

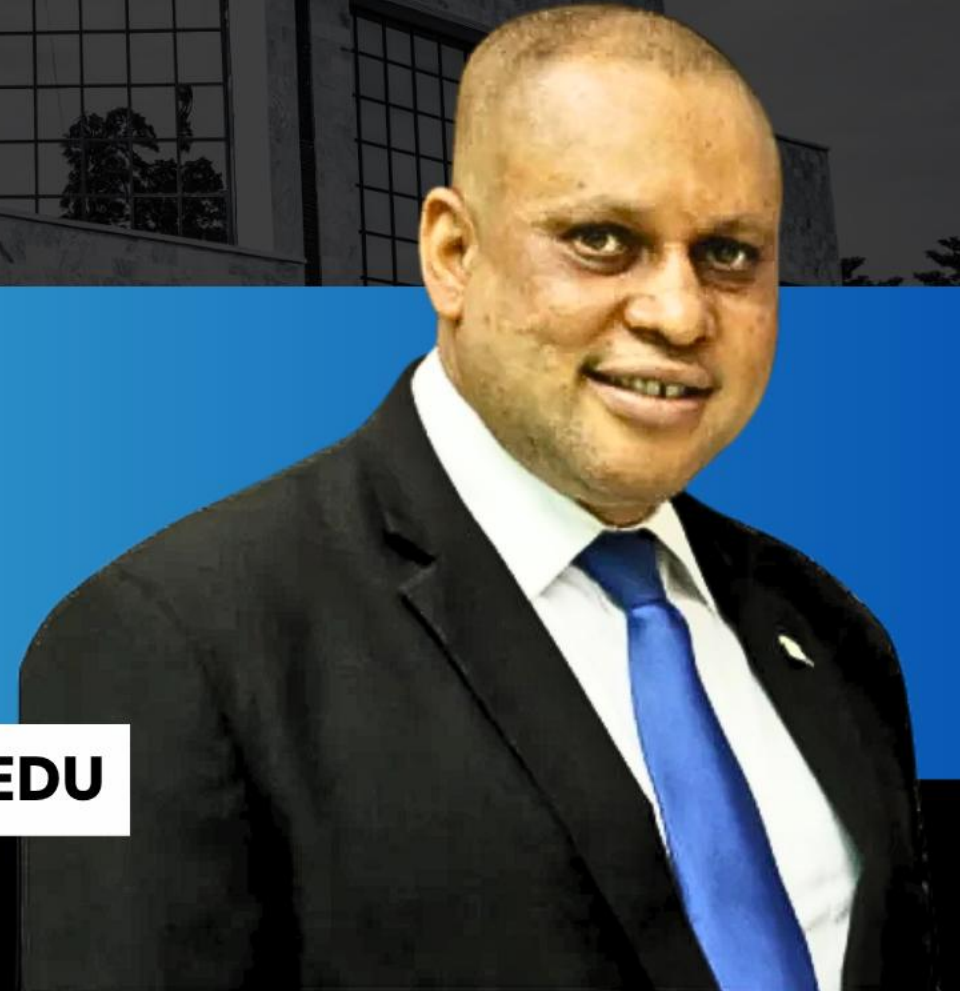


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Lecture **4**

# Principles of **Answered Prayers**

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# Course Objectives

## What We'll Accomplish Today

- Establish that God **definitely** answers prayer
- Learn **biblical principles** for answered prayer
- Correct theological misconceptions about prayer
- Develop **practical prayer skills** that produce results
- Become **commanders** in life situations through prayer

# Key Definitions

## Understanding Principles

**Principles** = Guiding rules or foundational truths that make something effective

- God's kingdom is governed by **ORDER** & **PRINCIPLES** (1 Cor 14:40)
- Everything must follow **His** guidelines—including prayer
- Without principles, prayer yields no result (Pro 28:9)

# What IS Prayer?

## Prayer Defined

### **Communion with God** (2 Cor 13:14)

- Relationship, Intimacy, Connection

### **Asking and Receiving** (Matt 7:7)

- Intervention, direction, supplication

### **Confident Assurance, Not Mere Attempt**

- **Daniel** prayed → Received answers
- **Elijah** prayed → Fire fell
- **Apostles** prayed → Petitions met (Acts 4:29-31)

If you pray aright  
**100** times, you get  
**100** answers

# What Prayer Is NOT

## Common Misconceptions

- ✗ Not a **Monologue** (dropping requests and leaving)
- ✗ Not **Complaining**—God already knows (Matt 6:32)
- ✗ Not **Begging** God—prayer changes situations through God, not God Himself
- ✗ Not **Overcoming** God's reluctance

✓ Prayer is **laying hold of God's willingness**  
—*Martin Luther*

# Prayer Can Be Learned

It's a Skill, Not a Mystery

- Just like driving, playing instruments, or any skill
- The disciples asked Jesus to **teach them** (Luke 11:1)
- Knowing how to pray comes from **LEARNING** (Eccl 10:15)

Jesus **gave us the MODEL PRAYER**



# Model Prayer

- **Step 1** — Our Father (Relationship)
- **Step 2** — Hallowed Be Thy Name (Worship)
- **Step 3** — Your Kingdom Come  
(Kingdom Mindset)
- **Step 4** — Ask According to His Will
- **Step 5** — Give Us This Day (Make Requests)
- **Step 6** — Confess Sin (Clear the Line)
- **Step 7-9** — Protection, Thanksgiving,  
Agreement

