

Lesson #4: Purpose of Prayer

"Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens." Psalm 148:13.

All prayer exists for the Glory of God. Through prayer and answered prayer, God reveals to us who He is. He doesn't need us. Our existence is a testimony to His glory. His creation of us, the earth, sky, stars, trees, flowers, animals and all else shows His awesome majestic power. That's why we exist. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."* (Psalm 19:1). God shows in His word He's a promise keeper. He gave a miracle baby to a 100 year old man and a 90 year old woman. The Lord is our provider. He created our lives and then creates situations in our lives that show His glory. Each prayer request is an opportunity for us to see and experience His glory. His answers reveal more of Himself to us. He is Lord, Provider, Protector, Friend, Counselor and so much more. Both Paul and Peter prayed that through all things God would be glorified. When you pray, ask that God may be glorified through you and wait for God's magnificent response. When we pray, we must praise and thank Him. When He answers, we must thank him AND tell others what God has done. Brag about what God has done in your life. That's the whole reason he does it! To God be all the Glory!

Sample Prayer:

Lord, Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Forgive me for seeking my will and desires above Your glory. I've been looking at what I think You should do, and yet You've shown me that so much more is at stake. You know exactly what You are doing. Your ways are higher than my ways. What I really want Lord, is that You receive glory from my life. The full weight of Your glory. Work in my heart and in each of my situations, Lord, so that You are the most glorified. Amen.