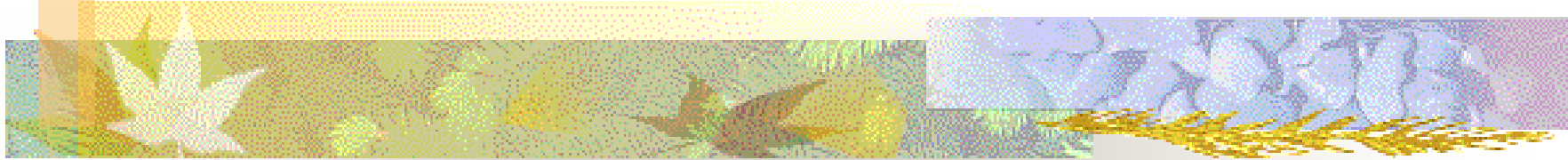


Pray as David Did




Our Mindset Toward Prayer

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^{KJV} **Isaiah 45:14** . . . they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee . . .




KJV **1 Samuel 2:25** If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him . . .

“palal” - פָּלַל



NKJ **1 Thessalonians 5:12-18** ¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. ¹⁵ See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



NKJ **Psalm 35:1-24** A Psalm of David. Plead *my cause*, O LORD, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me. ² Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help . . . ⁴ Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life; Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt . . . ¹¹ Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me *things* that I do not know. ¹² They reward me evil for good, *To* the sorrow of my soul . . . ²² *This* You have seen, O LORD; Do not keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from me. ²³ Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, my God and my Lord. ²⁴ Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me.



Preparing to Pray

“Jewish law requires the worshiper to be aware that it is God who is being addressed, to “know before Whom you are standing” (Berakhot 28b).”

“To Pray as a Jew”, Rabbi Hayim Donin



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“kavanah” (כַּוְּנָה)

from the root word “kuwn” (כּוּן) - to prepare



Preparing to Pray

- Get right with your brother

^{NKJ} **Matthew 5:22-24** ²² whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. ²³ "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.



Preparing to Pray

- Use an outline

David's Outline:

- Praise to God for His power and glory
- A petition showing David's current need
- A statement showing that David's need is according to God's will
- A statement of faith that God will deliver what David has asked



Preparing to Pray

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^{ESV} **Psalm 11:1-7.** In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain, ² for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart; ³ if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" ⁴ The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test, the children of man. ⁵ The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. ⁶ Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. ⁷ For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.



Preparing to Pray

- Avoid interruptions – have a set time to pray

^{NKJ} **Matthew 6:6** "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Greek “tameion” (Strong’s 5009)

Hebrew “chedar” (חֶדָּר - Strong’s 2315)

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^{ESV} **Joel 2:16** gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

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^{NKJ} **Exodus 29:38-43** ³⁸ " Now this *is* what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs of the first year, day by day continually. ³⁹ "One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. . . . ⁴² "*This shall be* a continual burnt offering throughout your generations *at* the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet you to speak with you. ⁴³ "And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by My glory.



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^{NKJ} **Acts 3:1** Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.



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NKJ Romans 2:17-20 ¹⁷ Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, ¹⁸ and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, ¹⁹ and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.



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^{NKJ} **Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your* reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



1 Peter 2:9-10 ⁹ But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: ¹⁰ Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.



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Shalom Aleichem

Peace be Unto You