

Prayer: The resource to please God.

“Praise the Lord!”.

“Good morning, Church”.

Welcome again to this unique Sunday service.

Today happens to be the third Sunday in the month of August.

The Month of Desires, the month of us as God's own children, in God's own house to live in the law of faith in the Grace...Where we stand as God's own children, we need to live the law of faith.

Let's understand what the law of faith is all about. This third Sunday happens to be a Revelation Sunday service.

I want to welcome all of you this morning and trust in God that by his Word we'll be transformed, and we'll be able to enjoy the beauty of his presence, enjoy the name of his grace for us to live fully in his word and enjoy the borders of everything he has made available unto us as his own children. This is the day God has made that we may rejoice and be glad in it.

I want to share some key scriptures to enable us to pray today. As I've always done. Another time of fellowship we say hello to each other if you need to have some insight to how to pray. I think that's the month that we're in, in the grace of God. And I want to share what I call “*Prayer: The resource to please God*”.

Prayer is the resource to please God. I want to please God, and I will pray. Prayer is the resource to God. I'll say it over and again that prayer is fellowship, communion

with God to enhance our relationship with him. By virtue of our salvation and our redemption in Christ Jesus we will establish a relationship with God.

We want to enjoy God's enabling and blessing. There is a need for continual fellowship, that is fellowship is prayer. And if done by the knowledge of that concept in our Christian life then prayer will be to us as just talking to God. Prayer is not talking to God. Prayer is you having communion with God. Prayer is asking a heavenly permission or asking the heaven to have an interference in your affairs, because of the purpose of God upon your life. When you know God has a purpose in your life, when you know you're a child of purpose and redemption, when you understand what God has come to do for you and I through Christ Jesus, you find that you can't do his job by yourself. By the deeds of the flesh no man can please God. You cannot satisfy God's concept of love. You can't fulfil God's purpose by our human flesh, by our human will. We are in the world, but we are not of the world. We are in the world; we are not of the world. The world has a system, the way they run their world. But we who are in the world, we are in a mission with God for a purpose in the world. That is why we need a heavenly commission to do the Lord's business. Previously, you have to take some grocery shops of multinational or multi-company grocery shops owned by different people. As much as each of them are grocery shops they are not run by the same laws or by the same rules. They have some basic understanding of each other but each of them has the way their shops are set because if one shop has a different setting of their business the other shop has a different setting of their business. You don't say as I am employed in this business where I was coming from, this is how they do it. They do it that way. No. They have got their own principle. They have got their own philosophy of doing their job. If you

want to be able to work for God and fulfil God's purpose, you have to understand that God has his own principle and that gets it done. The prayer is the resource to please God. Prayer is a resource to please God.

You have to take advantage of every opportunity you have to pray. A man called Spurgeon put it this way, "Prayer will help you to pray. You are not going to have the opportunity again. And he said pray even when there is no opportunity to pray". You don't know what's about to happen. What's going to happen? What's going to hinder you from praying? You fight for your faith, Walk through that process. When it appears, you can't pray, you make effort, you endeavour to make progress. Then see that you pray. Prayer is a resource of answers that comes to us in our needs. Prayer is the way, it is a resource to please God to have answers to our prayers. Scripture said in the book of **2 Timothy chapter 2** I read **verse 3** if you have time, you can read from **verse 1**. In the Book of 2 Timothy Apostle Paul was speaking to Timothy in the church which he was overseeing as a Bishop, And he said this to him in the scripture "*thou endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that wareth and entangleth himself with the affairs of his father, he may please him who has chosen him to be a soldier*".

You see, when you get born of God, your life is defined with purpose. We are predestined to succeed. We are predestined to achieve. We are predestined to become. We are predestined to fulfill our purpose with God. In us is inbuilt a default of grace in our life. By the virtue of being born of God, having this word that holds belief in us we are a carrier of our life. We are a carrier of our opportunities. We are a carrier of our destiny. We are a carrier of all that makes us to be what God wants

us to become in life. They are all inbuilt in us. **Everything about those four concepts inside the four to fulfil purpose.** In us, is a default to please he who has called us.

We are called to a place of fellowship. In **1 Corinthians 1:9**, *“God is faithful who has called us to the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ”*. God is faithful who has called us to the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ. We are called to a place of prayer, a place of fellowship, a place of communion, a place of worship. Paul is saying here that no man who wareth entangleth himself with affairs of his life, with the system of this world, with the styles of this world, that to be able to fulfil and make them believe in him, they have called him to be his disciple. We are called a militant spiritual army of God. God wants us to please him. You know what, as a Pastor, whatever I'm doing, it's not pleasing God, I am wasting my time. In Christian life, our calling, our purpose, whatever you need for as a child of God, it's to please God. **That was one of my greatest. That was in Revelation 4:11** *“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created”*.

