

4Ws TRUE PRAYER **PRAY IN AWE OF GOD!**



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WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: This is the Day, Great Things, Our God, Indescribable, Majestic, Who Am I

WELCOME

What is the most “awesome” moment in your life the past week?

WORD

2 SAMUEL 7:18-22 (David’s prayer)

18 Then David the king went in and sat before the Lord, and he said, “Who am I, O Lord [a]God, and what is my house, that You have brought me this far? 19 And yet this was insignificant in Your eyes, O Lord God, for You have spoken also of the house of Your servant concerning the distant future. And this is the [b]custom of man, O Lord God. 20 Again what more can David say to You? For You know Your servant, O Lord God! 21 For the sake of Your word, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness to let Your servant know. 22 For this reason You are great, O Lord God; for there is none like You, and there is no God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Is it possible that sometimes we treat God as a “vending machine”, and prayer the “coins” we put into the machine to get what we want, how we want it? However, prayer doesn’t work that way or is for that purpose. As E.M. Bounds said, *“Prayer honors God, acknowledges His being, exalts His power, adores His providence, secures His aid.”* Jesus gave us the pattern for prayer and one of the principles we learn from that is to focus on God’s agenda first. Only after that do we bring our petitions and secure His aid. True prayer is...1-Our access to God through Jesus. 2- A relationship with God as Father. 3-Talking and listening to God. 4-Worship. 5-About His kingdom agenda. 6-Submission to His will. 7-Presenting our needs. **2 SAMUEL 7:18-22** shows us that the PATTERN of David’s prayer revealed the POSTURE of his heart before God. David shows us to pray in AWE of GOD! To do that, we must learn to meditate on...

God’s Amazing blessings

Have you been blessed by God, and are you amazed by His blessings? Even in difficult times, have you seen His blessings on your life? When we pray in awe, we recall the amazing works of God from the day we were born up to this day.

“Count Your Blessings” (by Johnson Oatman, Jr.) is a classic hymn that tell us that when we count our blessings, do not be generic --- be specific! This is especially needed when we experience *“life’s billows”* and we are *“tempest-tossed”*; when we are discouraged, *“thinking that all is lost”*. David expressed being overwhelmed by God’s goodness to him as he “sat” before the Lord and asked the Lord, “who am I...what is my house, that You have brought me this far?” (**2 Samuel 7:18**). To “sit” before the Lord carries the same idea as “abiding” in Him, planting ourselves firmly in the presence of God; to settle yourself in quietness before God so you can hear from Him clearly. David was remembering something that happened in the past (**2 Samuel 5:4-5**). At the time David prayed this prayer, he was already king over all Israel. God spoke to David through the prophet Nathan that God will make him ruler over His people; from “following the sheep”, to leading the nation of Israel. God cut off all David’s enemies and promised that He will make his name great (**2 Samuel 7:8-9**). God reminded David where he came from (a shepherd) to the throne (as king). David’s life had it’s up and down, but through it all, God preserved David. How far has the Lord brought you? Where were you before you came into a relationship with Jesus? Who am I, that I should be God’s child? Who am I to receive God’s great blessings in my life?

Who you are because of Jesus	
THEN	NOW
Sinner	SAINT! 1 Corinthians 1:2
Lost	FOUND! Luke 15:24
Darkness	LIGHT! Ephesians 5:8
Dead	ALIVE! Ephesians 2:1-5
Spiritual pauper	ROYAL PRIEST! 1 Peter 2:9

God’s Wonderful promises

As we look forward, knowing and remembering the

promises of God in His word, the Bible, can help us pray in awe of Him. David was awed by how God treated him in the past, and 10x David referred to himself as “Your servant”. But David was also amazed with the promises of God to him for the future (**2 Samuel 7:19-21**). God promised David that He will build the house of David, a dynasty that will last forever (**2 Samuel 7:4-7, 11-13**). The LORD promised that David’s son, Solomon will be the one who will build God’s house, not David. God promised that He will be a father to Solomon, and will discipline him if he sins, yet will not remove His love from Solomon like He did from king Saul (**2 Samuel 7:14-15**). You may be deeply concerned about the world your family is growing up in. But who can better take care of our children and grandchildren than God (**Psalms 100:5**)? That’s why it’s so important to know God’s promises from His word!

Samples of God’s Promises	
When burdened with the guilt of sin	1 John 1:9 – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive...
When your heart is troubled	John 14:27 – “My peace I give to you...Do not let your heart be troubled...”
When feeling lost	Psalms 32:8 – “I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go...”
When needing help	Hebrews 4:16 – Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne...and find grace to help in time of need.
When disappointed with yourself	Philippians 1:6 – He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
When lonely	Matthew 28:20 – “I am with you always even to the end of the age.”

Do you wonder what your future will be like? *“The future is as bright as the promises of God.”* – Adoniram Judson.

God’s Everlasting character

Finally, what God did (blessings in the past), what God promises (blessings in the future) is all because of God’s everlasting character.

The focus of David’s prayer was God’s character, who God is (**2 Samuel 7:22**). What have you heard about God from His word? Immerse yourself in God’s character through the Bible. The magnitude of the visible universe has 100 billion galaxies with billions of stars in each galaxy. Yet the God who created all these knows each of us by name (**Isaiah 43:1**)! The Bible tells us that we are His masterpiece (workmanship), we are not “accidents” (**Ephesians 2:10**).

The most amazing promise of God to David was about an everlasting kingdom (**2 Samuel 7:16**). This was not about Solomon, it was about Jesus, the Messiah and King, David’s descendant (**Matthew 1:1, 5-6,16**)! Today, our purpose as God’s children is to let the world know about Jesus. Tell others of God’s amazing blessings and promises and His everlasting character!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. What are some of God's greatest blessings in your life? How do these help you pray in awe of Him?
2. What are some of God's most meaningful promises to you? How do these help you pray in awe of Him?
3. What aspects of God's character are most important to you and why?

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray that more and more people here and around the world will be in awe of God and learn to pray in awe of Him. Recount specific blessings you've received from Him and share about His promises and character to those around you. Tell them about Jesus, our Savior and the promised everlasting King.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God's Word.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented.
- For the rest of the Israeli hostages to be restored to their families safely. For Israel's war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory.
- Pray for Jewish people worldwide who are experiencing a surge of antisemitism; may this lead them to the Messiah, Jesus as they turn to God for help and comfort.
- For protection of Iranian, Syrian and Lebanese Christians and other minorities, and freedom from oppression. Pray for the gospel to spread rapidly throughout their region.
- Pray for Sudan and persecuted Christians there; earnestly seek God's intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God's word and His

people bring them comfort and hope.

- Earthquake victims in Burma, Thailand, other countries.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God, and make disciples
- For elders, pastors, deacons, and families to become holy, humble, harmonious, happy, and heart-working)
- For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

MEMORY VERSE

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