

WHY PRAY?

I. God Has Not Promised to Give Us _____

A. Psalm 37:4 is not a promise that God will give you _____ you

1. Requires that you _____ in the Lord (37:3)
2. Requires that you _____ in the Lord (37:4)
3. Requires that you _____ your _____ unto the Lord (37:5)
4. Requires that you _____ in the Lord (37:7)
5. Results in God's giving you _____ (37:4)

B. John 16:23 is not a promise that God will give you _____ you

1. Assumes that you are _____ His _____
2. Assumes that you are _____ His _____
3. Guarantees that you will _____ what you _____
to do _____

II. God Has Promised to Do _____

A. Includes God's _____ (Rom. 8:28)

1. Working toward _____

2. Working toward _____

B. Includes God's _____ (Eph. 1:4; cf. 1:13)

III. So _____ Should We _____?

A. What prayer _____ do

1. Prayer cannot _____ God's _____ (Ps. 8:1)

2. Prayer cannot _____ God's _____ (Heb. 4:13).

3. Prayer cannot _____ God's _____ (Eph. 1:11; Rom. 9:20-21)

4. Prayer cannot _____ God's _____ (Mal. 3:6)

B. What prayer _____

1. Prayer _____ our _____ upward toward God

2. Prayer _____ us to acknowledge our _____ for God

3. Prayer _____ in us a _____ upon God