

## **New Testament Prayer** *‘Prayer changes the believer’*

### **I. The multifaceted communication to God.**

1. **Adoration** (Jn. 4:23).
  - 1) Complete subservience, obsequiousness, compliance, obedience.
  - 2) Example, “I owe my whole existence and reason for living to you. I offer my complete loyalty.”
2. **Worship** (1 Tim. 2:1; Phil. 4:6; Acts 16:25 *cf.* Heb. 2:12).
  - 1) Acts 16:25 “pray/worship by hymning”.
  - 2) Hebrews 2:12 “hymning” by declaring His name.
  - 3) Worship is telling God who He is; saying back to Him that which He has revealed about Himself.
  - 4) Example, “Father you are Holy—set apart from all things. You are the creator and the source of all things. There is none like You!” (Rev. 4:10-11).
3. **Intercession** (1 Tim. 2:1; 4:5), the term is used:
  - 1) As a request regarding someone else (Rom. 8:26; 11:2).
  - 2) There is a known area of need (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25).
  - 3) May be an intercession against someone (Acts 25:24; Rom. 11:2).
4. Christ as an example of how the term is used (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25).
5. “Lord, I know Joeseppi has spiritual issues based on his behavior, I request that You change his mind and relationship to You.”

### **II. Supplication** δέησις, *deesis*, entreaty (1 Tim. 2:1).

1. Examples of how the term is used (Lu. 1:13, 2:37; Heb. 5:7).
  - 1) Distinct from other types of communication.
  - 2) Some unknow factor: person, object *etc.*
  - 3) Can be for one’s self, for other saints, for nation.
  - 4) Should be a consistent type of communication (2 Tim. 1:3).
2. Example of supplicating for the nation (1 Tim. 2:1).
3. Examples of supplicating for one’s self (Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; 1 Tim. 5:5; 2 Tim. 1:3; 1 Pet. 3:12-14).
4. Examples of supplication for other saints (2 Cor. 1:11; 9:14; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 1:4, 19; Jam. 5:16).
5. “Lord, I know there are persecutions coming and request strength to persevere.”