

The Bulletin

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“Elements Of Prayer: Supplication”

By Nicholas Edwards

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men” (1 Timothy 2:1).

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Philippians 4:6).

Paul described this element of prayer when he said “let your requests be made known unto God.” Supplication involves intreating God, beseeching Him, making a request, or asking a petition of Him for yourself or for others.



— Abraham made intercession for the men of Sodom (Genesis 18:23-33).

— Abraham’s servant prayed for success and guidance in finding a wife for Isaac (Genesis 24:12-14).

— Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren (Genesis 25:21).

— Jacob asked God for deliverance from the hand of his brother Esau (Genesis 32:9-12).

Moses requested guidance when he prayed, *“Shew me now thy way...”* (Exodus 33:12-13). He prayed for Miriam to be healed from leprosy (Numbers 12:13). He asked God to set a leader over Israel (Numbers 27:15-17). Moses besought the Lord to let him go over and see the promised land (Deuteronomy 3:23-26).

Hannah prayed for a child and was granted her petition (1 Samuel 1:10-17).

David praised God and humbly asked Him to establish and bless his house as promised (2 Samuel 7:18-29). He besought God for his sick child (2 Sam. 12:16). David asked God to give Israel and his son Solomon prepared and perfect hearts (1 Chronicles 29:18-19).

The book of Psalms is full of requests David made. He asked for God to teach him His way (Psalm 86:11). He often asked for protection and deliverance from his enemies (Psalm 142; 143).

Solomon requested an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:6-9).

Elijah prayed for rain to cease and then for rain to come (1 Kings 17; James 5:17-18).

Hezekiah prayed for deliverance from the Assyrians (2 Kings 19:15-19) and made request when sick unto death (2 Kings 20:2-3).

Jabez requested physical and spiritual blessing for himself (1 Chronicles 4:10).

Asa asked God for help (2 Chronicles 14:11). And so did Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20:5-12).

Nehemiah prayed for strength (Nehemiah 6:9).

Paul requested a prosperous journey (Romans 1:10) and for his thorn to be removed (2 Corinthians 12:8). He often prayed for brethren in the church, for their growth, for God to bless them, and for their faithfulness.

Jesus taught His disciples to make supplication (Matthew 6:9-13).

These stress who and what to pray for, the proper attitude, the power of prayer, and how to respond when God says no.

“Spiritual Illusions”

By Joe R. Price

Looking at optical illusions made me think about spiritual illusions that deceive many people. Here are a few spiritual illusions to consider, to help us clearly distinguish between man-made illusions and divinely revealed truth.

1. “One church is as good as another.”

This illusion assumes that all the churches men have established are pleasing to God (2 Corinthians 5:9-10). But Jesus built one church: one body over which He is the head (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4).

2. “Join the church of your choice.”

While God has indeed given mankind freewill, He did not give man free rein to build churches and offer them as commodities to the masses. Jesus purchased His church with His blood (Acts 20:28). Why choose a man-made church of inferior value?

3. “Doctrine is not important as long as you are sincere.”

This illusion is that a sincere heart equals remission of sins. But it does not. Only the blood of Christ cleanses the sin-stained soul (1 Peter 1:18-19). Only when sinners obey “*from the heart that form of doctrine*” delivered by Christ’s apostles will they be saved from sin (Romans 6:17-18, 3-4).

Recall that Saul was sincerely persecuting Christians and Cornelius was a sincerely moral man, yet both were lost in sin until they believed and obeyed the gospel (Acts 26:9; 23:1; 10:1-2; 11:14).

4. “We must be doing something right; look how big our church is!”

The false adage that “might makes right” is adapted to religion, and millions are comforted by the illusion that numbers represent divine approval. They forget Jesus’s warning that “few” find “the way which leads to life” (Matthew 7:13-14).

Optical illusions play tricks on the eye. But spiritual illusions fool the soul and have eternal consequences. So, remain focused on God’s word of truth.

“When your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light” (Luke 11:34). Never forget, *“there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death”* (Proverbs 16:25).



Memory Verse of the Week: Acts 2:42 (NKJB)

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Daniel Holloway, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, LuAnne Parrish, Billie 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 Baldwin (two men have cancer, one is terminal), Josh Boswell, Karen Kennemur, Dianne Johnson, Randy Ferrell (diagnosed with Parkinson's disease), and prayers for the family of Scottie Gilliam.

Updates: Billie Grisham is in Dogwood Assisted Living, here in Corinth.
Sherry Fuqua Doles is home and doing some better.
Camden (Chad's son) is still sore from his hunting accident.

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer: Jerry Kennemur
Preaching: Duston Coan
Sermon #1: "Lord, Change My Story"

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Workbook: Fred Johnson
Passing The Torch
Author: Mike Willis
Starting Page & Question: Page 9, Question #7

Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements: Jerry Kennemur
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading: Dan Cottrell
Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-4.
Song Leader: Lee Busby
Lord's Supper: Fred Johnson
Assisting: — —
Preaching: Duston Coan
Sermon #2: "God's Amazing Love For Us"
Closing Prayer: Nathan Meade

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

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Auditorium Bible Class: Paul Busby
Workbook: The Book Of Mark
Author: By Mike Willis
Starting Page & Question: Page #49, Question #33
Invitation: Paul Busby
Song Leader: Nathan Meade
Closing Prayer: Fred Johnson



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