

THREE P'S OF PRAYER

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INTRODUCTION:

God's Word teaches us that men should always pray. Paul said to pray without ceasing, or to stretch out to seek God constantly in prayer. Why? If God loves us and controls everything that happens, why must people pray?

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1. Purpose.

A. Lost dominion. **GEN. 1:26**

B. Dominion restored in Christ. **MT. 28:18**

C. God's will enforced through prayer. **MT. 6:9-10**

- Through prayer we make a highway for God to legally accomplish His purposes on earth.

2. Privilege.

A. Appearing before the king was a privilege.

- An invitation was required. **DAN. 5:12-13**
- To go uninvited could mean death. **ESTHER 4:16**
- Proper protocol was required. **ESTHER 5:1-3**

B. Appearing before God's throne.

- We've been invited. **HEB. 4:14-16**
- Proper protocol is required. **HEB. 10:19-23, PS. 100:1-5**

3. Power.

A. To enforce God's will. **1 JOHN 5:14-15**

- Daniel knew God's will by reading Jeremiah and was bold in prayer. **DAN. 9:2-4, 19**

B. To resist temptation. **MT. 26:41**

C. To release angelic assistance. **HEB. 1:14**

- For protection – Elisha at Dothan
- For deliverance – Paul at sea, Peter from prison.
- For restoring physical strength – Jesus at the Rock.

D. To heal. **JAMES 5:14-15**

- **GEN. 20:17-18** – All were healed as Abraham prayed.

E. To defeat the works of darkness. **IS. 58:6**

- **LUKE 22:31-32**

F. To heal a nation. **2 CHRON. 7:14**

- **1 TIM. 2:1** – The salvation of men being the goal.

CONCLUSION:

Prayer is joining forces with God to carry out His purposes on earth. It's a privilege we all have and should take seriously. By doing so, we generate power that is dynamic in its working.