# Step 1 — Our Father (Relationship)

**Our Father Who Art in Heaven-** Rom 8:15-16

- Prayer is **Relationship-based**
- You are His child

# Step 2 — Hallowed Be Thy Name (Worship)

**Access through Worship —Psalm 100:4**

- Give God reverence for **WHO** He is
- Not dependent on what He's done
- **Avoid bitterness**—it defiles your prayers —*Heb 12:14-15*

# Step 3 — Your Kingdom Come

## Kingdom Mindset

**Make His Kingdom Your Priority** (Matt 6:10)

- Pray for **Gospel Expansion**
- Pray for **Peace In The Land** (Jer 29:7)
- Pray for your **Church** and **Leaders**
- Pray for your **Nation** (1 Tim 2:1-4)

# Step 4 — Ask According to His Will

**Thy will be done on earth — Matt 6:10**

- **God's Word = God's Will** (1 John 5:14)
- Have **scriptural backing** for your prayers
- Open your Bible while praying if needed

**Word-based** prayers get answered



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# Step 5 — Give Us This Day

## Make Requests

**Be Specific in Your Asking** - Matt 6:11, Ps 68:19

Three Requirements:

- **Be SPECIFIC** (Mark 10:47, 51-52)
- **Ask in FAITH** (James 1:6-8; Heb 11:6)
- **Be EARNEST** — Pour out your soul (James 5:16)

# Step 6 — Confess Sin

## (Clear the Line)

### **Sin Blocks Communication** —1 John 1:9

- The prayer of a sinner is an abomination
- Walk in love (Gal 5:6)

### **Unforgiveness Hinders prayer** — *Matt 6:12; Mark 11:25-26*

- To receive forgiveness, you must forgive  
(Matt 18:18-35)

# Step 7-9 — Protection, Thanksgiving, Agreement

- **Step 7:** Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from Evil — God provides a way of escape (Matt 4:1-11)
- **Step 8:** For Thine is the Kingdom— End with Thanks, Praise, Worship
- **Step 9:** Amen

So let it be — **Seal it with Faith**



# Complete Your Prayer

## Essential **Final** Steps

- Ask in **Jesus' Name** (John 16:23)
- **Believe** You've Received (Mark 11:24)
- Possess **Strong Desire** (Mark 11:24)
- Pray in the **Holy Ghost** (Jude 20)

# Where and When to Pray

**WHERE:** Pray everywhere  
(1 Tim 2:8)

- In the **closet** (Matt 6:6)
- In the **church** (Acts 3:1)
- On the **mountain**,  
in the ship — anywhere

**WHEN:** Keep the line open  
always (*1 Thess 5:17*)

- Early **morning** (Mark 1:35)
- **Every time** is prayer time
- Not just when tragedy strikes

It's not how **LONG** but how **WELL**



# Jesus' Prayer Life

## Learning from the Master

### Five Lessons from Jesus:

- Rise **early** to pray (Mark 1:35)
- Prayer **unlocks** heaven (Luke 3:21)
- Pray for **direction** before **decisions** (Luke 6:12)
- Prayer transforms your **countenance** (Luke 9:29)
- Prayer delivers from **temptation** (Luke 22:40)

# Types of Prayer

## #1 — Prayer of Petition

**Most common type** (Matthew 7:7-8)

### Five Rules for Effective Petition:

- Decide what you want (*Mark 10:46-52*)
- Locate **Scriptures** (*1 John 5:14*)
- Generate **Faith** (*Rom 10:17*)
- Ask (*Matt 7:7-8*)
- Believe you've **received** (*Mark 11:23-24*)

# Types of Prayer

## #2 — Prayer of Agreement

### Two or more agreeing = Multiplied Power

- One chases 1,000
- Two chase 10,000 (*Deut 32:30*)
- You're 10x more powerful in agreement

### Requirements:

- Both believe the same thing (*Amos 3:3*)
- Specific **Subject** (*Mark 11:24*)
- Backed by the **Word** (*1 John 5:14*)
- Both have **Faith** (*Matt 21:22*)

**Result:** Nothing is restrained from you (*Gen 11:6*)

# Types of Prayer

## #3 — Prayer of Unity

Corporate **Prayer** with the **Church** — *Acts 1:14*

### Rules

- People of like faith  
(Amos 3:3)
- One Accord
- Unity of Purpose

### Benefits

- God honors it
- Love intensified
- Faith strengthened

Spiritual Power  
is **Multiplied**

# Prayer and Fasting

## Boosting Your Spiritual Power

**What is Fasting?** Abstinence from food to subdue flesh and promote spiritual aliveness

### Benefits

- Stimulates **Spiritual Faculties**
- Strengthens prayer intensity
- Triggers necessary **Faith**
- Leads to **Answered Prayers** (Isaiah 58:9)
- Provides **Divine Direction**

# Prayer and Fasting

## Boosting Your Spiritual Power

### How:

- With **Right Motives**
- Without **Strife**
- Walking in **Love**
- With **Worship** and
- With **Meditation**

**What It's NOT:** A way to impress God—fasting changes YOU, not God

# Conclusion

## Become an Effectual Prayer Warrior

### RECAP

- Prayer is not a mystery—it's a learned skill
- Follow biblical principles consistently
- If you pray right **100 times = 100 answers**

**Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance  
It's LAYING HOLD of His willingness**

*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man  
availeth much —James 5:16*



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