

Prayer, Part 1

Types of Prayers

Prayer is the greatest work of the Christian. The purpose is to find out God's will for our lives. Remember, there are two people involved in prayer: you and the Lord. Prayer is the breath of the soul.

There are 6 Hebrew terms that are rendered Prayer:

- Tufulla = Supplication, plea for mercy. (Psalms 65:2, Isaiah 1:15, Job 16:17)
- Palal = to judge and then to intervene as umpire or mediator; Intercessory. (Gen 20:7, Deut 9:20, Isa 7:5, Job 42:8)
- Rib = to plead a cause as before a judge. (Job 15:4, Ps 55:17, Isa 1:17)
- Anthar = to burn incense as lifting prayer to God. (Job 33:26)
- Halah = to caress, to stroke the face gently, to strive to please God. (Zech 7:2, 8:21-22)
- Lahash = to whisper, prayer uttered in a low voice. (Isa 29:1-4)

Greek terms rendered prayer:

- Deesis: for particular benefits, personal needs.
- Prosezche: prayer in general devotion.
- Enteuxis: confiding access to God, child-like confidence as one's heart converses with God.
- Euche: a wish or petition to God.

Psalm 65 Supplication type prayer

Psalms 55, plead type prayer, to plead a cause before a judge, to act like an attorney.

stroke God's face type of prayer – very personal and pleasing.

- 1 ¶ For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maschil of David. Give ear to my prayer, O God; And hide not thyself from my supplication.
- 2 Attend unto me, and answer me: I am restless in my complaint, and moan,
- 3 Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they cast iniquity upon me, And in anger they persecute me. *David is asking for help because there is so much turmoil going on here.*
- 4 My heart is sore pained within me: And the terrors of death are fallen upon me. *David was afraid he was going to be killed.*
- 5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, And horror hath overwhelmed me.
- 6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! Then would I fly away, and be at rest. *David would just like to leave, to get away from his household and community because of all the strife going on.*
- 17 Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I complain (*pray*), and moan; And he will hear my voice. *On the clock it would be 9, 12, and 3:00. This is NOT saying you have to pray at these specific times; rather we should be in prayerful state all throughout the day.*

Job 33:26 He prayeth unto God, and he is favorable unto him, So that he seeth his face with joy: And he restoreth unto man his righteousness. *As you lift another man in prayer, it is like incense to God. When*

you pray, it will be like nice wonderful incense to God, sweet smelling and savory. Job is going through great terrible tragedies and telling God about it. He tells Job to pray to God and God will bring His righteousness to Job and take care of all Job's troubles.

Go to God in prayer in a manner that is so pleasing that He is glad you are there. This is the "stroking the face" type of prayer.

Zechariah 8:21-22

22 Yea, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favor of Jehovah. *The people of the world are going to say, "Let's go to Jerusalem and pray to God." They are, in the future, going to Jerusalem to pray to God on their knees to please Him.*

23 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold, out of all the languages of the nations, they shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

Isaiah 29:1-4: *You are in such a bad state that you can't even say a prayer out loud, you can only whisper it.*

1 ¶ Ho Ariel, Ariel, the city where David encamped! add ye year to year; let the feasts come round:

"Ariel" is another name for Jerusalem. "Ho" means "watch out, judgement is coming."

2 then will I distress Ariel, and there shall be mourning and lamentation; and she shall be unto me as Ariel. *Keep up what you're doing and you will pay.*

3 And I will encamp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with posted troops, and I will raise siege works against thee. *A moat was layed out around Jerusalem and it was conquered.*

4 And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust; and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. *He's going to bring Jerusalem down, and those who survive will be so beaten that their voice will be only a whisper. God is saying Jerusalem is going to reach a point that when they do pray to Him it will be barely a whisper that He can barely hear.*