

New Testament Prayer

- I.** Defining the term ‘prayer’ #4335, 4336 when used in a list (Phil. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:1).
1. Eliminate supplication, intercession, thanksgiving, and request.
 2. The key of change after John 16:24.
 - 1) Paul and Silas in jail (Acts 16:25)
 - 2) **“About midnight Paul and Silas by praying they were hymning (hymnizing) to God”**
English example “By running (*participle*) they arrived (*main verb*) on time.”
 3. ‘Prayer’ is hymning; hymning is telling God who His is, giving Him His whole weight, full value (Heb. 2:12).
 4. Problems with using the term ‘worship’.
 - 1) The KJV translated around 12 words as *worship* or some form of it.
 - 2) There is a term that is reasonably translated *worship*, *proskooneke* #4352, 4353.
 - i. Means to prostrate, pay homage, kiss the foot, complete obeisance.
 - ii. Although rarely included in communication to God, it is clear that God the Father desires to be given obeisance (Jn. 4:23-24; Heb. 1:6; Rev. 4:10; 5:14).
 5. ‘Prayer’ #4335 in a list means ‘telling God who His is’ and is not the same as giving homage #4352.
- II.** The secondary meaning for ‘prayer’ when not in a list.
1. Clearly in the following verses ‘prayer’ #4335 means ‘general communication’ to God (Rom. 15:30; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 1:9; Col. 1:3, 9, 4:3; 1 Thes. 5:25).
 2. While obviously in these verses, ‘prayer’ #4335 means ‘worship’ (Rom. 1:10; Eph. 1:16; 6:18; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Tim. 5:5; 1 Pet. 4:7).
- III.** ‘Prayer’ or ‘pray’ #4335 has the root idea after Acts 16 of telling God who He is and is used as a synecdoche, a portion representing the whole, in many verses.