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Prayer for salvation

If you do not know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). Come into my heart Jesus and be Lord over my life. According to Romans 10:9-10: "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

If you have just prayed this prayer, please write and let us know of your decision. We have a free minibook, titled The New Birth that we would like to send you to help you begin your new life in Jesus!



SERVICE TIMINGS

Sunday

Worship & the Word	10:30	am
Covenant Kids	10:30	am
Nagamese Service	2:30	pm
Prayer & Praise	5:30	pm*

Wednesday

Pastor's Bible Study	5:30	pm
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Friday

Dream Team	5:00	pm
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Saturday

Radical Generation	4:30	pm
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REAL WORSHIP



BY PASTOR JOHN ROUGHTON

John 4:23,24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

If there are *true* worshippers there must also be *false* worshippers and *false* worship. God wants our worship to be real. God is searching for real worshippers because real worshippers are searching for God.

We cannot contact or commune with God with our souls, because God is a spiritual being. Real worship must be more than something emotional, it must go deeper. It must be something of the heart. **Isaiah 29:13** says of the Jews, **this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me.** That means you could say the right things and even do the right things, and still not really worship God.

Real worship is not only spiritual it is also truthful; it is based on the Word of God. In fact, to worship God we *must* worship this way — there is no alternative. Sometimes people say, “I’ll worship God

my way.” But it is not our place to tell God how we’d like to worship him. It is up to God to tell us how he’d like to be worshipped.

Worship is prayer, the highest kind of prayer. If we can learn how to pray more effectively, we can also learn how to worship more effectively. Our prayers should be based on the Word, not tradition. Many Christians sing songs that have almost no Word in them. So many songs talk about, “how I feel,” instead of what God says. In some cases, Christian songwriters are following a secular model, just changing a few of the words.

I was in one church service in America where the choir sang the Beatles tune, “Come Together,” they just Christianized it a bit. There was no anointing on it at all, it didn’t minister to me. Some people are singing romantic love songs to Jesus. But Jesus is not your boyfriend. Many songs are just a string of bland and meaningless cliches that has no message at all.

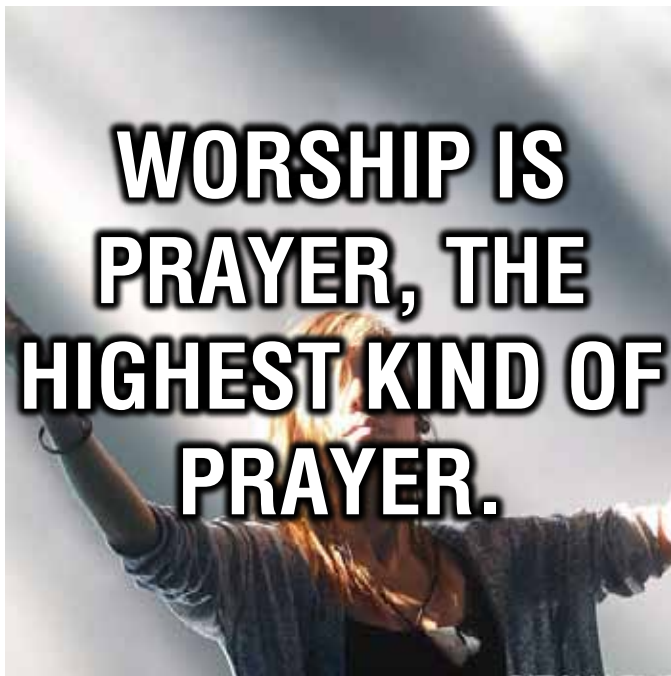
Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Before we can sing out, we need the Word in. I've noticed that many churches that don't sing Word-based songs also don't have Word-based preaching.

Don't choose a song just for its melody and rhythm. Some Christian songs might be fine to listen to at home or in the car just for your enjoyment, but it really isn't worship. Know the difference between sanctified entertainment and real worship.

