



UNDERSTANDING PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING: ALIGNING WITH YOUR PREDESTINED PURPOSE



Texts: Colossians 4:2 AMP.

Be persistent and devoted to prayer, being alert and focused in your prayer life with an attitude of thanksgiving.

Why Thanksgiving Always Accompanies Prayer

Thanksgiving is an important part of Prayer, in scripture whenever prayer is mentioned, thanksgiving is usually attached, emphasizing it's importance. Three key elements work together with prayer: Thanksgiving, Gratitude, and Watching. The Bible never says just "pray" alone—it's always "watch and pray" or "give thanks and pray". This is a deliberate signal from the Spirit of God, showing us the proper pattern for effective prayer.

Philippians 4:6 emphasize prayer with thanksgiving. 1 Timothy 2:1 begins with "first of all" (or "most of all" in TPT), indicating this is critically important, and it starts with gratitude and thanksgiving.

A Revolutionary Understanding of Prayer Luke 18:1 KJV The Predestined Reality

God has completed his works; all things has been prepared by the Father before the foundations of the earth. After creation God saw that all He made was good, and he declared "it was good". Therefore, it is very important we understand that God is Resting, Not Responding (Gene 2:2). When we pray "God come down and manifest Your power," we misunderstand this spiritual reality. God isn't creating new things in response to our prayers; He's already established everything that is needed.

Don't pray with the mind-set that God needs to come down to answer your prayers.

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Everything you're praying for is already available. All that has been designed for each time already exists in the realm of the spirit. When you pray, angels look at the script written for that time, if your request aligns with what has been written, it is granted if not it won't manifest

Biblical Examples of Predestination

- Jeremiah's Calling (Jeremiah 1:5); "Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you." Before Jeremiah was born, God had already called him. When Jeremiah protested, "I'm too young; older people do this work," God responded that his calling wasn't based on age—it was already predestined before his birth, this implies that Jeremiah had a script to fulfil. So how does such a person pray? He would pray in alignment with what was already written concerning him. God told Jeremiah: "I have put my words in your mouth." Everything was already established.
- Before Esau and Jacob were born, God already declared that the younger would lead the older Genesis 25. Life was predestined before it even started.
- The birth and resurrection of Jesus were prophesied in scriptures long before he was born. During Jesus' time, He did not ask God to supply, rather He gave thanks to God for the supply because these things were already written in His script. Jesus never forced anything, He would say, "Thank You, Father; He understood these things have been written." He wasn't creating something new; He was following through on what was already established.

The Highest Gift: Alignment with Purpose. Romans 8:29 TPT & AMP

The highest gift on earth is the gift of alignment with your purpose. When you know your destiny is already written, your prayer changes completely. You no longer try to create a destiny rather, you align with the one already established. As a gatekeeper with this understanding, your responsibility is to walk in alignment with the script written concerning you. When you pray:

- You're not creating something new
- You're not convincing God to do something new



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- You're aligning yourself with what's already been established
- You're reminding heaven of what's been written

The Principle of Alignment

Ephe 3:20 teaches that God will supply all your needs according to His power that is at work in you. Notice: "at work in you"—meaning you have access to power depending on how you relate and align.

Illustration 1: The Wealthy Father

Imagine a wealthy father who deposits money in the bank for his daughter, saying, "At a certain age, she can have access to these it." The child doesn't know what's available yet, but when she reaches that age, she'll discover the provision was always there.

When we pray with understanding, we don't seek for something outside our script, but we remind the father of what has been written.

Illustrate 2; When someone says, "Remind me on Christmas day about this specific thing," On Christmas day, your duty is to remind them based on what was already spoken and predetermined, you're not creating a new request. Similarly, prayer includes reminding the father of what's been written. The angels need you to call forth on earth what's already been established in heaven and grant them access into the earth realm.

The Danger of Misunderstanding

People go to prayer houses thinking that as they pray, God is creating new things. They pray as if their persistence will force God's hand. But if something happens outside of alignment, it's by chance, not by divine design.

This is why some people pray for years without breakthrough—they're trying to create something rather than aligning with what's already been written.

Conclusion:

Prayer isn't about convincing God to act—it's about aligning with what He has already done and calling it forth into manifestation on earth.

This is why thanksgiving always accompanies prayer. You're not hoping God will answer; you're thanking Him that the answer already exists, and you're positioning yourself to receive it through alignment. Walk in your script with confidence