

## Prayer: Its Privilege and Its Principles

### Starting with God...

- So **powerful** He spoke the universe into existence.
- So **amazing** He holds all things together.
- So **intelligent** He knows everything there is to know.
- So **holy** that He cannot accept any sin of any kind.

### Approaching God in the Past...

**Leviticus 16:2** and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

### 1. PRIVILEGED \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεος καὶ χάριν εὕρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν.	Therefore might we come with confidence to the throne of the grace in order that we might receive mercy and grace we might find unto timely help (support).
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- **Eph 3:12** in whom we have **boldness** and access with confidence through faith in Him. [*confidence, plainness, openness, boldness*]
- **Heb 10:19** Therefore, brethren, having **boldness** to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

### 2. PROMISED \_\_\_\_\_

a. **Receive** \_\_\_\_\_ – *pity or compassion* (“\_\_\_\_\_ toward”)

b. **Find** \_\_\_\_\_ – (“\_\_\_\_\_ toward”)

c. **Resulting in** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 27:17** When they had taken it on board, they used **cables** to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven.

- <sup>ESV</sup> After hoisting it up, they used **supports** to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along.
- <sup>KJV</sup> Which when they had taken up, they used **helps**, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

### 3. PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_

a. **Acknowledgement of God's** \_\_\_\_\_

b. **Affirmation of God's** \_\_\_\_\_

c. **Affirmation of God's** \_\_\_\_\_

d. **Appreciation for God's** \_\_\_\_\_ (**Col 4:2; 1 Thes 5:18**)

### 4. PRINCIPLED \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

**Matt 6:8** "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

c. \_\_\_\_\_

**James 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

d. \_\_\_\_\_

**Phil 4:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

### 5. PROBLEMATIC \_\_\_\_\_

a. **When Living Disobediently**

**John 15:7** "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**1 John 3:22** And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

b. **For Removal of What God Schedules**

**James 1:2-4** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

c. **For Our Ease & Lust**

**James 4:3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures (ἡδοναῖς).

d. **Dictated by Our Self-will**

**1 John 5:14** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

e. **With a Temporal Focus**

“your kingdom come...”

f. **In Vague** \_\_\_\_\_