Philippians 3:3 says we **worship by the Spirit of God**. Serving God is not something we do *for* God; it is something we do *with* God. Real worship, the kind that satisfies God's heart and our heart, requires the assistance of the Holy Spirit. That means to have real worship we must respond to the leading of the Spirit.



We must be flexible, we must be willing, if need be, to depart from the preset order of the service. It's not wrong to prepare and make plans. The Spirit of God will help you choose the right songs to sing beforehand. But we must make room for the Holy Spirit during the meeting. Some things can't be choreographed ahead of time. Be ready for the spontaneous inspiration of the Spirit.

John 6:63 says, **It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all**. If we worship God only out of our flesh it's going to be dead. It could be active and busy, but there'll be no life. Dead worship doesn't necessarily mean no one's moving, it means the Spirit of God is not moving; or rather, he's moving but no one is following.

Under the Old Testament men worshipped God carnally. They were spiritually dead men. But under the New Testament we worship God spiritually.

2 Samuel 6:14 says **David danced before the Lord with all his might**. That was under the old covenant. But we have a new and better covenant, so we should have new and better worship. We dance in the might of the Spirit.

We don't worship God with worldly dancing. I was preaching in one church years ago, and during the praise and worship some older folks got up and started doing a traditional Naga folk dance. I had to correct them. What if I began dancing like Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire? Do you think the Spirit of God would be involved with that? That's obviously not real worship. I have been in some churches where they have ballet dancing during the service. It was pretty and I'm sure the ladies were sincere, but the presence of God immediately began to dissipate.

Can just any kind of singing bring glory to God? Certainly not. Likewise, not just any kind of motion is worship.

Many people today jump and move in exuberance, often in time with the music. That's not wrong, but it is also not completely right, either. When the Spirit of God inspires you to dance its electric! There's an anointing that ignites unplanned movement. It isn't necessarily pretty, but it's strong. Dancing in the Spirit takes the whole meeting to a higher level.

I was in a service where the Spirit of God swept

through a place and an entire section of seating, instantly began dancing in the Spirit. I felt something strike my legs but I hesitated, and that urge left me. I felt crestfallen; I knew I had missed God. I said, "Lord, let that come back on me." It did and I responded, and took off dancing!

In **1 Kings 18:46** we read **the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah**, and he outran a chariot. But in **1 Kings 19:3** after Jezebel sent him a threaten note, **he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life.** This time he ran in the flesh.

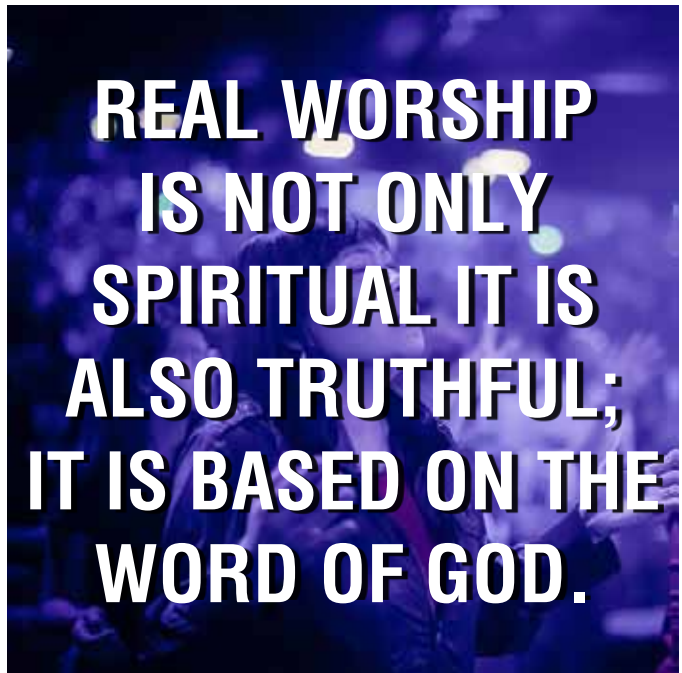
I have seen the Spirit of God inspire people to run in church and it seemed to release a deeper move of the Spirit. I have also seen people just run in the flesh (a few fleshy people enjoyed it) but it wasn't the same. It was fun and exciting, but not so powerful. If you're perceptive, you can tell the difference.

