

SO WHY BOTHER TO PRAY?

"God will accomplish all His good pleasure!" (Isaiah 46.9-11, Psalm 135.6)

Prayer acknowledges God's existence & sovereignty while confessing our weakness & dependency [giving God glory attributing good as coming from Him] *Psalm 14: note vs. 2 & 4; Psalm 115*

Prayer determines how we will be used and how things will be accomplished [Note: No doubt God determines all things yet prayer activates our involvement] *Esther 4.13-17; Daniel 9.1-3*

Prayer reveals things to us personally that we never would have seen [creating a personal awareness of an intimate God] *Psalm 138.8; Psalm 139.3,17; Jeremiah 33.3; Psalm 25.12-14*

Prayer replaces anxiety with peace [God, through prayer, gives comfort & hope before any physical change is realized] *1 Samuel 1; Psalm 56.3,4; Psalm 34.4-7; Philippians 4.6,7*

Prayer unites us with God's people & His eternal purpose & produce of & through them. [Our prayers for others deepens our relationship with them & makes us fellow workers of their ministry] *Romans 1.8-12; Ephesians 1.15-23; Philippians 1.3-11; 2 Timothy 1.3-14; Philemon 1.4-7*

Prayer demonstrates a desire to be with & serve alongside of God [Prayer allows us the privilege of working alongside of One who accomplishes complete & perfect righteousness] *John 5.17,19,20; 2 Corinthians 5.20,21; 2 Corinthians 6.1*

Prayer helps us distinguish between what is good and what is bad. [Prayer ignites an immediate response from God (ie., Daniel 9.23) thus causing us to watch with greater vigilance for His direction & best for our lives] *Proverbs 3.5,6; Acts 13.2,3; Matthew 7.6-12; James 1.16-18*