

Seeing from God's Perspective

Prayer Makes a Difference – Part 1

Full Life Community Church – January 4, 2009

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James 5:16b (NIV) The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

1. See reality from God's _____

Isaiah 55:9 (NIV) As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1A. _____ God to show you who you are

Psalm 39:4 (NIV) Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life.

1B. Ask God to show you who _____ is

Psalm 46:10 (NIV) Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

2. _____ your perspective with God's

Isaiah 30:18 (NIV) Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

2A. Acknowledge that God is in _____

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV) Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

2B. _____ your ways to God

Psalm 37:4-5 (NIV) Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him ...

3. _____ from God's perspective

Psalm 8:1 (NIV) O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

3A. _____ God's will

Isaiah 48:17b (NIV) "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

3B. _____ in God's goodness

Psalm 145:8-9 (NIV) The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Message Study Guide

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(Answer questions based on the message outline and verses)

Intro. How would you describe your experiences with prayer?

What would you like to experience in your prayer life (James 5:16)?

1A. In what ways is God's perspective higher than yours (Isaiah 55:9)?

1B. Why is an accurate understanding of who you are important for prayer (Psalm 39:4)?

1C. How could you "Be still and know that He is God" (Psalm 46:10)?

2A. In what ways is God's perspective different from your perspective (Isaiah 30:18)?

2B. Why is it difficult to acknowledge that God is in control (1 Peter 5:6-7)?

2C. How could you commit your ways to the Lord when times are difficult (Psalm 37:4-5)?

3A. What do you think it means to pray from God's perspective (Psalm 8:1)?

3B. Why should you earnestly seek God's will in prayer (Isaiah 48:17b)?

3C. How would trust in God's goodness be reflected in your prayer life (Psalm 145:8-9)?