

Praise

- ▶ *Psalms 19:1-3, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language; their voice is not heard."*
- ▶ *Psalms 138:1, "I will give thee thanks with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praises unto thee."*

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- ▶ *Psalms 145:1,3 "I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever ... Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."*
- ▶ *Psalms 148 "Praise ye Jehovah. Praise ye Jehovah from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his host ..."*
- ▶ *Psalms 150:6 "Let everything that hath breath praise Jehovah. Praise ye Jehovah."*

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*Revelation 19:1-5, "After these things I heard as it were a great voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, **Hallelujah**; Salvation, and glory, and power, belong to our God: for true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great harlot, her that corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And a second time they say, **Hallelujah**. And her smoke goeth up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God that sitteth on the throne, saying, Amen; **Hallelujah**. And a voice came forth from the throne, saying, Give praise to our God, all ye his servants, ye that fear him, the small and the great."*

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Definitions:

- ▶ *allelouia, "praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah: Revelation 19:1,3,6" (Thayer)*
- ▶ *"to praise is to express approbation of; to extol; to commend; to glorify by homage; to magnify, especially in song." (Webster)*
- ▶ *"an acknowledgment made of the excellency or perfection of any person or action, with the commendation of the same." (McClintock and Strong)*

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God, The Object Of Our Praise. Revelation 4

- ▶ *"And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him, and they were full of eyes within; and they rest not day or night, saying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come" (Revelation 4:8).*
- ▶ *"The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Revelation 4:10-11; cf. 7:11-12).*

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Christ, The Object Of Our Praise.

*"And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a great voice, **Worthy is the Lamb** that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things are in them, heard I saying, **Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, (be) the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever.**" Revelation 5:11-13*

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Acceptable Praise

Some whose praise was perverted.

- ▶ Cain Genesis 4; cf. Hebrews 11:4
- ▶ Nadab and Abihu Leviticus 10:1-3; cf. Leviticus 16:12
- ▶ Pharisees. cf. Matthew 15:7-9 Religious pretenders, actors

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Jesus (Facing the cross) – Matthew 26:36-39

- ▶ Not the first time the Lord prayed. Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16; 6:12
- ▶ "One of his disciples said unto him, **Lord, teach us to pray**" Luke 11:1

Praising God In Prayer ...

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Acknowledgments Seen In Prayer

- ▶ There is a God. cf. Hebrews 11:6
- ▶ Man needs God. cf. John 15:5
- ▶ God hears prayer. cf. James 4:8; 1 Peter 3:12
Psalms 65:2, "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come."
- ▶ God answers prayer. **Matthew 7:7-11**
- ▶ God cares for man. 1 Peter 5:7

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Essentials:

- ▶ Humility. cf. Luke 18:9-14; cf. verse 1
- ▶ Love. cf. Matthew 18:21-35; Matthew 6:12; Ephesians 4:32; cf. 1 Corinthians 13.
- ▶ Expectation. cf. Matthew 17:19-21; Mark 11:22-24; cf. James 1:5-8
- ▶ Watchfulness. Matthew 26:38-41; Mark 13:33; Luke 21:36; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; cf. 1 Peter 5:8
- ▶ A Godly life. Proverbs 15:29. "Jehovah is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." cf. 1 John 3:21-22

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Specific Conditions:

- ▶ In the name of Christ. John 14:13,14; 16:23; cf. John 15:16; 16:26; 1 Peter 2:5 This is more than just quoting the phrase, but to pray by His authority. cf. Colossians 3:17; Luke 6:46
- ▶ According to his will. 1 John 5:14-15
 - "daily bread" Matthew 6:11 Conditional upon man working. cf. Genesis 3:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:10
 - Forgiveness. Luke 23:34 Conditional upon obedience. Acts 2:38. Conditioned upon being forgiving. Matthew 6:14-15
- ▶ Persistence and fervency.
 - Persistence. Luke 11:5-8; Luke 18:1-8.
 - Elijah prayed fervently, James 5:17; cf. Epaphras – Colossians 4:12.

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What To Pray For:

- We should pray to praise God. cf. Matthew 6:9ff
 - cf. Daniel 2:20; Psalms 145:1; Genesis 32:9-10
 - For his Kingdom. Matthew 6:9ff.

