



THE THRILLING THING ABOUT PRAYER

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I love to pray because I know I am praying to a real person who is my Heavenly Father and He is listening. How do I know this? It's because the Bible tells me so.

I'm so glad I don't live in Old Testament times because I would have had to rely on the high priest to go once a year into the innermost part of the Temple and make sacrifices for me. I would not have known God as a person through Jesus Christ because He had not yet lived on this earth.

Through the grace of God, Jesus came to this earth to reveal Himself to me, to you and to all who are called by God.

As Jesus died on the cross at 3 o'clock in the afternoon we read that He cried out with a loud voice then yielded up His spirit.

Next, the veil of the Temple in Jerusalem was torn from top to bottom. The graves were opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming out of the graves after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. (Matthew 27:50-53.)

The veil of the Temple was opened. What does this mean? It means the Temple on earth was a copy of the Temple in heaven.

Nobody could go past the veil in the old temple on the earth, excepting the high priest and then only once a year he made intercession for the people.

Now we as born-again Christian saints are able to go right into the presence of God. This is because the veil has been torn down. Jesus has gone right into the presence of God and entered the Most Holy place with His own blood.

The Bible says we have "boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is His flesh." (Hebrews 10:19-21.)

We are now a high priest over the house of God. Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God and makes intercession for us. He is our Mediator before God. He lived on this earth and knows our trials and tribulations and is therefore well-equipped to make intercession for us to God. (Hebrews 7:24-25.)

Because I come to come before God as a little child, (Matthew 18:1-4), not as a lawyer or businessman but in total humility trusting in Him and not in my own strength or knowledge, then I know He hears me.

Also I have the wonderful knowledge that Jesus is interceding for me. I hold fast the confession of my hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:23.)

In my time of trial here on this earth I know that He shall deliver me from the snare of the fowler and the perilous pestilence, He shall cover me with His feathers and under His wings I shall take refuge. (Psalm 91:3-4.)

I rejoice under the shadow of His wings. (Psalm 63:7.)

And this is the confidence that I have in Him, that if I ask anything, according to His will, He hears me. And if I know that He hears me, whatever I ask, I know I have the petitions that I have asked of Him. (1 John 5:14-15.)

We take communion every morning. We humble ourselves before God, confess our sins and in faith seek His face. We intercede for many people and situations.

As we do so we believe all of the above. We know the presence of God is with us, that He is listening and so is Jesus who is interceding for us.

We have seen up to 10 answers to prayer in one day. Yes, there is a thrilling thing about prayer because we see the hand of God moves mightily. Thank you Jesus!

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