

“The Privilege of Prayer”

Philippians 4:6-7

I. We serve a _____ God.

- A. God wants us to bring every _____ to Him in Prayer. Psalm 139
 - 1. He asks us to cast all of our cares because He cares. I Peter 5:7
 - 2. We see His heart for the hurting in Jesus Christ.
- B. God wants us to seek His _____. James 1:5-7
 - 1. If we lack wisdom in any area we can come to the Omniscient God.
 - 2. We have not only his revealed Will, but He has specific plans for us.
- C. He has gone to incredible lengths to open the _____ of communication.
 - 1. The cost of tearing the Veil was the death of Christ.
 - 2. We broke off the relationship, but he reconciles it! Hebrews 4:14-15

II. We serve a _____ God.

- A. We need to come in faith without _____. “The beginning of anxiety is the end of true faith and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.” - Mueller
 - 1. Doubt questions God’s Character.
 - God reminded Moses of His character in Exodus 2-4.
 - 2. Doubt questions God’s capability and results in limiting prayer. **2 Cor. 12:8-10**
 - How often do we advise God on how He needs to answer our prayers?
 - 3. Doubt keeps us complacent.
 - 4. Doubt can be a result of our own sinful desire for control.
- B. We can see God’s power on _____ all around us.
 - 1. We need to fix our eyes upon the amazing God that we serve.
 - 2. He can do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think. **Eph. 3:20**

III. We serve a God who provides _____.

- A. God replaces our mind’s _____ with the calm assurance of His control.
 - 1. Our anxiety can cause us to be distracted and miss God’s purpose.
 - 2. It’s not just praying about it, but surrendering control of the situation.
- B. We can rest knowing that God is at work whether we _____ it or not.
 - 1. Resting in the Lord while we wait.
 - If the request is wrong, God says, "No."
 - If the timing is wrong, God says, "Slow."
 - If you are wrong, God says, "Grow."
 - But if the request is right, the timing is right and you are right, God says, "Go!"
- C. We can walk with confidence when we are _____.