



**Session 34**

**Topic**

Prayer Part 2

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We see here the importance of **Romans 12:1-2** (real surrender in our lives, so that ultimately we can prove what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God (*The Father*) for our lives.

That then brings **Psalm 37:4** into perspective. If we are surrendered, being transformed (changed) by the renewing (renovating) of our minds, God's desires become our desires, but more in particular, **His will** becomes our desire.

*Hmmm!* Maybe we have a clue here why we don't at times get answers to prayer. No matter how good something may seem to be, and how much we desire to do something for God, if the answer is "No", there is a good chance we are asking amiss.

We see from this that the Father is very much part of our prayer life as we naturally know is the case.

**Stop and think for a moment. If we can really get hold of what we have just thought about it will help us to develop our relationship with The Lord as He desires us to do.**

**Also, Genesis 2:19** shows that the LORD God brought to \_\_\_\_\_ every beast of the field and every fowl of the air for \_\_\_\_\_ to name them. It also shows that whatever Adam named them, that was the name of them.

What can we understand from this? Adam in his sinless state had the same mind as the Lord. For us, Paul wrote in **Philippians 2:5**, " Let this \_\_\_\_\_ be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"

As we have already thought about, Adam and Eve had the kind of relationship in the presence of God that the Lord has given us the ability to also have, and does desire to have with you and I.

This, if you really think about it, *shows the importance of a good personal relationship* with the Lord by means of our prayer life, especially for those who have any kind of ministry, so that He can more easily lead us down the path He wants in our lives.

**C). A difference between the relationship of Adam & Eve and ourselves.**

Now, there is an obvious difference between the believers now, and Adam and Eve before the fall in the garden. Adam and Eve before the fall had no \_\_\_\_\_, and therefore no \_\_\_\_\_, whereas you & I (though saved), still have \_\_\_\_\_ (Galations 5).

Understand though, Adam and Eve were not sealed by the Holy Spirit (and didn't need to be, as they had no sin before the fall), but you and I are sealed by the Spirit (& must always be, as the Lord has given us Eternal Life, hence that need).

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So, the \_\_\_\_\_ is not only vital in relation to our Eternal Security, but also for our relationship with God, for which our primary means of developing that relationship is prayer.

Adam and Eve in their sinless state, therefore had the fruit of the Spirit (the love, joy and peace of God inwardly) without hindrance.

**Galatians 5:16** however speaks loud and clear to us these words: ***“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”***

You and I with our sinful old nature must therefore truly grasp the reality of **Galatians 5:16** in relation to our prayer life, seeing the Holy Spirit makes intercession for our infirmities (our feebleness and frailties due to our old nature).

If we yearn to have a Spirit filled life, victory over our old nature, and have the inward fruit of love, joy and peace as much as possible, how vital it is to grasp that our prayer life is the key to that being achieved.

I realise that the Word of God is also the Lord’s way of communicating with us to lead, reprove, rebuke, to instruct in righteousness etc....., but a poor relationship on our part with the Lord through a shallow prayer life, will not result in much, or deep fruit in our time in the Word.

#### **4. Conclusion**

**James 2:23** shows that Abraham was called the “Friend of God”. He was one of those rare people in the Old Testament that experienced seeing the Son of God in His Old Testament form.

He had a special relationship with God, so much so that he was called the “Friend of God”. Why the Lord had it stated with a capital “F”, I know not, but one thing for sure, it shows the depth of the relationship he had with God.

Considering we have the advantage of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, how is our relationship with the Lord when we can go into His literal presence at any time?

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