



**Our Great High Priest
Following Jesus in Prayer (Part-9)
Sunday August 13, 2023**

As we journey through this study on “Following Jesus in Prayer”, we will reflect on each of these 8 aspects of prayer. We trust that there will be much learning and growth in each of our personal prayer lives:

- 1) *Praying in secret*
- 2) *A pattern for personal prayer*
- 3) *Believing prayer*
- 4) *Persistent prayer*
- 5) *Prayer of submission and surrender*
- 6) *Intercessory prayer*
- 7) *Jesus’ teaching on prayer*
- 8) *His present ministry – our great High Priest*

We have observed the Lord Jesus engaging in intercessory prayer during His earthly ministry. What is so amazing is that even after His ascension to the Father’s right hand, the Lord Jesus continues to intercede for us. What is He interceding for? How can we receive the benefits of His intercession for us?

HE DECLARES US FREE OF CONDEMNATION

Romans 8:33-34

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Romans 8 begins with the bold declaration that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ. Even if there are those who may try to charge us and condemn us, the resurrected, glorified Christ as the right hand of God, defends us. He speaks for us, on our behalf and declares us completely free from guilt, shame and condemnation.

So when satan, the devil, the accuser brings any kind of accusation or condemnation against you in your mind, remember that the Lord Jesus declares you as justified through His blood.

HE ASSISTS US

Hebrews 2:17-18



17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

As our merciful and faithful High priest, the Lord Jesus aids us when we are tempted. To aid literally means to run to the aid of those who cry for help. The word 'tempted' means both 'tested' as in facing hardships and trials, and also 'tempted' as in inducements to do evil. As our High Priest, He aids us by strengthening us to overcome, by guiding us out of situations, by keeping us from evil, by giving us wisdom in knowing how to avoid or come out of trials and temptations. All we have to do is to call out to Him for help.

HE IS THE HIGH PRIEST OF OUR CONFESSION

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word 'confession' literally means to say the same thing or to speak in agreement with. So in this context, the word 'confession' is anything we say in agreement with Jesus and His Word. The Lord Jesus stands as the apostle (representative) and High Priest (intercessor) of our confession. Since our confession is being represented in heaven, we can hold on to it firmly, without wavering. We also approach the throne of grace with confidence, knowing we will obtain mercy and grace.

HE IS THE GUARANTEE OF THE NEW COVENANT

Hebrews 7:22

by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.



As our High Priest in heaven, the Lord Himself stands as a guarantee of the New Covenant. So there is no way that God's covenant to you will fail.

HE SAVES TO THE UTTERMOST

Hebrews 7:23-28

23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.

24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Therefore **He is also able to save to the uttermost** those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.**

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

He can save (Greek 'sodzo' which includes forgiveness, salvation, healing, deliverance, protection) to the end, the farthest extent because He lives to make intercession for us.

SUMMARY

As our great High Priest, Jesus today represents us before the throne of God.

He declares us free of condemnation.

He assists us.

He is the High Priest of our confession.

He is the guarantee of the New Covenant.

He saves to the uttermost.

Each of these five activities of Jesus as our High Priest affects our life of prayer on earth. We can approach God free of guilt, shame and condemnation. We can overcome trials and temptations, as we pray. He can be bold and firm in our confession. We can come boldly to receive mercy and grace. We can rest assured that His covenant with us will not fail. We know He saves us to the uttermost.

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Romans 8:33-34; Hebrews 2:17-18; Hebrews 3:1; Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 7:22-28*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

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Discuss how each of these five activities of the Lord Jesus as our High Priest, mentioned above, empowers our prayer life here on earth.

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

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MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

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SERMON OUTLINE

Prayer is an opportunity for us to partner with God to see His Kingdom come and His will be established here on earth. In this sermon series “Following Jesus in Prayer”, we examine the life, the practices, and teachings of Jesus in 8 important aspects of prayer: 1) Praying in secret, 2) A pattern for personal prayer, 3) Believing prayer, 4) Persistent prayer, 5) Prayer of submission and surrender, 6) Intercessory prayer, 7) Jesus’ teaching on prayer, 8) His present ministry – our great High Priest. Expect your prayer life to be enriched and strengthened as we learn to develop our prayer lives based on prayer life of Jesus Himself.

In Part-9 of this sermon series, in “Our Great High Priest” we discover that as our great High Priest, Jesus today represents us before the throne of God.

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Each of these five activities of our Lord Jesus as our great High Priest, empowers our life of prayer, here on earth.

KEYWORDS

prayer, intercession, intercessory prayer, Jesus our intercessor, Jesus our High Priest, pray like Jesus, the prayer life of Jesus, sermon, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

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