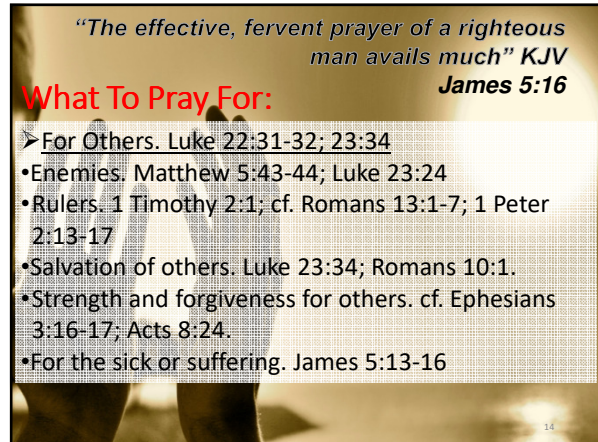


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What To Pray For:

- For Others. Luke 22:31-32; 23:34
 - Enemies. Matthew 5:43-44; Luke 23:24
 - Rulers. 1 Timothy 2:1; cf. Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17
 - Salvation of others. Luke 23:34; Romans 10:1.
 - Strength and forgiveness for others. cf. Ephesians 3:16-17; Acts 8:24.
 - For the sick or suffering. James 5:13-16




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What To Pray For:

- Spiritual growth and progress of the gospel.
 - Paul prayed for others and made request for the prayers of others.
 - (1) Philippians 1:9; Colossians 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Colossians 4:12.
 - (2) That he might speak the gospel with boldness. Ephesians 6:18
 - (3) Door of opportunity might be opened up to him. Colossians 4:3
 - (4) That the "word of the Lord may have free course" 2 Thessalonians 3:1

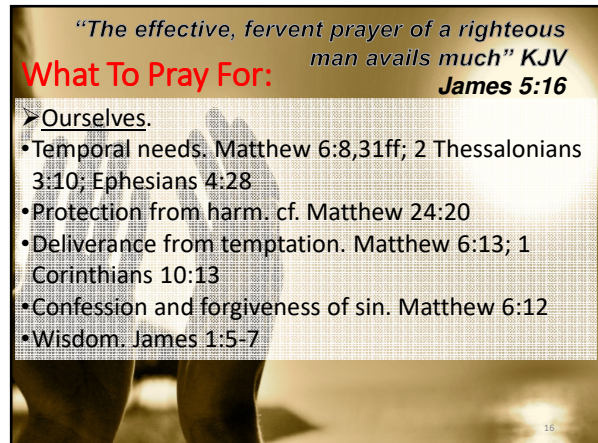


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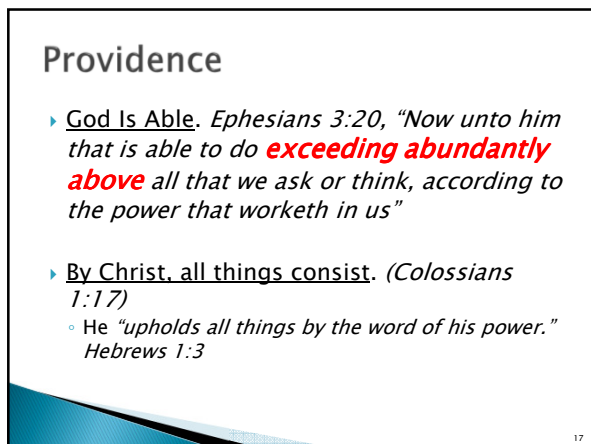
- Ourselves.
 - Temporal needs. Matthew 6:8,31ff; 2 Thessalonians 3:10; Ephesians 4:28
 - Protection from harm. cf. Matthew 24:20
 - Deliverance from temptation. Matthew 6:13; 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - Confession and forgiveness of sin. Matthew 6:12
 - Wisdom. James 1:5-7



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Providence

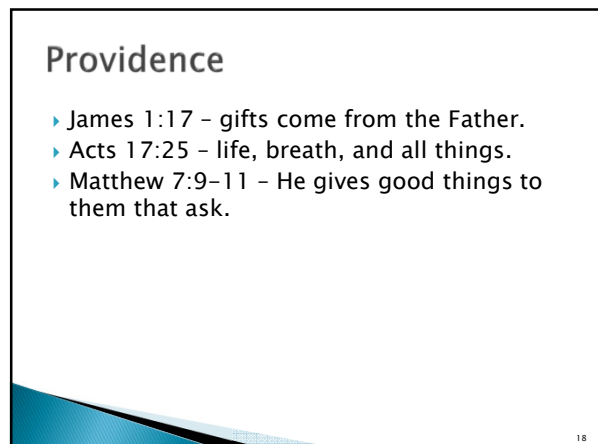
- God Is Able. *Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do **exceeding abundantly above** all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"*
- By Christ, all things consist. (*Colossians 1:17*)
 - He "upholds all things by the word of his power." *Hebrews 1:3*



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Providence

- James 1:17 – gifts come from the Father.
- Acts 17:25 – life, breath, and all things.
- Matthew 7:9-11 – He gives good things to them that ask.



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