

A Privilege Unparalleled

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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A privilege is a special right, advantage, or immunity granted exclusively to a particular person or group. We believers must always keep in mind the tremendous and glorious privileges that belong to us as children of God.

1. Allowed access to God

1.1 When we pray, we are addressing our Creator (Jer. 33:3). We can enter the court of God anytime.

1.2 Prayer brings us to His presence.

- God is a friend who sticks closer than a brother (Prov. 18:24).
- Greater love has no one than to lay down one's life for one's friend (Jn. 15:13-16).

1.3 Our access is by Royal invitation

- God hears and understands our needs. He feels our hearts' cry. We can call on Him in times of distress (Ps. 50:15).

1.4 Prayer is a privilege that deserves to be exercised.

- Prayer is not just an activity; we can count on God when we have problems.

2. Available to all believers:

2.1 The Lord is far from the wicked and He hears the prayer of the righteous (Prov.15:29).

- We must never feel that we have no right as children of God.
- God is asking us to pray for all our concerns, even for broken relationships.

3. Anticipate God's answer

- Let us confidently wait for God and expect that something is going to happen.
- God has already answered us even before we have finished asking (Is. 25:1-4).

4. Achieve the Impossible

4.1 Prayer has the ability to unleash the power of God. The prayer of faith will save the sick (Jas. 5:15).

4.2 We can live impossible lives, for God's love surprises; He loves to delight us.

4.3 Never say God cannot do it. Pray for one another so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere (2 Thess. 3:1).

5. Advances the kingdom of God

5.1 Prayer helps us in addressing the King, we who are His children.

5.2 "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few" (Lk. 10:2).

6. Advertisers for God's greatness

6.1 "And the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven" (Jas. 5:15).

6.2 He delivers and rescues, He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for He has saved Daniel from the power of the lions. (Dan. 6: 27-29)

It is a privilege of every believer to go near to God in prayer. By doing so, we see God's hand in our impossible situations, when we are unable to fix things, or when all hope seems lost. Let us not wait to be caught in a dead end; God our Father is always with us, ready to hear and answer His children.

REFLECTION: When was the last time you were able to exercise your privilege as a child of God?

Grab every opportunity to exercise your privilege to approach God in prayer, for He is always listening.

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