

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who Sees what is done in secret, will reward you **Matthew 6:6**

Illustration: Once a boy asked his father, how big is God. Then looking at the sky, his father saw an airplane and asked his son in what size he saw it . The child replied: Very small so much that you can barely see it . Then the father took him to the airport and being close to a plane asked, 'Now what size is the plane? And the boy replied with wonder: 'Dad, it's huge. The father then said: - In the same way God is for you. His size will depend on the distance you have from Him, and likewise your experience with Him. How much closer you are to God, The Greater he will be in your life "

1. When you hear the word prayer what do you think of?
2. Why do human beings need to pray if God knows all things?
3. What is the purpose for which God created prayer?

Introduction: Many people don't pray because they don't know the purpose for which God created prayer. When the purpose of something is not known, it is misused or does not have vision or direction. The purpose is the original intention for which something was created. God created prayer with different purposes and today we will learn why it is so important that we make prayer a lifestyle.

LET'S SEE SOME OF THE PRINCIPLES:

1. REFLECT THE NATURE OF GOD AND HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM Genesis 1.26

- A. Human beings were created to take nature and the moral character of God.
- B. The way to develop this image and character of God, is through our intimate communion with him .
- C. No human being can be satisfied until we can gain an intimate communion with God. Through prayer we can reflect His character, His love, His kindness, His mercy, His holiness, His peace, His authority and power.

2. CARRYING OUT THE PLANS, PURPOSES AND WILL OF GOD ON EARTH. Matthew 6:9-10

- A. God created man with the freedom to operate on Earth and gave legal right and authority to operate in it. God established His will here on Earth with the cooperation of the will of man.
- B. When we pray we give legal right to God so that his will can be done here on earth.

3. THAT GOD MAY OPERATE OF LEGAL FORM ON EARTH.

- A. **God gave man the authority to live on Earth and rule.** Genesis 1.26. He also, gave the legal right to take dominion and authority. gave a physical body, soul and spirit so that he could exercise that authority. If someone does not have a physical body on earth they are operating illegally, that is why God does not contradict His Word He sent his son in flesh to accomplish His will here on earth.
- B. **God seeks a physical body to pray:** Now God seeks a physical body, seeks our humanity so through it we can give light to his plans, his purposes, his will in our lives, families, Church, city, country and the whole world. Ezekiel 22:30
- C. **God intervenes in our life and our family through prayer,** when we pray for others, we give permission to God to intervene and do changes and miracles in people . Matthew 18:18. God wants to restore families but needs our humanity to bind and unbind and fulfill his purpose.

Conclusion: God is interested in our availability, the purpose of prayer is that we have a better relationship with him and that his will be done here on earth. Today lend your humanity to God Praying for your family so that he may intervene in whatever situation and allow God to operate in yours opening your heart to Jesus

SINNER'S PRAYER

*Lord Jesus I recognize that
I have sinned and that you died for me . I give
you my life and heart so you can be my lord
and saviour, amen.*

Announcements:

- **Retreat 3 days of power: Sept 5-7**
- **School for HOP leaders: Classes Tuesday at 7pm with Apostle Guillermo Jimenez**