

**The 1689 Confession of Faith; Chapter 2 – “Of God and the Holy Trinity”,  
Message # 28 – “God’s Absolute Power, and Prayer”, Presented in the Adult  
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**Chapter 2 – Of God and the Holy Trinity, Paragraph 1 -**

The Lord our God is but (a)one only living and true God; whose (b)subsistence is in and of Himself, (c)infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself; (d)a most pure spirit, (e) invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; who is (f)immutable, (g)immense, (h)eternal, incomprehensible, (i)almighty, every way infinite, (k)most holy, most wise, most free, most absolute; (l)working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, (m)for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; (n)the rewarder of them that diligently seek him, and withal most just (o)and terrible in his judgments, (p)hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the (q)guilty.

a 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 8: 4 and 6; Deuteronomy 6: 4; b Jeremiah 10: 10; Isa 48: 12; c Exodus 3: 14; d John 4: 24; e 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1: 17; Deut. 4: 15-16; f Malachi 3:6; g 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 8: 27; Jeremiah 23: 23; h Psalm 90: 2; j Genesis 17: 1; k Isa 6: 3; l Psalm 115: 3; Isa 46: 10; m Pro 16: 4; Rom 11: 36; n Exodus 34: 6-7; Hebrews 11:6; o Nehemiah 9: 32-33; p Psalm 5: 5-6; q Exodus 34:7; Nahum 1: 2-3

**1. Even though the Lord is free and absolute in power, He would have His people pray in regard to the fulfillment of His purposes.**

**Matthew 6: 6-13** – “But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” “But when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do.” “For they think that they will be heard for the many words.” “Therefore do not be like them.” For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.” “In this manner, therefore, pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.” “Your kingdom come.” “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” “Give us this day our daily bread.” “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” “And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” “For Your is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.”

When we pray we should remember that God sees in secret. It is good to get alone and to pray to God in secret in order that He might be glorified and that we might be rewarded openly. We should not think that we will receive what we are asking for by using a technique in prayer; like praying the same thing over and over again, thinking that we will be heard for our many words. The Father knows all things that we have need of before we ask, and therefore we are to pray, rather, in relation to His will and purpose for our life. This means that we should pray to God as our Father who has all power to grant every legitimate request. Pray especially that His name would be hallowed by you; that you would speak right things about God; that His name, that glorious name of Jehovah or Elohim would be revered by you, and that it would not be taken in vain. Pray that His kingdom would come; that is Christ’s glorious spiritual kingdom would advance in your heart, advance in the church, advance in your community, and advance in your nation, and in all the world. Ask that God’s will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. Ask for your daily bread and a job or a better job if you believe that it will glorify Him to have it. Ask to be forgiven of your many sins, and have the grace to forgive others their sins, even as God has forgiven yours. Ask not to be led into temptation, but delivered from all evil, for Christ’s is the kingdom, and God’s is the power to answer these prayers, and to Him shall belong all the glory for all the answers that you receive.