

# WORD WORSHIP IN PRAYER

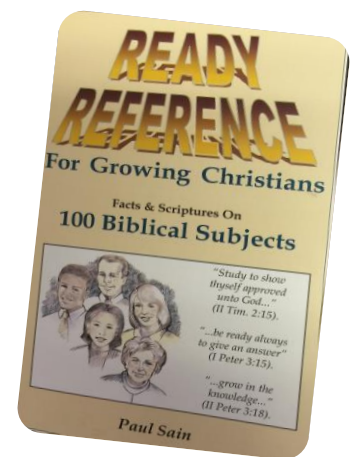
*“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”* (Ephesians 6:18 KJV). This is part of Paul’s **ARMOR OF GOD finale** in his letter to the church at Ephesus, the ever-needful reminder to be in prayer *“always.”* In the Thessalonian letter, Paul called on the church to *“pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”* (1 Thess. 5:17-18).

While the early church engaged in prayer in their daily lives, we also are able to see that it was a vital part of the worship assembly in the early church, as well. *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers”* (Acts 2:42). In Paul’s first letter to Timothy, he instructed how to *“conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth”* (1 Tim. 3:15, NKJV), teaching him that *“men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands...”* (1 Tim. 2:8). The instruction for men was given to lead those prayers and that their lives should reflect holiness *“without wrath and doubting”* (2:8b). As in all of our worship activities, it should be men who are leading as Paul would a few verses later give reason: *“For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression”* (1 Tim. 2:13, 14).

With that in mind, consider that God Will Answer Our Prayers IF We:

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| <b>Are Obedient</b>                 | <b>1 John 3:22-24</b>           |
| <b>Do The Will of the Father</b>    | <b>John 9:31</b>                |
| <b>Are Righteous</b>                | <b>1 Peter 3:12</b>             |
| <b>Abide In Christ</b>              | <b>John 15:7</b>                |
| <b>Ask According to Lord’s Will</b> | <b>1 John 5:14</b>              |
| <b>Pray in Faith</b>                | <b>Matthew 21:22</b>            |
| <b>Ask In Faith</b>                 | <b>James 1:5-7</b>              |
| <b>Have the Right Motive</b>        | <b>James 4:3-6</b>              |
| <b>Pray With Understanding</b>      | <b>1 Corinthians 14:15</b>      |
| <b>Pray Intensely</b>               | <b>Matthew 7:7-11</b>           |
| <b>Pray With Thanksgiving</b>       | <b>Philippians 4:6</b>          |
| <b>Pray in Jesus’ Name</b>          | <b>John 14:13-14; Col. 3:17</b> |

\*The above list is found in *Sain Publication’s* **READY REFERENCE** For Growing Christians.



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