



Sermon Notes: July 24th 2022

## “How does prayer work?”

James 5:13-18

**Claim:** Prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_

### **Facts:**

Requirements that define the purpose of prayer

1. \_\_\_\_\_ has fashioned humans for spiritual communion with Him
2. \_\_\_\_\_ has a plan and purpose (for you and the world)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is in control

Correcting false teachings about prayer

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ a cosmic vending machine
2. Prayer does \_\_\_\_\_ change God
3. God's plan does \_\_\_\_\_ require your petitions

Incorrect prayer practices

1. God will \_\_\_\_\_ bless those who pray flowery enough
2. God will \_\_\_\_\_ answer if I beg Him enough
3. God will \_\_\_\_\_ listen if we have enough faith

**Observations & Conclusions:** “How does prayer work?”

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Surrender our anxieties to the power, answer, and timing of God's sovereign control
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Draws us into conformity with God's desires, will, and plan
  - Living by God's \_\_\_\_\_
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ - Shapes us in our relationship with God towards trust, submission, and holiness

**Application:** “How do I know if I'm using prayer correctly?”

1. Am I “\_\_\_\_\_” God or loving God?
2. Am I \_\_\_\_\_ to God's control?
3. Am I \_\_\_\_\_ to God's shaping of my life?