We need a restoration of true worship in our day.

In 1987 Brother Kenneth Hagin had a vision of the Lord, just a few days before their annual Campmeeting. He saw himself standing above the arena where the Campmeeting was held. In the vision Jesus stood beside him. Looking down, Brother Hagin, saw a preview of the service. He saw people clapping and jumping, being happy. Then the Lord said to Brother Hagin, "You've taken this as far as it can go spiritually." Jesus also said, "Modern day charismatics know a little something about praise, but almost nothing about worship." Then he said this, "The key to experiencing God's greater glory is reverence."

Proverbs 1:7 says, **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.** In other words, you're not going to know anything about the Lord if you lightly esteem him. You'll never experience God's presence without a deep respect for God. If you want to have supernatural insight and understanding of the Lord's ways it begins by honoring God.

There is often a lack of reverence for God in our modern day churches. Many times the singing is light and frothy. The whole atmosphere more closely resembles a pep rally than an encounter with the living God. But if we want to see the glory of God manifested in our churches, we must learn to reverence the Lord more.



Everyone in the congregation should be sensitive to the Spirit of God, not just the praise and worship team. The ushers should be careful to not allow a disturbance dissipate the anointing. Someone walks in late, right in the middle of a time of reverence, creating a noisy distraction and it almost kills the whole service. If a person comes in late, he should have enough sense to slip in undetected and discreetly find a seat at the back. A cell phone call, a crying baby, can quench the Spirit.

God wants to take us to a higher level. That means we'll have to do things differently. He is searching for true worship, and when he finds it, he will reveal his glory and manifest his Spirit. Hearts will be touched, lives will be changed, and the church of Jesus Christ will rise up in greater power.



मुझे प्रार्थना करना सिखाइए

लूका 11:1 वह किसी जगह प्रार्थना कर चुका, तो उसके चेलों में से एक ने आकर कहा, “ हे प्रभु, जैसे यहून्ना ने अपने चेलों को प्रार्थना करना सिखाया वैसे ही हमें भी तू सिखा दे ।

ने संदेश देने से पहले, प्रार्थना के नियम बताने से पहले, उसने उन कामों को करके दिखाया । आप ऐसे आदमी से खाना बनाना नहीं सिखेंगे जो कभी पहले रसोई में भी न गया हो । आप ऐसे आदमी से हवाईजहाज उड़ाना नहीं सीखेंगे जो पहले कभी भी उसमें न बैठा हो ।

प्रार्थना केवल स्पेयर
टायर नहीं है, यह स्टीरिंग
वील के समान है ।

प्रार्थना यीशु के जीवन और सेवकाई का महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा थी जब वह इस संसार में था । लूका हमें बताता है कि यरदन नदी में बपतिष्मा लेने के बाद यीशु प्रार्थना करने लगे और तब स्वर्ग खुल गया और पवित्रआत्मा उनके ऊपर आ गया (लूका 3:21) । इस प्रकार प्रार्थना के साथ यीशु ने सेवकाई की शुरूआत की ।

अंग्रेज़ी भाषा में “चेला” शब्द लातिन शब्द डिस्सिप्लुस से आया है, जिसका मतलब है, “एक सीखने वाला ।” चेला केवल धर्म बदलने वाला आदमी नहीं होता है; वह विद्यार्थी होता है, जो अपने स्वामी का अनुसरण उससे सीखने के लिए करता है । विद्यार्थी देखकर और उदाहरण से सीखता है । यीशु का एक चेला प्रार्थना के बारे में सीखना चाहता था क्योंकि उसने यीशु को प्रार्थना करते हुए देखा था । यीशु

