

### **New Testament Prayer**

- I.** English translations' issues with *pray*, *praying*, and *prayer*.
1. 'Pray' is the translation of six verb forms and 'prayer' is of four.
  2. 'Worship' is the translation of five verb forms and 'worshiper' of four forms.
  3. 19 words, or forms are translated by two English words.
    - 1) What is really 'worship' is translated 'prayer'.
    - 2) Several types of communication are translated 'prayer'.
    - 3) One term for worship also has a secondary meaning.
    - 4) There are several types of communication to God (Phil. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2:1), so it is necessary to study each.

- II.** Most ideas of prayer are additionally muddled by not recognizing the changes from the Old Testament priesthood to the New Testament priesthood.

1. Every New Testament saint is a priest (1 Pet. 2:9).
2. Now every saint has access to God the Father (Heb. 4:14-16).

- III. Adoration**, worship **1a** #4353, 4353: paying full honor, reverent homage as a vessel to lord, complete obeisance, "My life is in your hands."

1. Jesus predicts a change in this type of worship (Jn 4:22-24).
2. No longer a special location to worship.
3. There will be a new type of worshipper.
4. The Father seeks this worship.
5. In truth, "there is none like Him" (Jn. 14:6; Ex. 8:10; Duet. 33:26; 1 Sam. 2:2; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Chron. 17:20; Isa. 46:9).  
"Truth" is that *God always fully answers the Persons' estimate of what deity is*. The three Persons always tell the truth about who and what They are.
6. In spirit, a rational activity (1 Cor. 2:11).
7. Examples of adoration: angels in heaven (Heb. 1:6); 24 elders (Rev. 4:10; 5:14).

**Adoration** is a form of worship that expresses to God, in action or word, that "there is none like Him." This attitude is expressed by paying full honor, reverent homage as a vessel to lord, complete obeisance, "My life is in your hands."

- IV. Worship 1b** #4335, 4336 is a term always translated 'pray'.

1. New Testament meaning: Paul and Silas, "**by praying they were hymning**" (Acts 16:25;
2. Christ "**By saying, I will declare Your name, . . . I will hymn to You**" (Heb. 2:12).
3. Worship 1b is telling God who He is: attributes and character.
4. This same term has a secondary meaning of 'general communication to God.'