

# The Bulletin

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### ***“Elements Of Prayer: Adoration”***

By Nicolas Edwards



Paul taught that prayer consists of different elements in 1 Timothy 2:1, *“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,”*

Prayers of the Bible contained elements of adoration and praise unto God, confession of sin and asking for forgiveness, thanksgiving, and supplications: personal requests or intercessions. The acronym ACTS has been suggested to remember these. In this article, let's look at adoration.

The Lord is worthy to be praised (2 Samuel 22:4). *“For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods”* (1 Chronicles 16:25).

Moses expressed adoration unto God before making personal request in Deuteronomy 3:23-25. He said, *“O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?”*

Hannah expressed praise to God in prayer. She referred to God as *“O Lord of hosts”* and said, *“There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God”* (1 Samuel 1:10-17; 2:1-10).

David praised God saying, *“Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee...let thy name be magnified forever...”* (2 Samuel 7:18-29). As did his son Solomon, *“Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath...”* (1 Kings 8:22-54).

Jehoshaphat prayed, *“O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? And rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? And in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?”* (2 Chronicles 20:5-12).

Two prayers of adoration and praise that stand out are David's (1 Chronicles 29:10-19) and Jeremiah's (Jeremiah 32:16-19). These prayers contain great expressions of praise to fill our prayers with today!

*“Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.”*

*"Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee... the Great, the Mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is his name, great in counsel, and mighty in work..."*

In prayer, we are addressing God the Father. God is addressed as "O Lord God", "O Lord of hosts", the Great, the Mighty God." God is to be addressed reverently; not casually or profanely! Not "the man upstairs" or "buddy".

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## **"PUT ON KINDNESS AND FORGIVENESS"**

By Heath Rogers

*"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you"* (Ephesians 4:31-32).

As Paul concludes his discussion of putting off the old man and putting on the new man, he gives a list of six specific vices that are to be replaced with three God-like virtues.

Bitterness is unresolved anger that poisons the heart, harboring hatred towards others about the past. It is a spirit of resentment that refuses reconciliation, doing nothing to initiate the restoration of relationships.

Wrath is when our anger builds up and boils over, exploding in rage. Anger is from the same Greek word that was used in verse 26 - *"Be angry, and do not sin."*

Here it suggests a feeling of gnawing hostility towards others, ready to break out in harmful words or actions. Clamor is an outward manifestation of anger, such as noisy contentions or loud quarrelling.

Slander is speech that is abusive towards the objects of our anger. Translated from *blasphemia*, it is blasphemy against the good name of a person one hates. Malice is a summary type of term in this list. It would be any speech or action of contempt that intends to harm others.

These sins are a natural (worldly) reaction to those who have harmed us or pose a threat to our pride. Such sins have no place in the life of one who is renewing the spirit of their mind after Christ and patterning themselves after God's righteousness and holiness (vs. 23-24).

Paul admonishes us to put away all of them. We must repent, thoroughly sweeping our hearts of these poisonous vices. In the place of these harmful sins, Paul prescribes three helpful virtues.

"Be kind to one another." "Kind" is translated from *chrestos*, describing one who is good, gentle and benevolent – in spite of what is done against them. This kindness is not to be reserved for those who are kind to us first. It must be shown to everyone (Matthew 6:44-47; Luke 27-36).

"Tenderhearted" means being understanding, sympathetic, and compassionate.

"Forgiving one another." In other places, our future forgiveness from God is given as a motivation to be forgiving to others (Matthew 6:14-15; 18:35; James 2:13). Here, Paul uses God's willingness to forgive our past sins as our motivation to be forgiving to others.

Hatred and harm for brethren have no place in the heart, thoughts, speech, and life of a Christian. This characterized the old man we buried in the grave of baptism. As we renew the spirit of our mind, we will understand the imperative to put on kindness and forgiveness.



### **Memory Verse of the Week:**

#### **2 Timothy 1:5 (NKJB)**

"when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."

**Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:**

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Daniel Holloway, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, LuAnne Parrish, Billy Grisham, B.J. Graves, Chandler McCain (Cancer), Stacy & Annette Meeks, Anita Harris' mother: Hillard Switcher, Kiefer Norman (Robbie Doles' relative), Evelyn Trimble, Danny Briggs (cancer), Kelcy Whittemore, Cameron Hutchins, the McCarthy family in Baldwyn (two men have cancer, one is terminal), Josh Boswell, Karen Kennemur, Dianne Johnson, and Randy Ferrell (diagnosed with Parkinson's disease).

**Updates:** Billy Grisham had another fall Wednesday and is recovering.  
Sherry Fuqua Doles got a gash on her leg and is recovering.  
Camden (Chad's son) is still sore from his hunting accident.

