



Praying With God Video Course

Session Five: Praying Effectively

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'After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly' Acts 4: 31

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'The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours [with the same physical, mental, and spiritual limitations and shortcomings], and he prayed [d]intensely for it not to rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its crops [as usual].' James 5:16b-17, Amplified



We have looked at how understanding our position in the New Covenant can affect the way we pray and how this is a major key to praying effective prayers WITH God. There may be some more changes we need to make in order to have more effective and powerful prayers which result in answers and visible change. Some of these changes in our approach and thinking may be one of the following.

1. Asking God to 'come down'. God is not far away, He is in us. This means we don't need to 'break through a barrier' to reach Him with our prayers. We don't have to 'rend the heavens' or 'bring Him down'. John 14:4; 7
2. Pleading and begging. Our New Covenant position is as kings and priests, therefore we don't need to beg but approach Him with boldness and can come to His throne boldly, in confidence and with assurance. Hebrews 10: 19-22
3. Asking God to do what is already done. An example of this is healing. God has already made provision for this through Jesus on the cross, and He has clearly made known His will for this in the scriptures. 1 Peter 2: 24
4. Asking God to do what He has told us to do: heal the sick, cast out demons, exercise our authority. Mark 16: 15
5. Praying the same request over and over. The principle for prayer set out in Mark 11: 24-25 us to ask God with an attitude of believing you will receive from Him. Once we have the peace from Him, we can stand on the promise, without fretting or anxiety, believing it is received and thanking Him for its manifestation. Philippians 4: 19
6. Telling God what the problem is and then telling Him how to fix it. Romans 8: 26
7. Getting as many people as possible to agree with you as if this will move God because He seems reluctant to answer you. 1 John 5: 14
8. Focusing inwards only and praying need-centred prayers.

Many of these 'shifts' can be made when we understand how to pray WITH God and from a New Covenant perspective.



Key Points

1. Pray God's will
2. We may need to change our thinking to align with New Covenant principles of prayer

Activities



Bible Study: Key differences between Mosaic and New Covenant

'For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ'. John 1: 17

Using the given scripture reference, complete the statements below. You can refer to the online chart: <https://archive.gci.org/articles/comparison-of-old-and-new-covenants/>

1. The Old Covenant was between God and _____ (Exodus 19: 1-24).
The New Covenant is between God and _____ (Luke 22: 20).
2. The Israelites were delivered from _____ (Exodus 20:2).
Believers in the New Covenant are saved from _____ (Hebrews 9: 15).
3. The mediator of the Old Covenant was _____ (Exodus 20:18-19).
The Mediator of the New Covenant is _____ (Hebrews 8:6).
4. In the Old Covenant the sacrifices were sealed by _____ (Exodus 24:8). The New Covenant is sealed by _____ (Mat 26:2).

5. Promises offered in the Old Covenant include _____

(Exodus 19: 5)

Promises offered in the New Covenant include

(John 3:16; Romans 8:14-17; Hebrews 8: 10-12; Ephesians 1: 3; Revelation 21: 3-7)

6. The Holy place where God was worshiped in the Old Covenant _____
(Deuteronomy 12, 1 Kings 8: 29-30) and in the New Covenant
_____ (1 Corinthians. 3:16)
7. Access is to God through _____ (Leviticus: 1-7) in the Old
Covenant. In the New Covenant it is through _____ (Heb.
4:16).



Activation

Change the following into prayers or statements based on the principles of prayer in the New Covenant.



Mosaic Covenant thought: Lord please heal me if it is Your will.

New Covenant: Thank you Lord that you have already healed me and I receive this blessing.

1 Peter 2: 24

Lord please bless me with Your favour

Ephesians 1: 3

Create in me a pure heart and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

2 Corinthians 5: 17; John 14: 15

I'm desperate for You not to leave me.

Hebrews 13: 5

Please give me more faith.

Romans 10: 17

Holy Spirit come down.

John 7: 37-39



Bible Study: New Creation Realities

'This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!' 2 Corinthians 5:7: (NLT)

Complete the Bible truth statements below by looking at the quoted scripture.

Common Understanding	Scripture Reference	Bible Truth
I am a sinner trying to do right	<i>2 Corinthians 5: 21: For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him</i>	I am righteous resisting the temptation to sin
I am sick and trying to get healed	<i>1 Peter 2: 24: who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.</i>	
I'm not as qualified as those who've been to Bible School to cast out demons	<i>Mark 16: 17: And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demon.</i>	
Others are more blessed than me	<i>Ephesians 1:3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.</i>	
I'm not holy	<i>Ephesians 1:3: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.</i>	