

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you*

## **Conversing with God**

In simple terms, what is meant by born again means a person receives the key to conversing with God from a state of inability to converse with God. Therefore, prayer is the beginning of Christian living and more so, the whole content of it. By looking at the prayer contents and the experiences of receiving answers of a believer, we can know the level of the growth of his life. Therefore, prayer is the most accurate barometer for measuring sanctification. Moreover, it is only through prayer that we can enjoy God's entire mysteries and blessings. Therefore, we can know the future of a person by looking at his prayer. We can say that success in prayer is the success of everything, and on the other hand, failure in prayer is the failure of everything.

### **1. Many believers earnestly engage in all kinds of Christian activities but only cannot succeed in prayers**

- 1) Their prayers are not in line with the eternal spiritual blessings given by God (prosperity gospel style of prayers) <Jas 4:2>
- 2) Unable to converse with God on the foundation of love, boldness and freedom (legalistic style of prayers)
- 3) Although there are biblical and theological knowledge in prayers, there are no enjoyment of Spirit-convicted and lively conversation (knowledgeable style prayers)
- 4) Not based on the foundation of God's word and spiritual reality, but always seek after the physical experiences from 5 senses (mystical style of prayers)
- 5) Misunderstand that prayers must only be done in a specified time, place and fervent posture to have results
- 6) Misunderstand that only lengthy, earnest and zealous prayers would receive answers
- 7) Realistically, most believers do not pray <Jas 4:3>

### **2. The key to successful prayer lies in coinciding my everything to the reality that God promises**

- 1) First, must open spiritual eyes to understand the mystery of the spiritual world and things that will happen during prayers <Rev 8:3-5; Da 10:10-14>.
- 2) Must maintain the Father & son relationship with God <Ro 8:15>
- 3) Prayer must be built upon the foundation of God's promise (5 main promises) <Jn 15:7>
- 4) If there are guilt and bitterness within the heart, must first receive healing <Mt 6:14>
- 5) The content and direction of prayer must coincide with the eternal spiritual inheritance <Mt 6:33>
- 6) God is a personality. Therefore, will be able to converse with God through His word and the Holy Spirit conviction <Jer33:3>
- 7) In the midst of praying, will be able to discover the plan God has in my living fields <Ro 12:1-2; Eph 5:5-17>
- 8) In the midst of praying, will be able to solve the problems met in my practical life <Jn 16:33>
- 9) After prayer, must also correctly interpret the answers according to God's intention <Php 4:4-7>
- 10) After prayer, all the more we should guard our hearts and minds in Christ, and continue to converse with God <Ps 16:8-11>

**3. Will be able to see answers after understanding how God respond to prayers**

- 1) Prayer will surely be answered. But God answers us according to His own method
- 2) Must surely use the perspective of promises to judge with faith all things that happen after prayer
- 3) If clearly understand God's timetable, faith in answered prayer will not be shaken
- 4) For things that are not beneficial to us, God will not fulfil according to what we have asked, and these are more perfect answers
- 5) As the experience of answered prayers slowly increases, will be able to understand answers more clearly
- 6) After receiving answered prayers, what is more important is to continually discover further plan and guidance of God

**4. If you are successful in 3 kinds of prayer listed below, all things will succeed**

- 1) Continuous prayer: Prayer is spiritual breathing. It is proceeding in 24 hours on all occasions <Eph 6:18; 1Th 5:17>
- 2) Fixed time prayer: Will only be able to sustain walking with God and be spirit filled for the whole day through spiritual recharging in daily schedule <Da 6:10; Ac 3:1>
- 3) Concentration prayer: Break the forces of darkness and bring about important blessings and turning point <Ac 12:1-24>