**Those Who Serve:**

**Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:**

**Opening Prayer:** Nathan Meade  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Sermon #1:** "The Way Of Cain"

**Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:**

**Workbook:** Brian Meade  
Revelation  
**Author:** By Dan H. King Sr.  
**Starting Page & Question:** Page #84 Question #5

**Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:**

**Announcements:** Jerry Kennemur  
**Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:** Danny Sheffield  
**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 25:7-10  
**Song Leader:** Tim Harris Sr.  
**Lord's Supper:** Fred Johnson  
**Assisting:** — —  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Sermon #3:** "Preparing For Marriage"  
**Closing Prayer:** Blake Briggs

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 P.M.**

May 13, 2026

**Auditorium Bible Class:** Brian Meade  
**Workbook:** The Book Of Mark  
**Author:** By Mike Willis  
**Starting Page & Question:** Page #47, Question #7  
**Invitation:** Paul Busby  
**Song Leader:** Brian Meade  
**Closing Prayer:** Nathan Meade



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# “The Way Of Cain”

Lesson Text: **Jude 11**. Cain Is Used As An Example Of Those Who Reject Authority.

## I. The Way Of Human Opinion.

- The Story: **Genesis 4:1-5**. Both Brought Offerings To God— Only One Accepted!
- The Divine Application: **Jude 11; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12**.
- The Problem: Human Opinion About What To Offer To God.
- This Is Still A Problem Today!

## II. The Way Of Will-Worship.

- **Colossians 2:23**. Macknight: “to be “a worship of human invention, consequently performed from one’s own will” (390).”
- Cain wanted to worship God as it suited Cain, not as God desired. So the Scripture records that the Lord “had not respect” for Cain’s offering (**Genesis 4:5**).
- **This Accounts For Today’s**: Instrumental Music; Prayer Beads, Confession Booths, Lighting Of Candles In Worship, Praise & Worship Teams, & Special Clothing For Priests.

## III. The Way Of Impenitent Stubbornness.

- **Genesis 4:6-7**. God Warned Cain To Subdue Sin’s Desire.
- Did Cain Listen To God & Repent?
- In This Same Way, Many Today Are Like Cain In Stubborn Refusal!

## IV. The Way Of Hatred For The Righteous.

- **Genesis 4:8-9**.
- **1 John 3:12; John 15:22-25 (Psalm 35:19; 69:4; 109:3-5)**;
- World’s Hatred For Us: **John 15:18-19**.
- Why There Is Danger In Hating Our Brother- **1 John 3:13-15**.

## V. The Way Of Divine Condemnation.

- God Judged Cain In **Genesis 4:10-15**.
- Some May Think This Was Harsh Punishment, But Cain Failed To:
  - Confess His Sin. - Show Any Guilt Or Remorse. - Repent.

## VI. The Way We Should Learn Not To Go!

- Don’t Walk By Opinions, But Walk By Faith, Like Abel. **Hebrews 11:4**.
- Don’t Go By Your Own Way, Let’s Do Things God’s Way!
- Don’t Let Your Stubbornness Destroy You! If You Are Wrong, Fix It!
- Don’t Hate Your Brother, Walk in Love.

# “Preparing For Marriage”

Lesson Text: **Matthew 25:7-10.**

## **I. Prepare: By Understanding God’s Design For Marriage.**

- Marriage Is Not Just A Piece Of Paper, It’s A Covenant. **Genesis 2:20-24.**
- Marriage Is A Lifelong Commitment. **Matthew 19:3-9; Romans 7:1-3.**
  - The Only Exception Is In **19:9; Romans 7:1-3**, Death Of Spouse.
- Marriage Is Designed To Be Fulfilling. **Deuteronomy 24:5; Proverbs 5:18-19.**
  - Why **Revelation 19:7** Is A Picture Of The Greatest Joy In Marriage!

## **II. Prepare: Your Character & Integrity.**

- Marriage Doesn’t Fix Character, It Reveals It.
- It Will Reveal:
  1. Selfishness. 2. Pride. 3. Impatience. 4. Dishonesty.
- **Must Work On Yourself To Become:**
  1. Selfless. 2. Humble. 3. Patient. 4. Totally Open & Honest.

## **III. Prepare: Your Spiritual Life.**

- Do You Want God In Your Marriage? First, Put Him First In Your Life!
  - **Matthew 6:33.**
- Develop A Consistent Prayer Life; Study God's Word;  
Seek Spiritual Maturity, Not Just Emotional Connection.

## **IV. Prepare: By Knowing Your Role In The Marriage.**

- Role of the Husband: **Ephesians 5:22-24; 6:4.**
- Role of the Wife: **Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 3:1; vs.6.**
- The Role Of Each To Respect, Support, & Work Together.

## **V. Prepare: For Unity, Not Individuality.**

- **Genesis 2:24; Proverbs 25:24.**
- **1 Peter 3:7.**

## **VI. Prepare: For Responsibility, Not Care-free Romance.**

- Romance Is A Big Part Of Marriage, But Not All Of It.
- **Proverbs 27:23-27; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12.**

## **VII. Prepare: Through Seeking Wise Counsel.**

- **Proverbs 11:14; Titus 2:3-4.**
- **Seek:** 1. Godly Mentors. 2. Biblical Teaching. 3. Premarital Counseling.
- **Avoid relying solely on:**
  - Friends Who Lack Spiritual Wisdom. (Remember Rehoboam, **1 Kings 12:8**).
  - The Culture’s Definition of Love.
  - Social media expectations.