

# A Discourse of Closet Prayer

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THE VITAL  
IMPORTANCE  
OF PRIVATE  
PRAYER



THE SECRET KEY TO  
**HEAVEN**




*"But when you pray, go into your room,  
close*

*the door and pray to your Father, who is  
unseen.*

*Then your Father, who sees what is done in  
secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:6*

**Twenty arguments to persuade you to closet prayer**



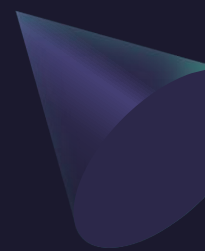



**1. The most eminent saints,  
both in the Old and New  
Testament, have applied  
themselves to private prayer.**







**2. Consider, when Christ was on earth, he did much exercise himself in secret prayer.**



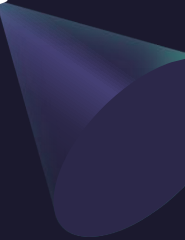


**3. Consider that the ordinary exercising of yourselves in secret prayer, is that which will distinguish you from hypocrites.**



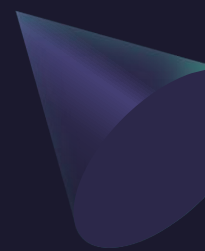


**4. In secret we may more freely, and fully, and safely unbosom our souls to God than we can in the presence of others.**



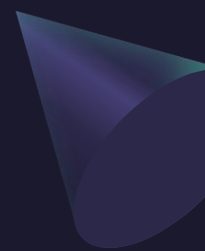


**5. Secret duties shall have  
open rewards.**





**6. God has usually  
manifested himself most to  
his people when they have  
been in secret.**







**7. Consider the time of this life is the only time for private prayer.**





**8. Consider the great  
prevalency of secret prayer.**





**9. Secret duties are the most soul-enriching duties.**





**10. Take many things  
together.**

