

HEARTS OF PRAYER
THE LOVING PRIORITY OF PRAYER
Letting God Break Our Hearts of Prayerlessness
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INTRODUCTION

Three Key Truths:

1. Our God is a God of Open Heavens!
2. For Us to Experience the Full Blessings of Open Heavens, We Must Have Open Hearts.
3. Open Hearts Come from Broken Hearts!

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Heaven-Opening Blessings of Prayer:
Prayer through faith in Jesus Christ leads you into the PRESENCE, the PROCLAMATION, the PURPOSES, the POWER and the PROVISION of Almighty God.

A Powerful Prayer Point:
If you truly fall in love with God, you will fall in love with prayer. And when you fall in love with prayer, you will fall even more in love with God.

Psalm 51:16-17

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 The sacrifices of God are a **broken** spirit; a **broken and contrite heart**, O God, you will not despise.

I. JESUS CHRIST WANTS PRAYER TO BE A PRIORITY IN OUR LIVES

In Your Bible:
John 16:22-24
(Page 1070 in the Pew Bible)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always; 17 **pray continually**; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and **always keep on praying...**

II. FOUR CAUSES OF PRAYERLESSNESS

A. _____

Why?
Because it overestimates the power of self.

Two Important Facts About Prayer:

1. Prayer occurs when you depend on God.
2. Prayerlessness occurs when you depend on yourself.

B. _____

Why?
Because it underestimates the power of God.

Matthew 13:58

He did not do many miracles there because of their **unbelief**.

C. _____

Why?
Because it overestimates the difficulty of conversing with God.

D. _____

Why?
Because it underestimates the value of being with God.

III. GOD WANTS TO BREAK, MAKE, TAKE OUR HEARTS!

CONCLUSION