

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Grasping the Benefits of Having the Son"

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Overcome Tough Times Through Prayer!

The Word of God teaches you, "but in everything, by prayer and petition, ... present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6) Ephesians 6:18 says, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests..." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "Pray continually."

The Holy Spirit has three powerful words that will enable you to be thankful in tough times, not thankful for the trial, temptation or affliction, but thankful to Jesus Christ in the midst of troubled times.

The first word is "prayer," (proseuche) which means a house devoted to prayer. The house of prayer God wants to hear from is us, the temple of the Holy Spirit of Christ. Prayer here is a personal application of a child of God coming to Him in the Name of Christ. The application is that there are to be

special times of prayer with intimate worship with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. This only comes as we make set times for prayer and are committed to making it to those prayer appointments. These

prayers are to God, for the glory of His purpose in the midst of the circumstances Christians are in.

The second word is "petition" (deesis) meaning a specific petition coming from the heart with intense

crying out, a gut cry for something or someone. It is interceding for a situation only God can do a work in or through.

A third word is "request (aitema) meaning we are to be specific, giving details, telling Him exactly what we need. There should be no fear that we are giving God too much information or that we are bothering God. Neither should we hold back in prayer because we are afraid that God will not answer yes to the request. Christians have convinced themselves that they will appear spiritually weak if the Lord does not grant the request. It is imperative that you understand that God does not need these details in order to give you an answer to prayer, you need to let the anxiety go as you present the request. God knows what you need even before you ask. (Matthew 6:8)

Survive Tough Times Through Prayer!

"Can I touch God?" asked a little one.
"Yes, my child; with every ray of sun
That warms your feet as through the
grass you run...
You can touch God."
Can I see God?" the tiny voice went on.
"Yes, my child; with each morning's
dawn
As the birds in the heavens swoop and
sail along...
You can see God."
"Can I hear God?" the little one then
wondered.
"Yes, you can; in every clap of thunder
His voice rings out casting any doubt
asunder...
You can hear God."
"Do I know God?" the innocent one
mused.
"Yes, my child; you need not be
confused.
For if your senses you will wisely use...
You can know God."

Can I Touch God?

Weekly Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 15:1-24	1 Chronicles 15:25-16:7	1 Chronicles 16:8-43	1 Chronicles 17:1-27	Revelation 4:1-11	Revelation 7:1-17	Revelation 14:1-20
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