Our life is designed to please God. The act of followership is to please God. When you please God, you have resolved in your Christian life. You sin against God, praise him, and you say, God, I'm sorry. And when God hears and sees a repentant heart, you are pleasing God. **They have the heart to repent of their sins.** He forgives you. You can see in you an attitude of repentance. When you sin, you come to God to show you blessings. And when you don't, when you walk away when you know you have sinned, you don't please God. **Paul said, If any man say they broke up their speech and now they have to forgive his sins.**

He said, He said in **verse 10** of that scripture, the word of God is not at work in your life. God's words are working in your life as a child. When you sin, the heart of conviction of the Holy Spirit to repent. An act of repentance to pray to God is a way, a resource to please God. God will not cast you away but receive you back as a child. For he knows under the sun that sometimes you will be stirred as a new child. Because the born-again believer, spiritually free, does not plan to sin against God. The non-believer, who in nature is not born of God, is just a sin as a normal thing. But the child of God does not plan to sin. But if any man falls in, the blood of Christ speaks on your behalf for mercy and forgiveness. But when you have a heart that's out to repent God will receive you back. When God has forgiven you, he has forgiven you. So, prayer is a resource to that. Or you are in a great need. You know that you are in a great need. Remember how Jesus Christ teaches us how to pray, says when you pray, in **Luke 11:1**, "*Teach you how to pray. We'll see you pray and get things out. So, when you pray, pray in this way. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*". Give us, supply us the need for the daily need, the weekly need, the monthly need, the yearly need of our lives. Prayer is to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ. Then our repentance is to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ. That was in the Scriptures **Acts 20:20-21**. I have taught you all publicly and privately in **Acts 21**. How you repent towards God and faith in God Jesus Christ. There is no other name other than heaven given among men, weary, weak, and sick. Because he is the only mediator between God and man. **1 Timothy 2:5**. He is the only mediator between God and man. No man has the monopoly of God. No man, if you see anybody who

is going to become who makes you feel he has the monopoly of God. Run! Make no God of any man.

When you have God, you have access to God. No God has the monopoly of God. In Christ Jesus. We are all redeemed by the same blood. You see, Jesus Christ saw Zacchaeus. He said, Zacchaeus, come down. He saw the blind Bartimeus. Bartimeus, come up. Every one of them on the same grace. The rich Zacchaeus said, come down, Come down to where grace is. Bartimeus, come up. He said, let everyone breathe. **Everyone said the same thing.** There is nothing like special grace for anyone. Nobody has the monopoly of God. You can pray to God. You don't have to wait till you see me or see your partner. You can commune with God. In fellowship. God prays every so often. Whatever I need that. God knows you have a need for something. But he asks you to pray. He says, when you pray. That is how Jesus Christ persists. He says, when you pray. God may have a need; he wants a place of fellowship and communion. When you pray to see. To see as a son. Make the phone call to their mother. I ask for my children on the phone. When they call me, I feel so pleased and satisfied to hear my children's voice, who have left home. I call them now. How are you doing? How are my grandchildren doing? I call my daughter. Fellowship is a healthy relationship_double praise_ the Lord is a resource of strength just as the Bible says in the scriptures in **Proverbs 16:7** "*When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him*".

You want your enemies to walk on your behalf you want the angels to push your enemies instead of walking against you, walking for you just please God do not let that touch the Jew of you we want to burn our energy chasing the devil, chasing Satan we see devil and demon in everything in the food we eat where we walk

everywhere there is a devil there is a demon there is a devil in everything we think devil is responsible for everything devil is not everywhere listen to that if you think that our flesh has cursed us, that we need to discipline our flesh, we call the devil into it and devil answers they are calling in that house of threats they are calling in that environment they are calling down on that street on that road devil is not there, for real devil has never been present he has never been omni-science he has never been a omni-present only God is, when a man says please God I was talking to Timothy that he might please him that's called him ,when a man's way pleases God a man's path pleases God you see he makes you think and you need to be at peace. God will lift up his thunder they will be afraid to cross because of God's presence and God's grace upon your life. That's what prayer does. Please God! It's a resource for you when you please God, it's a new burning energy, burning your strength taking up the devil and demons, you will be enjoying God's presence as the Bible says in the book of **Psalms 16:11** "*in His presence there is a fullness of joy and His right hand is a pleasure forevermore*". You spend time enjoying God's presence_ hallelujah! What a joy to enjoy God's presence, to enjoy the fullness of His presence, to sing hallelujah in His presence with that strength because you are pleasing God. The Bible tells us in the scriptures in the book of **Hebrews 11:6** "*Without faith it's impossible to please God, he that comes to God must believe that the Lord is a rewarder to them who will diligently seek him*". Without faith it's impossible to please God, he that comes to God must believe that the Lord rewards all who diligently seek him. You want God to reward you, you want God to answer your prayers, you want God to come your way with answers. I'm not afraid prayer is not afraid prayer is your faith doing God's will and God's will without faith. God always says we live in the

