



If God is Sovereign, Why Pray?

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We are in a series answering a few big questions that both believers and seekers will ask. Jesus reminds us pray to our Father in heaven, that His kingdom would come to earth as in heaven. He recognized God's authority and supremacy. That should motivate us to pray!

1. Prayer works because God is in Control

God "makes everything work out according to His plan." Ephesians 1:11b (NLT)

Proverbs 19:21

Proverbs 16:1

2. Prayer works because God is Willing

Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

3. Prayer works because God Knows what is Best

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us —

whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of Him. 1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)

Jesus prayed, "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Luke 22:42 (NLT)

Five Prayer Limiters:

1. Stones and Snakes aren't good for me Matthew 7:9-10
2. Sometimes we don't like the Answer
3. Sometimes we're Unavailable
4. Sometimes we have Blockages

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that He will not hear. Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7 (NIV)

5. Sometimes God makes us Wait Psalm 27:14

Application