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The Purpose of Prayer Is Always About Change

Prayer is always about change. However, it is not so much about the change of circumstances, as it is about our changing and our becoming more of what God has called us to be.

I wrote last week that I would continue examining the song, "I Give Myself Away." This is because the lyrics are powerful:

"I give myself away, I give myself away, So You can use me,

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Prayer demands that we see the awesomeness of God and finiteness of ourselves. It is only in this way we can give ourselves to God in any significant way. I am not praying to get anything. I am not praying to improve my situation even though you know it needs improving. I am praying to be in God's service. I am praying so I can be in a spiritual and mental frame of mind for God to use me.

"Here I am, Here I stand, Lord, my life is in your hands Lord,

I'm longing to see, Your desires revealed in me, I give myself away."

Prayer is the presentation of the holiest parts of ourselves. It is also the presentation of the most vulnerable and ugliest and despicable parts of ourselves to God. It is in prayer that we are in worship mode pleading to the Almighty to be used and rescued. To be

understood and redeemed. To be loved and reconciled. All of this is locked up in our hearts and minds as we approach the throne of God in the knowledge that approaching God in this manner is due to the extension of His mercy given to us.

The words of God in Exodus 20:1-3: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of slavery. You shall have no other God before Me," sets the tone of our prayer life. Not out of a fear of God, but out of a deep reverence. Reverence is deep profound respect and love for God. It includes honoring Him and showing gratitude to God, which includes obeying His commandments. We must again regain our sense of awe. The sense of wonder like those who saw the power of God move in their midst saw. If we can remember when God moved in our lives and set things straight; If we can remember the relationship between serving God and being used by God was singular in our understanding of our relationship with Him; then you can begin experiencing the power that God's Holy Spirit brings to those who seek Him in prayer.

God bless and remain safe,

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