

New Testament Prayer

The benefits of Prayer for the Believer *'Prayer changes the believer'*

- I.** If prayer is more than asking for something, why do we pray?
 1. There are benefits for the believer.
 2. Prayer changes the believer.
- II.** Prayer pleases God (1 Cor. 1:31; Jn. 4:23).
 1. Brings Him glory (Jn. 14:13).
 2. Enhances our relationship with the Christ as High Priest (Heb. 4:14-15; 2:17).
 3. Enhances our relationship with the Father (Heb. 4:16).
 4. Uses our priesthood (1 Pet. 2:5; Heb. 13:15-16).
- III.** Prayer aides in governing our emotions.
 1. Provides a place to be heard (Heb. 4:16).
 - 1) Through our sympathetic High Priest (Heb. 4:15).
 - 2) To the One who has the power to make the difference.
 2. Results in ability to use the peace from God (Phil. 4:5-7).
 3. Opens one's to think about other things (Phil. 4:8).
 4. Frees one's mind to rejoice in the Lord (Phil. 4:10).
 5. Makes it possible to cast all our cares on Him (1 Pet. 5:7).
- IV.** Prayer increases our use of the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
 1. Places our focus up There (Heb. 4:16; Col. 3:1-3).
 2. Becomes the counter thought to lusts from the enemies.
 3. Allows us to use faith, based on promises of answers.
 4. Bring in line our thoughts with God's thoughts 'in My name'.
 5. Provides one method of fulfilling the New Commandment (Eph. 5:30; 4:16; Col. 2:19).
 6. Sets apart mentally from the world and carnal (1 Jn. 5:14-15).
 7. Enhances the realization differences between the Old and New Testaments (Heb. 11:35, 40).
 - 1) Better promises.
 - 2) Better High Priest.
 - 3) New priesthood—new privileges, access, potential.
- V.** Prayer develops partnership with Christ.