

## **New Testament Prayer: Asking Prayer**

*Prayer changes the believer*

- I.** 'Prayer' used when asking for something (προσεύχομαι, Phil. 1:9; Eph. 6:18; Rom. 15:30; Col. 1:3; 4:3; 1 Thes. 5:25).
- II.** Types of asking prayer; asking assumes the individual anticipates an answer.
  1. Intercession (1 Tim. 2:1; 4:5).
  2. Supplication (1 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:18).
  3. Requests (Phil. 4:6; 1 Jn. 5:15).
- III.** The new partnership with God in asking-prayer.
  1. Asking God changed with a new High Priest.
  2. Jesus is not our example for asking-prayer.
    - 1) Jesus asked the Father as an equal (Jn. 17:9).
    - 2) We are not to ask as an equal (Jn. 16:23).
    - 3) We are to ask as a subordinate (Jn. 16:23).
    - 4) This asking-prayer was future to the Upper Room (Jn. 16:26; 1 Jn. 5:14).
    - 5) Jesus was always heard (Jn. 11:41-42).
    - 6) Our being heard by the Father is conditional.
      - i. "In His name" (Jn. 17:23-24).
      - ii. "According to His desirous will" (1 Jn. 5:14).
    - 7) When the conditions are met, the Father grants the request (Jn. 16:23; 1 Jn. 5:14-15).
  - IV.** Examples of asking-prayer.
    1. You should ask for wisdom (Jam. 1:5).
    2. Do not ask God for something incorrectly (Jam. 4:1-8).
    3. Paul asking for spiritual growth (Rom. 1:10; Eph. 1:16-18; Phil. 1:9-10; Col. 1:9-10; 4:3; 2 Thes. 1:11-12; 3:1-2).
    4. Asking that circumstances not hinder inner contentment and living the Christian life (Phil. 4:5-7).