

PRAYER

The Privilege of Every Christian
Privilege or Duty?

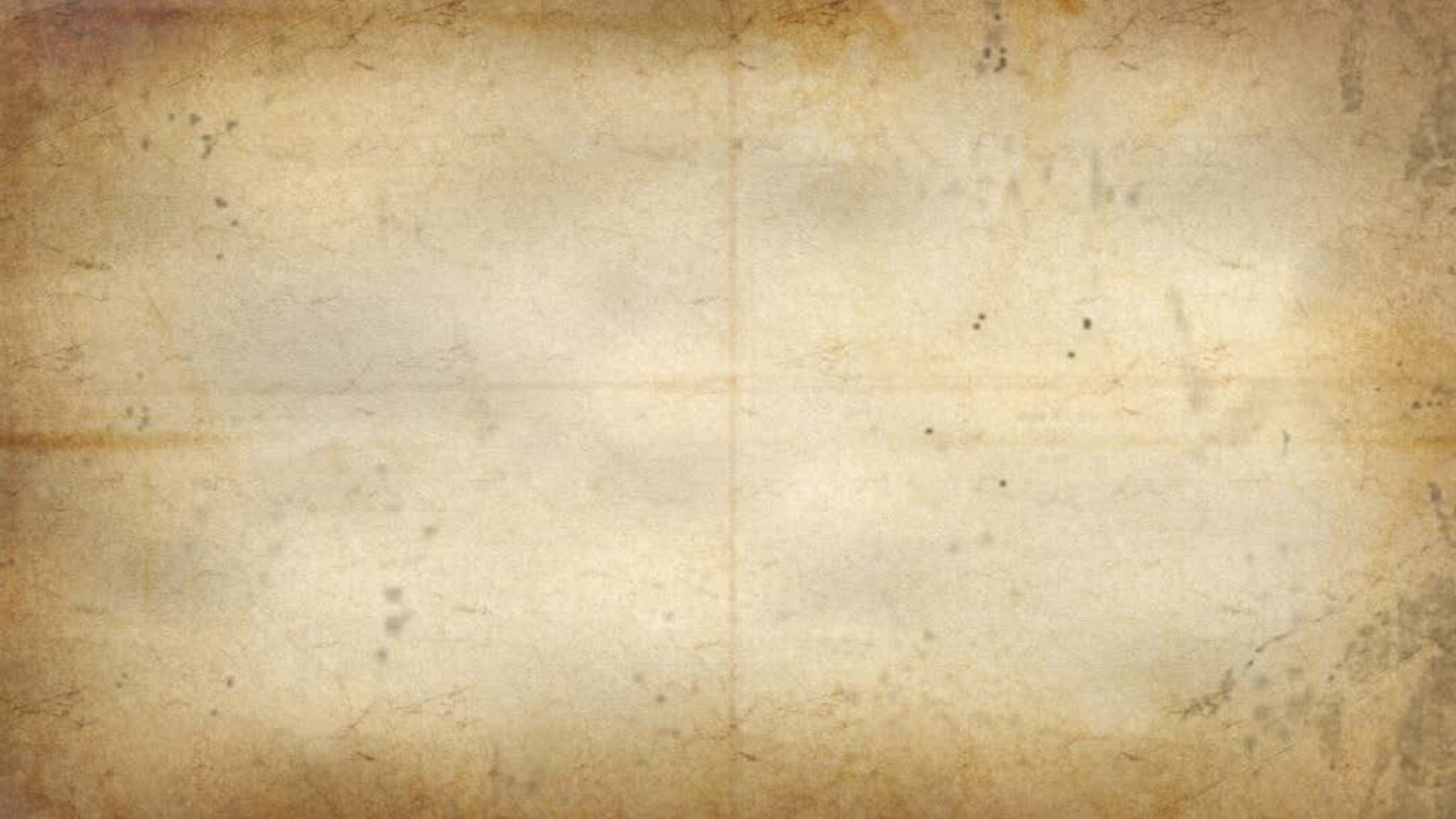


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1. Father
2. 'In (My) Jesus Name'
3. Ask
4. Faith
5. Personal (Secret)
6. Community (Public)
7. 'In One Accord' (United)
8. 'In One Place'
9. Always
10. Continue
11. Fervent
12. Intercessory
13. 'Any Thing' and 'All Things'
14. 'According to His Will'
15. Persevere (Persistent)
16. Patiently Wait
17. Confess
18. Fasting
19. 'All Night'
20. 'God Hears' ('Thy Prayer is Heard')
21. 'Prayer is Answered'
22. Watch



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1. Abraham (Gen. 20:17)
2. Eliezer (Gen. 24:12-14)
3. Jacob (Gen. 28:20-22)
4. Moses (Ex. 32:31-32)
5. Aaron (Nu. 6:24-26)
6. Joshua (Jos. 10:12)
7. Gideon (Jud. 6:17-18)
8. Jephthah (Jud. 11:30-31)
9. Samson (Jud. 16:28)
10. Hannah (1 Sam. 1:11)
11. Samuel
12. Saul (1 Sam. 14:37)
13. David (1 Sam. 30:8)
14. Solomon (1 Kings 3:6-9)
15. Elijah (1 Kings 18:36-37)
16. Elisha (2 Kings 6:17)
17. Hezekiah (2 Kings 20:3)
18. Jabez (1 Chr. 4:10)
19. Asa (2 Chr. 14:11)
20. Jehoshaphat (2 Chr. 20:6-12)

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9. Amos (7:2)
10. Jonah (2:1-9)
11. Habakkuk (For Revival 3:2-19)
12. Jesus
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14. Many Prayers for Healing (Gospels)
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Prayer: Duty or Privilege?

- What do you think?
- Prayer is both a duty and a privilege
- Duty- God commands us to pray
- "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; (1 Sam. 12:23)

- Privilege- God invites us to pray
- "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16
- Is Phil 4:6 a command or a privilege?
- "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

- Do you pray because you have to or you are told to?
- Is it a chore? An item on the to-do-list?
- Duty driven prayers lack passion; sincerity.

Prayer is more than duty. It's a privilege!

- It is talking to our Father
- Prayer is fellowship with God
- Prayer is partnering with God to see great things accomplished
- It is communing with the Creator, the Almighty God with Whom all things are possible
- It is developing friendship (relationship) with God.
- Accept prayer as a privilege not a duty. Our prayer life will be most meaningful!
- We'll have the most powerful, meaningful prayer!

What a Friend We Have In Jesus!

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Joseph Scriven

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
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A comment by Robert A. Cook, president of The King's College in New York, renewed my appreciation for the privilege of prayer.

Speaking at the Moody Bible Institute, Cook said that the day before, he had been at a gathering in Washington and had talked with Vice President George Bush. Two hours later he spoke briefly with President Ronald Reagan. Then smiling broadly, Cook told us, "But that's nothing! Today I talked with God!" - Our Daily Bread