

## Sermon Questions

10-4-2015

### “Prayer and the Character of God”

#### Main Point

We are now moving into a new series on prayer, yet this in many ways is an extension of our “worship” series. Just as worship is a response to God, so is prayer. Just as worship is a response of the heart, so is prayer. Much of worship culminates itself in the form of prayer. When it comes to prayer we must understand the source and foundation of the power of prayer, before we can say we are powered by prayer. And that source and foundation is God, His nature and character. The biblical understanding of God is that He is Sovereign; total control and providentially works out all things to accomplish His purposes.

#### Discussion

What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Explain

Read 2 Samuel 7:18-28

#### Questions

In what way is prayer a culmination of worship?

Looking at the list of questions about prayer, which one fits your life with?

Do you have questions that you could add to the list?

What do we know about God that helps us in answering our hard questions about prayer?

What do you think it is important to begin with God and his nature to answer our questions?

Why in 2 Samuel 7 does David use “Sovereign LORD” so frequently in his prayer?

What does it mean that God is sovereign?

What does it mean that God is all-powerful?

How do you become more aware of His Sovereignty?

What do you think of this statement: “*Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; but taking hold of God's willingness.*”?

Do you agree with the statement that “*the purpose of prayer is intimacy with God*”.

Think and explain a time when you needed to rely on God's power.

#### Application

What do I do with what I learned through the lesson?

What issue in life am I facing that I need to appealed to and be reminded of God's Sovereignty?

We heard about George Muller, what would people say about my prayer life?

How will this study affect this upcoming week?

#### Memory Verse

***2 Samuel 7:22 “How great You are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like You, and there is no God but You, as we have heard with our own ears.”***