

Psalm 5:1-3  
Title: Essentials - Prayer  
Theme: Not Ashamed of Christ

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## 1. Introduction

- a. Everyone feels down or depressed during their lifetime
- b. Christian always has someone to talk with - God
- c. Discipline in prayer - calling God
- d. Jesus prayed - MORE LIKE CHRIST - pray!
- e. David writes
  - David's meditation to God
  - David asks God to listen
  - David looks up to God in the morning

## 2. Understanding Prayer

- a. Jesus prayed in Garden of Gethsemane
  - wished for His Father to remove the cup of suffering & death (& betrayal)
  - x if possible - remove it, Mt 26:36-44
  - x but Jesus faithful even to death
- b. Prayer not a "lucky charm" or "magic genie" to fulfill my every wish
- c. Prayer is me listening to God in my heart - Luke 18:9-14
  - private time with God
  - not showtime in public
- d. Attitude when coming to God
  - Heb 11:1, 6 Faith has evidence for hope & unseen things
  - belief that God lives & He rewards those coming to Him
- e. Example of Daniel
  - he prayed even in face of death
  - Dan 6:10

## 3. Prayer Very Important

- a. 1 Tim 2:1
  - all kinds of praying
    - x supplication - asking, begging
    - x intercession - asking for someone else
    - x thanksgiving - giving thanks
    - x prayers - talking with God
- b. Prayer anytime
  - pray without stopping - 1 Thess 5:17
  - continuous Ps 22:2, 88:1, Ps 55:17

3 - Cure for Worry

a. Philp 4:6

b. Do not become worry wart  
- Give your requests to God

4. Common Dangers

a. Uncommon promises

- find promises in Bible Heb 13:5

- example: God will never leave me

- God provides food & water for  
His people - Psalm 37:25

\* God gives Christian ability  
to buy, grow food, or get  
food - Psalm 37:25

b. Danger of presumption

- presume to tell God what to do

\* too late, land of promise - Num 14:25  
40-45

\* going beyond God's instruction

\* Moses strikes rock

\* God told Moses to speak to rock

\* Num ~~14:25~~ 20:8, 11, 12

c. Danger of abandoning God

- leaving God behind

- treating God as a convenience

d. God promises that His grace  
sufficient - 2 Cor 12:9

- God steps in beyond Christian's  
ability

\* God is not Christian's slave

\* God is not wish fulfillment

"genie in a bottle"

\* God opens doors of possibility

\* God gives strength when  
human strength fails

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