

The Preeminent Priority in Prayer

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Psalm 27:3–6

3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 **ONE THING HAVE I DESIRED OF THE LORD, THAT WILL I SEEK AFTER; THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, TO BEHOLD THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD, AND TO INQUIRE IN HIS TEMPLE.**

- “dwell in the house of the Lord” - *identification*
- “behold the beauty of the Lord” - *satisfaction, fulfillment*
- “inquire in His temple” - *illumination, instruction*

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: In the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

There is a God-mandated priority in our prayer life and our pursuit of God.

The preeminent priority is to know God, to dwell in His presence, and to abide in communion with Him.

Though we have multiple needs and petitions, none of those needs or petitions can ever become more important than who He is and being with Him.

Matthew 6:31–33

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 **BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU.**

When seeking His Kingdom and His righteousness are more important to us than seeking what to eat and what to wear, then all of our needs will be met by His supernatural provision.

2 Corinthians 3:18

18 But we all, with open face **BEHOLDING AS IN A GLASS THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE CHANGED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

We are prone to address our godliness and our sin BEHAVIORALLY, which focuses on performance, placing us under the Law and in greater bondage because our heart is never changed.

God wants to address our godliness and our sin RELATIONALLY, where we are changed from the inside out by simply being with Him, abiding in fellowship with Him.

There is no error, no fear, no sin, no weakness, no fault, no anger, no hatred, no addiction, no need that is not corrected in His presence, when we focus on knowing Him instead of focusing on the need.