मरकुस 13:35 भोर को दिन निकलने से बहुत पहले, वह उठकर निकला, और एक जंगली स्थान पर चला गया और वहाँ प्रार्थना करने लगा । यह उनकी सेवकाई की शुरूआत में था । कफ़रनहूम में सेवकाई की कामयाब रात के बाद, उसने प्रार्थना की, साफ़तौर से पता चलता है कि परमेश्वर की अगुवाई के लिए, कि उसे आगे क्या करना चाहिए । प्रार्थना करने के बाद 38 वचन में उसने अपने चेलों से कहा; “आओ; हम और कहीं आसपास की बस्तियों में जाएँ, कि मैं

वहाँ भी प्रचार करूँ, क्योंकि मैं इसी लिये निकला हूँ।”

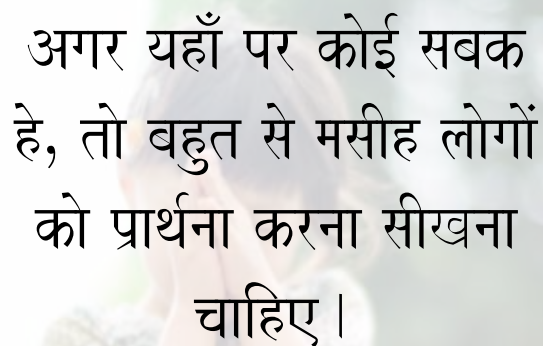
लूका 22:32 में यीशु ने सिमौन पतरस से कहा, मैं ने तेरे लिए विनति की कि तेरा विश्वास न जाता रहे। यीशु ने न केवल अपने निर्णयों के लिए प्रार्थना की, बल्कि दूसरों के लिए भी प्रार्थना की, कि वे सही निर्णय लेंगे। हाँ, यह बात सच है कि यीशु ने गतस्मनी के बगीचे में क्रूस पर जाने से पहले प्रार्थना की थी। परमेश्वर की इच्छा को पूरा करने के लिए उन्होंने अपने आप को समर्पित किया था। यीशु के जीवन की सबसे बड़ी परीक्षा, प्रलोभन आने से पहले उसने प्रार्थना की थी।

प्रार्थना यीशु के जीवन का एक बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा थी। बड़ी दिलचस्प बात यह है कि यीशु ने सुसमाचार में किसी भी आदमी की चंगाई के लिए कभी प्रार्थना नहीं की। उन्होंने बीमार लोगों को चंगाई दी, लेकिन वह हाथ रखकर ऐसा करता था। बाइबल में कहीं पर भी ऐसा नहीं लिखा है कि यीशु ने पैसे के लिए प्रार्थना की हो, जबकि यीशु ने अपनी शिक्षा में कई बार पैसे, धन और दूसरी वस्तुएं होने के बारे में प्रचार किया है। सच में तो ऐसा है कि यीशु ने नरक से अधिक धन की बात की है। लेकिन, हकीकत तो यह है कि इन दो चीजों के बारे में मसीह लोग सबसे अधिक प्रार्थना करते हैं।

प्रार्थना को आज्ञाकारिता के बदले में नहीं रखा जा सकता है। अगर आप को इस बात का पता है कि परमेश्वर आपसे कोई काम करने के लिए कह रहा है, तो उसके बारे में आपको प्रार्थना करने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है, आप को केवल आज्ञा माननी है। कुछ मसीह लोग ऐसे हैं कि यदि वे प्रभु के कहने पर चलते, तो उन्हें किसी बात के बारे में प्रार्थना करने की आवश्यकता नहीं पड़ती, उदाहरण के अनुसार विशेषतौर से पैसे को लेकर।