days of wisdom, we don't live in the days of man, we live in the days of manner to fall, for evil they're not born again, they're not spirit filled, they don't know God, they don't know God the Father, they don't know God Almighty, they don't know God Almighty in the Old Testament. They need an in between, the Priest, the Prophet, can you believe that? to pray a middle man will fall for that but in redemption in the name of Jesus we have God the Father, Christ has revealed the Father to us so pray to the Father in the name of Jesus, but the Father God is Almighty and what is the difference in that? so when you pray in this manner, I will help you in the Father that's how you pray while in heaven that day and week will be met and yearning will be met with the sheer inheritance of the beloved Christ. Let's make prayer a life, consciously or unconsciously you pray, you pray in the spirit, I'm not talking about making noise, that's not prayer it's like the neighbour will know you're praying or a nearby person will know you're praying they'll be shocked that you're praying in their street that means the Bible says on the saloon with your head, you're praying in the street you live a life of His presence in you they are not abiding persons at all saying His presence is a fullness of joy so I will show you the path of life I will show you the way of life, the path of life I will show you man's way, man's path to His God to make His enemy to walk on His path to be at peace with Him I'm going to say in the scriptures I will show you the way, the path of life in my presence is a fullness of joy in my right hand is a pleasure forevermore .

Christ is a resource to please God, He's a resource to make the advantage of communion, to express communion and enhance relationships. You find out that those people that are your friends speak to you regularly they know more about what's going on in your life, they got time to see if they can they got everything there

available for you to examine you have a lot of friends around you they don't even know what's going on in your life, when you speak to them regularly, when you talk to them regularly when you laugh with them they understand how things are with you, they can peer through to any phase of your life, they can be there it's available as it should be. When you spend quality time with God, opportunity appears to you, you enjoy His abundance of blessings and His blessings change that make prayer, it's not a joke God is not a wicked person if you don't see God's prayers as important we don't make prayers as important, we don't pray God will sweep me God will give me a latch and give me a wing that's not the God we serve you see one of the great things about salvation is that we don't make ourselves big it's God that makes us big.

St. Paul says sanctify me through your word for your world to hear God's word is sanctified make cause for God that's the difference between the Christian faith and every other religion in the world that's why Christianity is not a religion the life of God in Christ Jesus it's not that you try to make yourself happy and start living on the level of a very holy, righteous, pure person you can't make yourself pure before God. Man's righteousness is a free therapy for God. It's what Jesus has done by His blood on our behalf. Faith in what He's done and redemption brings the liberation we need as God's children to enjoy God's presence. Everything we do is mechanical, I have the flesh but also by the deeds of the flesh, no man is God. Let me show you what Paul was speaking about this morning in this regard of prayer first is the letter to **Paul, verse 1** *“finally furthermore, then, we beseech you brethren and exhort you by the Lord Jesus that you have received of us how you ought to walk and to please God till you are bound more and more”*. Now I want to read from **Amplified** version of the Bible *“finally, believers, we ask and admonish you in the Lord Jesus that you*

follow the instruction that you receive from us by how you ought to walk, and unto, please God till that you are actually doing that you are serving more and more pursuing a life of purpose and living with the expressive gratitude to God for your salvation". All you need to walk in the path of your redemption to please God, Paul is talking about this already. Walk in the path, you can't make yourself pure, you can't make yourself holy it's of God, it's God that make us holy, makes us pure, makes us righteous, it's God that defines us, so let's please God. All things will work together for our good because we please God, when joy is present, life is about pleasing God to die for the Lord, you will die for God created all things the earth, and we are created for your salvation we are created for God's sake please God. That's why I always say to people if you only want to pray whether it be about finance, marriage, relationship business, career, leadership whatever it is find a spiritual context for that prayer before you begin to pray, don't go and just be mouthing words up and down don't make noise and vibrations and shaking because you are praying, find scriptures. In the old creation, there was no bible there was no written word of God they had to rely to hear from God by the Prophet or the Priest to guide them to God or the Psalmist to give them a song of goodness, there was no written word of God, so they were not born again, there was no ritual of God, but we are born again, we are spiritual, we have the ritual of God to share the mind of God, the testament of God, the covenant of God, the will of God, the way of God, the path of God, find a contact in the scriptures and speak God's word back to him, take his word to him. there was three mutual things that he watched for God to lie he took a look God will not lie to his name, God will never lie to his word, he is bound by his word, he is wholly bound by his word and by his name_ find a context of the scriptures.

