportion them piece by piece, so that they took possession of the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og the king of Bashan. (**Nehemiah 9:22**)**

- **And their sons you made as many as the stars of the heavens. Then you brought them into the land that you had promised to their forefathers that they should enter to take possession. (Nehemiah 9:23)**
- **So their sons came in and took the land in possession, and you proceeded to subdue before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and to give them into their hand, even their kings and the peoples of the land, to do with them according to their liking. (Nehemiah 9:24)**
- **And they went capturing fortified cities and a fat soil and taking in possession houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards and olive groves and trees for food in abundance, and they began to eat and to be satisfied and to grow fat and to luxuriate in your great goodness. (Nehemiah 9:25)**
- **However, they became disobedient and rebelled against you and kept casting your Law behind their back, and your own prophets they killed, who bore witness against them to bring them back to you, and they went on committing acts of great disrespect. (Nehemiah 9:26)**
- **For this you gave them into the hand of their adversaries, who kept causing them distress, but in the time of their distress they would cry out to you, and you yourself would hear from the very heavens, and in accord with your abundant mercy you would give them saviors who would save them out of the hand of their adversaries. (Nehemiah 9:27)**
- **But as soon as they were at rest, they would again do what is bad before you, and you would leave them to the hand of their enemies, who would tread them down. Then they would return and call to you for aid, and you yourself would hear from the very heavens and deliver them in accord with your abundant mercy, time and again. (Nehemiah 9:28)**
- **Although you would bear witness against them to bring them back to your law, they themselves even acted presumptuously and did not listen to your commandments, and against your own judicial decisions they sinned, which, if a man will do, he must also live by means of them. And they kept giving a stubborn shoulder, and their neck they hardened, and they did not listen. (Nehemiah 9:29)**

- **But you were indulgent with them for many years and kept bearing witness against them by your spirit by means of your prophets, and they did not give ear. Finally you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. (Nehemiah 9:30)**
- **And in your abundant mercy you did not make an extermination of them or leave them, for you are a God gracious and merciful. (Nehemiah 9:31)**
- **And now, O our God, the God great, mighty and fear-inspiring, keeping the covenant and loving-kindness, do not let all the hardship that has found us, our kings, our princes and our priests and our prophets and our forefathers and all your people from the days of the kings of Assyria down to this day, seem little before you. (Nehemiah 9:32)**
- **And you are righteous as regards all that has come upon us, for faithfully is how you have acted, but we are the ones that have done wickedly. (Nehemiah 9:33)**
- **As for our kings, our princes, our priests and our forefathers, they have not performed your law, nor paid attention to your commandments or to your testimonies with which you bore witness against them. (Nehemiah 9:34)**
- **And they themselves, during their kingdom and amid your abundant good things that you gave to them and in the broad and fat land that you made available for them, they did not serve you and did not turn back from their bad practices. (Nehemiah 9:35)**
- **Look! We are today slaves, and as for the land that you gave to our forefathers to eat its fruitage and its good things, look! We are slaves upon it. (Nehemiah 9:36)**
- **And its produce is abounding for the kings that you have put over us because of our sins, and over our bodies they are ruling and over our domestic animals, according to their liking, and we are in great distress. (Nehemiah 9:37)**
- **So in view of all this we are contracting a trustworthy arrangement, both in writing and attested by the seal of our princes, our Levites and our priests. (Nehemiah 9:38)**

- **Habakkuk**
- The **prayer** of Habakkuk the prophet in dirges. (**Habakkuk 3:1**)
- O Yehowah, I have heard the report about you. I have become afraid, O Yehowah, of your activity. In the midst of the years O bring it to life! In the midst of the years may you make it known. During the agitation, to show mercy may you remember. (**Habakkuk 3:2**)
- God himself proceeded to come from Teman, even a Holy One from Mount Paran. His dignity covered the heavens, and with his praise the earth became filled. (**Habakkuk 3:3**)
- As for his brightness, it got to be just like the light. He had two rays issuing out of his hand, and there the hiding of his strength was. (**Habakkuk 3:4**)
- Before him pestilence kept going, and burning fever would go forth at his feet. (**Habakkuk 3:5**)
- He stood still, that he might shake up the earth. He saw, and then caused nations to leap. And the eternal mountains got to be smashed, the indefinitely lasting hills bowed down. The walkings of long ago are his. (**Habakkuk 3:6**)
- Under what is hurtful I saw the tents of Cushan. The tent cloths of the land of Midian began to be agitated. (**Habakkuk 3:7**)
- Is it against the rivers, O Yehowah, is it against the rivers that your anger has become hot, or is your fury against the sea? For you went riding upon your horses, your chariots were salvation. (**Habakkuk 3:8**)
- In its nakedness your bow comes to be uncovered. The sworn oaths of the tribes are the thing said. With rivers you proceeded to split the earth. (**Habakkuk 3:9**)
- Mountains saw you, they got to be in severe pains. A thunderstorm of waters passed through. The watery deep gave forth its sound. On high its hands it lifted up. (**Habakkuk 3:10**)
- Sun, moon, stood still, in the lofty abode thereof. Like light your

own arrows kept going. The lightning of your spear served for brightness. (**Habakkuk 3:11**)

