



PRAYING RIGHT



Key scripture: 2 Corinthians 5 v18
“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

Introduction

In praying to the father, we offer prayers of thanksgiving to God the father, hallowing his name and giving thanks for who he is and all he has done. (Matthew 6 v9)

The knowledge of trinity reveals the tripartite nature of God, that is; God the father, the Son and God the Spirit. Although, they are one, they differ in representation and each carries a unique identity, expression, and responsibility. When we pray as believers, we ought to know what type of prayer and to whom we are directing our prayers to. In other words, when we pray, are we praying to God the father, God the Son – Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit. Understanding this, is the bedrock of praying right.

God The Father

God The Father Is the creator of the heaven and the earth requires our praise. This means to acknowledge God the father by praising his holy name. Anything aside giving praise to God the father is not right. In other words, when we come to God in prayer, we must approach the Father with thanksgiving & praising his holy name. Hallelujah!

In the beginning, God related with Adam individually in a one-on-one relationship. In Genesis 3v8 “the bible reveals how God comes to fellowship with Adam in the cool of the day, bringing his presence to Adam & Eve. However, their sin restrained them from enjoying intimacy with God and they hid themselves. When the sins of men multiplied, there was no longer a direct relationship with God. This broken relationship between God and men brought Jesus (full man, full God) reconciling the children of men back to fellowship with God. Therefore, without Jesus we cannot have any sort of relationship with God.

God The Son – Jesus Christ

God sent Jesus Christ to the earth because he needed a man who can represent his mind & will on earth. A man who would be in constant unbroken fellowship with him to do his will on earth. For this reason, Jesus came to do the will of the father because he came out of God. (John 14 v10)



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Jesus fulfilled the father's will on earth, and he also commissioned every believer to go into the world to preach the gospel to every creation.

The name of Jesus is for the salvation of souls of men and with the name of Jesus we enforce God's authority on earth & cast out all kinds of demons & devils. We use the name of Jesus to issue a command; we do not beg using the name of Jesus; No! For the name of Jesus has been given to enforce the will of the Father in earth. **John 20:21: Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

God The Spirit- The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the working & doing power of God. The Holy Spirit is highest personality on earth. The Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father sent to every believer on earth. The Bible explains the specific ministry of the Holy Spirit to every believer in John 14 verse 16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever" (NKJV) The Holy Spirit is our helper, He helps us to always pray the right way. In Romans 8 v26 "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered." This verse clearly expresses that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray the right way.

Conclusion

As Intercessors, we must acknowledge the various roles of the Godhead and understand the right way to pray. We must always start praying with the prayer of thanksgiving to the Father, not prayer of request but that of thanksgiving, giving thanks always to the Father! The authority in the name of Jesus has also been given to us & by this name, we cast out demons & enforce God's will on earth. Finally, our office as Intercessors cannot be done effectively without the help & ministry of the Holy Spirit, for it is by the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) we pray right, knowing what & when to pray according to the will of the Father. Praise the Lord!