You please God when you take his word alone in your prayers, because the faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God and we act by faith, we live by faith, we please God by faith, no words, and no faith, you can't please God. Take his word in that prayer, that need, **that desire you have put in your personal or in a corporate or in a public you are so passionate about**, take the word of God along. God is pleased in his word. God is bound by his word, God lives in his word, God breathes in his word it is a resource, so please God we pray to you today open your heart, open your spirit, so you may enjoy God you may imagine some people pray to Jesus, pray to him they say do you believe I will heal you? They say yes, I come into your faith. Become what you believe, become it take his word and let the word of God make you to become the gospel, so today, when you pray, the word prayer is communion with God, prayer is fellowship with God; prayer is God and it helps to enhance the relationship to smoothen it, to refresh it, to rekindle it, to rejuvenate it to keep it alive. Show a relationship where the wife and the husband are always in communion, no matter what might be different, but they are always in communication, I will tell you it's right there the word communion is in play to one another, each other, I will tell you. It's **Philemon 1:6** "*That the communication of our faith might be effective, productive, result orientated, by acknowledging of every good thing done in us in Christ Jesus*". Every good thing done in us in Christ Jesus.

Today what has God done in you in Christ Jesus? What do you think that God has done in you in Christ Jesus? I want you to find the answer today. That desire, that prayer, I want you to pray about right now. Is it marriage? What does the scripture say about that marriage? Or, you have indifference, you have a fight with God. What does God say you should do? The Bible says, if any of you are hungry, feed him, if

you are thirsty, give a drink. Wow, yes. Please God. Please God. If you greet only those who you know, you love, what's the difference between you and the unbelievers? Now, look at the scripture, **Mark 6:8-48** It says," *Be you mature, be you perfect. As your father who is always perfect. Only greet those who greet you*".

What's the difference between you and unbelievers? It says, feed your enemies. It says, if your vengeance is small, I will fight for you, but feed your enemies, give them water, when they are thirsty. It says, **Romans 25:21-22** Please God. See, when you pray, it's a resource to please God, and you see what God will do on your behalf. He will fight your battle, He will meet your needs, He will solve your life, He will change every cause from darkness to light, He will make you enjoy His presence, For in His presence is the fullness of joy, and His heart is full of righteousness and pleasures for evermore. God, make you be obsessed with Him, enjoy the fullness that comes from Him. So, I'm going to pray. I want to commune with God. You want to commune and feed to God this morning. In fellowship. The fellowship of faith. The fellowship in communication. The sharing of faith. I want to share with God this morning. To find the scriptures of everything that Christ has done in you. They are concerns for you in every field of human life. They are going to help you, be it finance, be it relationship, be it career, Be it job, Be it leadership, Name it. You are having a challenge, and you need God's intervention this morning. I see a miracle, I see salvation, I see deliverance, I see answers that come from God, Because I know one thing about God. He loves you. He cares for you. Now, I know He loves me, He cares for me, He told me in the scripture **Revelation 1:5-6** He said, to Him that loved us, And washed us by His blood, And redeemed us, He redeemed us, He loved us, He washed us by His blood. What else can I ask of God? He loves me and washed

me by His blood, He redeemed me, He renowned me. To be redeemed means to be renowned. He renowned me back to Himself. What's the greatest blessing in life? To be renowned back to your maker.

A sinner heading to hell. He renowned me. Redeemed me. To be redeemed means to be renowned back to God. He renowned me back to Himself. What a joy! What a joy!

Prayers

Open your heart today. That the next prayer session. You'll pray for the scriptures. Of every good thing God has done in you. To take the time to look into the scriptures. Definitely through the prayers of the scriptures. The scriptures of everything you can pray about this morning. I believe God answers you. God thank you this morning for the sharing of your word. You have a heart that is open to know that prayer is a resource to receive. In every phase of my life. When I have seen forgiveness. Or blessedness coming to us. In our area of brilliant life. I pray today. Our heart will know. That prayer is to enhance our relationship with Him. In Christ Jesus. Thank you God this morning. For sharing your word. In the next phase of prayer today. May you be glorified and magnified Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

End of Prayers

When I'm back for the prayer session. I'm going to tell you a good deal. I'm going to share those with you.

God bless you. I love you this morning. Shalom.