- **With denunciation you went marching through the earth. In anger you went threshing the nations. (**Habakkuk 3:12**)**
- **And you went forth for the salvation of your people, to save your anointed one. You broke to pieces the head one out of the house of the wicked one. There was a laying of the foundation bare, clear up to the neck. (**Habakkuk 3:13**)**
- **With his own rods you pierced the head of his warriors when they moved tempestuously to scatter me. Their high glee was as of those bent on devouring an afflicted one in a place of concealment. (**Habakkuk 3:14**)**
- **Through the sea you trod with your horses, through the heap of vast waters. (**Habakkuk 3:15**)**
- **I heard, and my belly began to be agitated, at the sound my lips quivered. Rottenness began to enter into my bones, and in my situation I was agitated, that I should quietly wait for the day of distress, for his coming up to the people, that he may raid them. (**Habakkuk 3:16**)**
- **Although the fig tree itself may not blossom, and there may be no yield on the vines. The work of the olive tree may actually turn out a failure, and the terraces themselves may actually produce no food. The flock may actually be severed from the pen, and there may be no herd in the enclosures. (**Habakkuk 3:17**)**
- **Yet, as for me, I will exult in Yehowah himself. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. (**Habakkuk 3:18**)**
- **Yehowah the Sovereign Lord is my vital energy, and he will make my feet like those of the hinds, and upon my high places he will cause me to tread. To the director on my stringed instruments. (**Habakkuk 3:19**)**
- **Jesus**
- **Jesus spoke these things, and, raising his eyes to heaven, he said; Father, the hour has come, glorify your son, that your son**

may glorify you. (John 17:1)

- According as you have given him authority over all flesh, that, as regards the whole number whom you have given him, he may give them everlasting life. (John 17:2)
- This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ. (John 17:3)
- I have glorified you on the earth, having finished the work you have given me to do. (John 17:4)
- So now you, Father, glorify me alongside yourself with the glory that I had alongside you before the world was. (John 17:5)
- I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have observed your word. (John 17:6)
- They have now come to know that all the things you gave me are from you. (John 17:7)
- Because the sayings that you gave me I have given to them, and they have received them and have certainly come to know that I came out as your representative, and they have believed that you sent me forth. (John 17:8)
- I make request concerning them. I make request, not concerning the world, but concerning those you have given me, because they are yours. (John 17:9)
- And all my things are yours and yours are mine, and I have been glorified among them. (John 17:10)
- Also, I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world and I am coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them on account of your own name which you have given me, in order, that they may be one just as we are. (John 17:11)
- When I was with them I used to watch over them on account of your own name which you have given me, and I have kept them, and not one of them is destroyed except the son of destruction, in order, that the scripture might be fulfilled. (John 17:12)

- **But now I am coming to you, and I am speaking these things in the world in order, that they may have my joy in themselves to the full. (John 17:13)**
- **I have given your word to them, but the world has hated them, because they are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world. (John 17:14)**
- **I request you, not to take them out of the world, but to watch over them because of the wicked one. (John 17:15)**
- **They are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world. (John 17:16)**
- **Sanctify them by means of the truth, your word is truth. (John 17:17)**
- **Just as you sent me forth into the world, I also sent them forth into the world. (John 17:18)**
- **And I am sanctifying myself in their behalf, that they also may be sanctified by means of truth. (John 17:19)**
- **I make request, not concerning these only, but also concerning those putting faith in me through their word. (John 17:20)**
- **In order, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in union with me and I am in union with you, that they also may be in union with us, in order, that the world may believe that you sent me forth. (John 17:21)**
- **Also, I have given them the glory that you have given me, in order, that they may be one just as we are one. (John 17:22)**
- **I in union with them and you in union with me, in order, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may have the knowledge that you sent me forth and that you loved them just as you loved me. (John 17:23)**
- **Father, as to what you have given me, I wish that, where I am, they also may be with me, in order to behold my glory that you have given me, because you loved me before the founding of the world. (John 17:24)**

- **Righteous Father, the world has, indeed, not come to know you, but I have come to know you, and these have come to know that you sent me forth. (John 17:25)**
- **And I have made your name known to them and will make it known, in order, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in union with them. (John 17:26)**
- **And he went on to say; Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I want, but what you want. (Mark 14:36)**
- **And Jesus disciples**
- **Upon hearing this they with one accord raised their voices to God and said; Sovereign Lord, you are the One who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them. (Acts of Apostles 4:24)**
- **And who through Holy Spirit said by the mouth of our forefather David, your servant; Why did nations become tumultuous and peoples meditate upon empty things? (Acts of Apostles 4:25)**
- **The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers massed together as one against Yehowah and against his anointed one. (Acts of Apostles 4:26)**
- **Even so, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with men of nations and with peoples of Israel were in actuality gathered together in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. (Acts of Apostles 4:27)**
- **In order to do what things your hand and counsel had foreordained to occur. (Acts of Apostles 4:28)**
- **And now, Yehowah, give attention to their threats, and grant your slaves to keep speaking your word with all boldness. (Acts of Apostles 4:29)**
- **While you stretch out your hand for healing and while signs and portents occur through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 4:30)**



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