

“The Theological and Experiential Foundations For Prayer”
Ephesians 6:18, Jude 20

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 - b. It is an act of worship of our God – Ex. 15:11, 1 Chr. 29:10-13, Ps. 65:1-3
 - c. It delights our God - Luke 9:28, 1 Samuel 15:22
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3. Its Characteristics
 - a. Prayer is to be sincere - Psalm 66:16-20, Psalm 139:1-14
 - b. Prayer is to be thoughtful - Isaiah 1:18, 1 Corinthians 14:15
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 - d. Prayer is to be relational - John 17:1-6

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 - a. Prayer is a fruit and grace of salvation
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 - b. Prayer is Trinitarian-based
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