

CAYA Series – “Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer”

INTRODUCTION

THE FOUNDATION OF PRAYER

Gen 1:26-27 – Relationship defined between what the Creator intended and desired with man. By these words, the Creator defined the boundaries of His right to equally influence and interfere in the earth realm.

FOUR PRINCIPLES:

- 1.** God’s purpose is more important than our plans – **Prov. 19:21-22**
 - *His purpose is His will and intent, which He Himself will fulfill. His commitment to fulfill His purpose will never be at the expense of violating His spoken or written word.*
- 2.** God has placed His Word above even Himself – **Ps 119:89-90; Ps 138:2-3**
 - *The Word of God is not just the law for man, for it is also called the “the Law of God.” God places His Word above Himself, submitting Himself to the dictates of His own Word. When God speaks, He Himself is willfully obligated to obey His own Word.*
- 3.** God will never violate or break His word
- 4.** God’s holiness is the foundation of His integrity and faithfulness

Why is this important? It is these precepts that make prayer necessary. What does this mean to you?

GOD CREATED SEVEN PRIMARY LAWS

- 1.** The legal authority to dominate earth was given to mankind only.
- 2.** God did not include Himself in the legal authority structure over the earth.
- 3.** Man became the legal steward of the earth domain.

4. Man is a spirit with a physical body; therefore, only spirits with physical bodies can legally function in the earth realm. Nothing will happen in the earth realm without the active or passive permission of man, who is its legal authority.
5. Any spirit without a body is illegal on earth.
6. Any influence or interference from the supernatural realm on earth is only legal through mankind. The Creator and the heavenly beings cannot interfere in the earth realm without the cooperation or permission of mankind.
7. God Himself, who is a Spirit without a physical body, made Himself subject to this law. God must obtain the agreement and cooperation of a person for whatever He desires to do in the earth.

WHAT IS PRAYER?

- Prayer is man giving God the legal right and permission to interfere in earth's affairs.
- Prayer is man giving heaven earthly license to influence earth.
- Prayer is terrestrial license for celestial interference.
- Prayer is man exercising his legal authority on earth to invoke heaven's influence on the planet.

Examples: *Noah, Abraham, Moses, Daniel, Joshua, Esther, Jesus*

Prayer is **not** an option **but a necessity!** We must take responsibility for the affairs of the earth and pray. You are the faith channel for heavenly influence in earth's affairs. Heaven needs you to give it license to impact earth. **You can make a difference!**

[Individual/Small Group Activity]

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INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

1. Do you feel prayer is necessary? Why or Why not?
2. What is prayer?
3. Is prayer a part of your life? Yes/No
4. Why do you pray? Why don't you pray?
5. What do you hope to learn and accomplish through this prayer series? What is your expectation?
6. Praying is more than us presenting our to-do list to God, it is the power to influence earth from heaven. Do you agree with this statement; why or why not?