



Talking to a God Who Knows Everything

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1. Prayer can simply be understood as "TALKING to GOD"

Ephesians 6:18

palal – to INTERVENE, to entreat, to make supplication

proseuchomai – to speak TOWARDS

"[Prayer] reveals human dependence, divine sovereignty, and covenant relationship. Across redemptive history, prayer is the ordained means whereby believers participate in God's purposes, receive grace, and align with His will."



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"A prayerless Christian is like a bus driver trying alone to push his bus out of a rut because he doesn't know Clark Kent is on board."

– John Piper, Desiring God: Meditations from a Christian Hedonist

– ADORATION – esteeming God's praise-worthy character (*1 Chronicles 29:10-11*)

– CONFESSION – acknowledging my sin to God and receiving His forgiveness through the shed blood of Jesus (*Psalms 51:1-4*)

– THANKSGIVING – demonstrating gratitude to God for His lovingkindness towards us (*1 Thessalonians 1:2-3*)

– SUPPLICATION – appealing to God for the needs in my life as well as those in the lives of my oikos and others (*Ephesians 3:14-19*)



– LAMENT – raw expressions of grief, regret or confusion
(*Psalms 102:1-11*)

– RELATIONAL – gaining intimacy with God through the rhythm and familiarity of prayer (*Luke 5:16*)

2. Prayer develops INTIMACY with God rather than providing INFORMATION for Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer does something in us – even though it's not new information to God – that reminds us of our creaturely DEPENDENCE and RELIANCE upon Him.



"The meaning of prayer is that we get ahold of God, not an answer."

– Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

3. Developing the rhythm of prayer is like developing a RELATIONSHIP.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer is not a religious TASK to accomplish, but a relationship to DEVELOP.

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