November 18, 2012

## Thought For The Week... Worship By Prayer



When was the last time you and God met together for a worship service? No choir. No piano. No order of service. Just you and God and prayer.

Want an example? Listen to the psalmist: "I cried to [the Lord] with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear. But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!" (Psalm 66:17-20).

Did you notice what was happening in those verses? The psalmist called out to God in praise. He came with a pure heart—cleansed by confession. He was confident that God was listening. God accepted the prayer, and He lavished His love on the person praying. The psalmist's worship included praise, a pure heart, communicating with God, and then God's affirmation and love were poured out. Yes, true worship took place.

What a pattern! Think of the spiritual advantage you gain and the honor God receives when you practice worship by prayer. Anytime, anyplace, you can worship the Lord and He will bless you. Are you ready to worship?

In solitude, on wings of prayer My soul ascends before the throne; My only hope of strength is where My heart and God's meet all alone. —Anon.

### God speaks to those who take time to listen, and He listens to those who take time to pray.

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Tune in for Great Gospel Music KJIC 90.5 FM King Jesus is Coming



### **NOTICE: Schedule Change**

Our Midweek Bible Study schedule has been changed. Service will be 7:30 pm Tuesday night instead of the regular Prayer Meeting. NO SERVICE WEDNESDAY night.



### Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us and may we be forever grateful for God's bountiful blessings this Thanksgiving week. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner today in the fellowship hall.

There will be **NO EVENING SERVICE today**!



**Nursery Workers Needed** 

We are in need of Nursery Workers and ask anyone that would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Nursery age is for ages 5 and under. See Sis. Kitty Woods for more information or scheduling.

# Christmas Banquet Tickets

The POSF 2012 Christmas Banquet will be on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the church fellowship hall. Tickets will be \$8.00 per person. See Sis. Jeane for questions and give your money early to reserve your place! More details later

### Christmas Parade

The Santa Fe Christmas Parade will be on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We've got candy and look forward to representing POSF in the community with a float. More details coming after the meeting with the Committee. A good time to get involved and enjoy fun and fellowship.



## Youth Fundraiser – TRuNk SaLe

*OK--* Now is your chance to clean out and bring those treasures for the Youth Fundraiser called a TRUNK SALE!! It will be held on Saturday, December  $1^{st}$ .

An excellent opportunity and location easily accessible to the community!



See Sis. Heather Clark for more details. Listen for announcements! Start now to Prepare!

### Birthdays and Anniversary's Week of November 18-24



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### An Ungrateful Grumbler

#### Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. —Psalm 103:2

Many years ago a magazine related the story of a young man by the name of Ben who had a habit of grumbling. He complained about the weather, found fault with his family and friends, and allowed the smallest things to upset him.

Then one day he read this rhyme: "When you have truly thanked the Lord for every blessing sent, then you'll have very little time to murmur or lament." He realized that his spirit of discontent had made him overlook the gifts God was constantly showering on him.

Ben determined that with God's help he would rid himself of this habit. So whenever he became irritated or began to complain, he would stop and thank God for the many good things he was enjoying. It worked! By centering his attention on praising rather than pouting, he found it much easier to avoid a grouchy mood.

As Christians, we have so much for which to praise the Lord. Thankfulness and an attitude of gratitude ought to be characteristic of every believer (Ps. 34:1; Eph. 5:20).

All of life takes on a different hue when we spend our time counting our blessings rather than airing our complaints. Let's be grateful!

A grumbling mood of discontent Gives way to thankfulness When we consider all God's gifts And all that we possess. —Sper

### Blessings hemmed with praise won't unravel.

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### Think About It...

Many times we miss the blessing God has for us because instead of breaking through we find ourselves backing up.

Many times at the point of our breakthrough we break down because instead of praising God and having faith in his promises we begin to murmur and doubt and become discouraged and we back up.

We often wonder why God is taking so long to fulfill his Word to us. *God will not release the blessing until we are in position to receive.* 

> Thank You for Choosing To Worship With Us!