

Psalm 28 — “Praying for Help & Praising When God Answers”

The joy which answers to prayer give, cannot be described; and the impetus which they afford to the spiritual life is exceedingly great. The experience of this happiness I desire for all my Christian readers. If you believe indeed in the

Lord Jesus for the salvation of your soul, if you walk uprightly and do not regard iniquity in your heart, if you continue to wait patiently, and believingly upon God; then answers will surely be given to your prayers.

(George Mueller)

The history of missions is the history of answered prayer...it is the key to the whole missionary problem. All human means are secondary. (Samuel Zwemer)

“Never was a faithful prayer lost. Some prayers have a longer voyage than others, but then they return with their richer lading at last, so that the praying soul is a gainer by waiting for an answer.” (William Gurnall)

- **We must cling to these biblical Truths:**

- ✓ Prayer is vital to the Child of God
- ✓ God hears & answers your prayers
- ✓ God is absolutely sovereign
- ✓ God uses your prayers to work out his decrees.
- ✓ So pray, expecting God to answer; And watch & worship & thank Him when He does.

- **What does Psalm 28 teach us about prayer?**

- ✓ It is BRIEF
- ✓ It is BIBLICAL
- ✓ It is PASSIONATE
- ✓ It is SPECIFIC
- ✓ It is WORSHIPFUL

I. STARTING WITH REQUESTING: PRAYER (1-5)

✓ The simple point: *Press Into God in difficulty!*

The perspective

The persistence

The precision

✓**Lessons?**

- (1) Pray Scripturally. — Pray the Bible!
- (2) Pray Specifically. — Pray desperately, lay it all out!
- (3) Pray Trustingly. — Believe he’ll answer! Don’t get even; Give it to God!
- (4) Pray Persistently. — Don’t give up!

II. FINISHING WITH REJOICING: PRAISE (6-9)

✓The simple point: *Praise Your God in deliverance*

David prayed (v.1-5) // and **NOW** God has answered (v.6-9)...

Adoration

Affirmation

Assurance

AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRAY & CLING TO GOD'S PROMISES

Reader! if you would know how *every* desire—*every* petition—*every* prayer is met by a divine promise, study your Bible carefully; and instead of *brooding* over your cares and troubles, your sorrows and perplexities, take them at once to the mercy-seat, and you will find comfort—relief—deliverance—hope. A few examples will suffice to show what we mean by this "searching" of the Word of God. We shall first quote the supplication—the prayer of the longing soul—and then place beside it the gracious promise and encouragement of our heavenly Father.

Prayer.—"Strengthen, O God, that which you have wrought for us."

Promise.—"He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Prayer.—"O satisfy us early with your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days."

Promise.—"My people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says the Lord."

Prayer.—"Strengthen you me according unto your word."

Promise.—"I will strengthen you."

Prayer.—"Help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on you."

Promise.—"The Lord shall help them and deliver them, because they trust in him."

Prayer.—"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Promise.—"A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you."

Prayer.—"Save your people, and bless your inheritance."

Promise.—"Thus says the Lord of hosts, Behold, I will save my people."

Prayer.—"O keep my soul and deliver me."

Promise.—"I the Lord do keep it; lest any, hurt it, I will keep it night and day."

Prayer.—"Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path."

Promise.—"I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go. I will guide you with my eye."

Prayer.—"Incline your ear unto me; in the day when I call, answer me speedily."

Promise.—"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him—I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him."

Prayer.—"Make me to go in the path of your commandments, for therein do I delight."

Promise.—"I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes."

Prayer.—"My eyes are unto you, O God the Lord; in you is my trust; leave not my soul destitute."

Promise.—"He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer."

Prayer.—"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths."

Promise.—"He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

— John MacDuff

JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES

Join all the glorious names
Of wisdom, love, and power,
That ever mortals knew,
That angels ever bore:
All are too mean to speak His worth,
Too poor to set my Savior forth.

I love my Shepherd's voice,
His watchful eyes shall keep
My wand'ring soul among
The thousands of His sheep:
He feeds His flock, He calls their names,
His bosom bears the tender lambs.

Jesus, my great High Priest,
Offered His blood, and died;
My guilty conscience seeks
No sacrifice beside:
His powerful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

Now let my soul arise,
And tread the tempter down;
My Captain leads me forth
To conquest and a crown:
A feeble saint shall win the day,
Though death and hell obstruct the way.

— Isaac Watts, 1700s

Psalm 26: The Psalter

Tune: "Rise Up O Men of God" [or: A charge to keep I have]

O Lord, to Thee I cry;
Thou art my rock and trust;
O be not silent, lest I die
And slumber in the dust.

O hear me when in prayer
thy favor I entreat;
Hear, while I lift imploring hands
Before Thy mercy-seat

O let me have no part
with those that hate the right;
For as their works, so their reward:
Jehovah will requite.

But blessed be the Lord
Who hearkens when I cry;
The Lord, my strength, my help, my shield,
On Him will I rely.

His help makes glad my heart,
And songs of praise I sing;
Jehovah is His people's strength,
The strong-hold of their king.

Bless Thy inheritance,
Our Savior, be, I pray;
Supply Thou all Thy people's need,
And be their constant stay.

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*And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and **compel** them to come in, so that my house may be filled. Lk 14.23*

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