जॉन बुनयान नाम के प्रभु के एक दास ने ऐसा कहा है

प्रार्थना अगर हृदय से की जाए तो बहुत अच्छा होता है, यदि शब्द ही हों और उसमें हृदय न हो वह बात ठीक नहीं है। यदि विश्वास से भरे, ईमानदारी वाले हृदय से थोड़े से ही वचन बोले गए हों वह अच्छा होता है, उसमें अविश्वास से भरी हुई प्रार्थना के दिखावे के लिए कोई लंबी पोथी पढ़ने की ज़रूरत नहीं हाती है। क्या प्रार्थना केवल दिखाने के लिए की जानी चाहिए? क्या हम प्रार्थना इसलिए करते हैं क्योंकि करने के लिए अच्छा लगता है? क्या हम प्रार्थना इसलिए करते हैं कि दुनिया के लोग हमें देखें? जब हम इक्ठ्ठा होकर प्रार्थना करते हैं तो उस समय हम आँखें बंद करके एक दूसरे के लिए अच्छी अच्छी बातें बोलते हैं? या फिर हम वहाँ पर कोई मुकाबला कर रहे हैं कि देखते हैं कौन सबसे अच्छे शब्दों वाली प्रार्थना कर सकता है?



अगर यहाँ पर कोई सबक है, तो बहुत से मसीह लोगों को प्रार्थना करना सीखना चाहिए।

इब्रानियों 10:22 कहता है आओ हम सच्चे मन से और पूरे विश्वास के साथ परमेश्वर के समीप जाएँ। यह वचन प्रार्थना के बारे में बता रहा है, आप किसी दूसरे तरीके से परमेश्वर के समीप कैसे जा सकते हैं? एक अनुवाद कहता है एक “शुद्ध हृदय के साथ” प्रभु के समीप आओ। परमेश्वर वेईमानी की प्रार्थना को कभी भी स्वीकार नहीं करता चाहे दिखने में वह कितनी भी आत्मिक क्यों न हो। आप जो कुछ भी बोलते हैं वह सही मतलब के साथ बोलें, और जो कुछ भी आप बोलते हैं सोच समझकर बोलें। धर्म के पागंड वाली प्रार्थना न करें। अपने पिता के साथ हृदय से बात करें।



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- Romans 10:17

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After I graduated, I had a desire to pursue my further studies in secular education. I got enrolled in Sikkim University for my Masters Degree. The assignments were tough and hectic. And I was unable to cope up. However the Word imparted to me here at SFBS, encouraged me. 2 Cor 12:9 says, “My Grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” And indeed it was His Grace that was ENOUGH for me. I stood at the top in my class with no competition. I completed my Masters Degree as a topper. The teachings I received in SFBS has kept me on track and taught me to tackle seemingly impossible situations. The Word says in Phil 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” I have been able to accomplish my dreams and goals not because I am great but because of His greatness in my life. I give God all the glory for all that I have accomplished this far. And Thank You SFBS, for teaching me the uncompromising and incorruptible Word of the living God so accurately.



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In 2014, I studied theology but due to my illness I was unable to complete it. Doctors were unable to diagnose my ailment at first but finally it was diagnosed that I suffered a seizure. This affected my respiratory system severely. Then someone told me about SFBS, I hesitantly came knowing that my ailment could be a hindrance. And it sure was. I suffered several attacks during my stay here and it seemed as though I would have to quit again. However, I thank God for His Word. The teachings given on faith by Pastor John, stirred my heart. I started to meditate on 1 Peter 2:24. Healing didn't come immediately. There were still some mild symptoms, but I persistently stood on His Word. Today I can boldly testify that I no longer suffer with this life threatening ailment. After I graduated, I haven't visited any doctors or even taken any medication. The Word Works! I'm totally healed.

Furthermore, I recently completed my hospitality management in food production and I travel around with no fear of seizure attacks anymore. I am confident in Christ. And by His stripes I was healed. I thank SFBS for teaching me to stand on God's Word. And equipping me to find all answers to my life from the Word.

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