

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.

<p>προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεος καὶ χάριν εὕρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν.</p>	<p>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).</p>
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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.

- ^{ESV} 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.
- ^{KJV} 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, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ 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** _____