



Meeting Notes: Prayer - Continued
(April 30, 2014)

These notes capture our April 30, 2014 meeting. We opened our meeting in prayer and then began our evening. Topic notes from the evening may not be in the order discussed during group, and they are not intended to cover everything discussed. They are intended as highlights to capture the essence of our evening. General notes follow each topic that was discussed.

GOD'S GOAL for the Group: For us to learn how to apply the Word to our lives.

CURRENT VISION: "The Year of Maturity: Learning how to hear with ears of faith that we may be doers of the word and not hearers only." Scripture Reference: **Mark 4:24**.

Closing the loop on last week's questions:

- **Under which type of prayer would casting our cares fall?** At a minimum, from what we have learned thus far, the prayer of petition is one prayer in which we can cast our cares upon the Lord. **RATIONALE:** The purpose of this prayer is to get our unmet intangible needs met. Therefore, logically speaking, those unmet needs are the ones we need to cast. The prayer of authority (faith) does not seem to fit, since we're not casting cares in this type of prayer; instead, we are asking God to fulfill His Word. **Takeaway.** Casting cares with the prayer of petition leaves our burdens at the feet of Jesus; however, when praying in authority (faith), we expect an answer!
- **Under which type of prayer does intercession, as we know it (praying for others), fall?** The answer to this question is item 2 in the attached email.

Discussion: Prayer – Scriptural Examples of Prayer

- **Overview:** After briefly going over each of the types of prayer we learned about in our last meeting, we began looking up the Scriptural references Rick Renner provides in his teaching on prayer as a lance and the seventh piece of the Roman soldier's armor.¹ We used the attached table on prayer as our reference.
- **Summing up the evening:** We had a bit of a challenge understanding the examples of prayer we looked at. Therefore, to bring some clarity, an email was sent to those who attend locally. A copy of that email is attached.
- **The prayers we examined.** Since we did not understand all of the Scripture references provided, rather than wrack our brains trying to figure out, I used

¹ Rick Renner, *Dressed to Kill: A Biblical Approach to Spiritual Warfare and Armor*, (Tulsa: Teach all Nations, 1991).

Strong's Concordance² to find other examples of the Greek words Renner used to describe the prayer of consecration and the prayer of petition. The results are below and also recorded in the attached table.

- **Prayer of consecration (*proseuche*)** (G4335): Since *proseuche* is a compound word, we also looked at the original word from which it comes, *proseuchomai*, which led us to Mark 14:35. This discussion is covered in the attached email. As we continued looking at examples of *proseuche*, we added Matthew 17:21, Matthew 21:13, and Matthew 21:22. Other discussion:
 - When looking at Matthew 17:21, we noticed Jesus said *proseuche* (consecration) and fasting were required when confronted with certain types of demonic activity!
 - God's part is to make a statement in His Word. Our part is to agree with and act upon God's statement. In the process of our acting upon God's statement, the internal work of the Word is completed in our lives.
 - We noted consecration is not about our salvation, but how we live a godly life.
 - We noted if we are praying something and those prayers are not getting answered, we might want to ask ourselves if there is something we have not surrendered to the Lord. After discussing the meaning of this prayer and the Scripture references, we summed up consecration with these words: surrender, sacrifice, conditional, "let's make a deal," actively pursue.
 - **Takeaway.** The prayer of consecration involves sacrifice on our part to gain something we want from God, hence "let's make a deal."
- **Prayer of petition (*deesis*)** (G1162): We replaced the verses we did not understand (Hebrews 6:7, James 5:17, 2 Corinthians 8:4, and 1 Thessalonians 3:10) with those we did understand (Acts 1:14 and Ephesians 6:18). In looking at Acts 1:14, we noticed how they were in the upper room consecrating themselves and petitioning for the Holy Spirit. In Ephesians 6:18, we noted this is a form of intercession (praying for all the saints). Overall, we summed up the prayer of petition with these words: "I'm tired ... empty ... at my end," and having compassion for others to pray for them. **Takeaway.** This is our "help me, Lord" prayer, whether it's for us or someone else.

² James Strong, S.T.D., LL.D., *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, (Iowa Falls, World Bible Publishers, 1986).

- **Point of interest:** As we continue our study on prayer, some things may change; therefore, stay tuned, as the Holy Spirit may bring clarity and/or fresh revelation!

Homework Assignment: Look up the Scripture references for the remaining prayers: authority (faith), thanksgiving, supplication, and intercession to see if you understand them. Write down any questions you may have.

Closing: We closed our meeting in prayer with a time of need-specific prayer for the challenges that were lifted up, for the group overall, and as the Holy Spirit led.

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ATTACHMENT: TYPES OF PRAYER

PRAYER OF	PURPOSE	EXAMPLE
Consecration (<i>proseuche</i>) (G4335)	Surrender	1 Samuel 1:11, 19-20 Mark 14:35 Ephesians 6:18 Matthew 17:21 Matthew 21:13 Matthew 21:22
Petition (<i>deesis</i>) (G1162)	Humility	Acts 1:14 Ephesians 6:18
Authority (Faith) (<i>aeito</i>) (G154)	Boldness	John 15:7 1 John 5:14-15 Ephesians 3:20 James 1:5-6 1 John 3:22
Thanksgiving (<i>eucharistia</i>) (G2168)	Gratitude	Ephesians 1:16 Colossians 1:3 1 Thessalonians 1:2 1 Thessalonians 5:18 2 Corinthians 4:15 2 Corinthians 9:11-12 Philippians 4:6 Colossians 2:7 Colossians 4:2 1 Timothy 4:3-4 Revelation 7:12
Supplication (<i>enteuxis</i>) (G1783)	Love	1 Timothy 2:1 1 Timothy 4:5
Intercession (<i>huperentugchano</i>) (G5241)	Vessel	Romans 8:26



ATTACHMENT: EMAIL CLARIFICATION ON APRIL 30, 2014 MEETING

Hello Everyone!

I wanted to take a moment to clarify a few things from last night:

1. Hopefully, everyone left with a clear understanding of why we were looking at two different Greek words to understand the prayer of consecration. Basically, we looked at the word translated "prayer" in Ephesians 6:18 (*proseuche*) along with the root word from which it comes (*proseuchomai*). Don't be confused that the root word is the longer word. Remember, we're not dealing with English now. At any rate, as with any compound word, the root word(s) help(s) us define the compound word. Therefore, looking at the root word from which *proseuche* comes led us to Mark 14:35, in which Jesus submitted His will to the Father. As a result, we were able to see why *proseuche*, which comes from *proseuchomai*, carries the meaning of surrendering our will to God, thereby explaining why *proseuche* was called the prayer of consecration. Hopefully, that makes a bit more sense! If not, Holy Spirit, guide us into all truth as only You can!

2. We've had some challenges with understanding intercession. Based on the original Greek words used in the Bible, we've learned the prayer of intercession available to the believer is only mentioned once in the New Testament, and that's in relationship to the Holy Spirit praying through us (Romans 8:26). However, the question came up last week about praying for others, and this week someone asked where do we get the word "intercession" if that word only applies to the Holy Spirit praying through us.

One, if we think about the difference in our language and the Greek language, in English, intercession means "prayer, petition, or entreaty in favor of another." With that in mind, any type of prayer we pray on the behalf of someone else would, in English, be considered intercession. However, for the purposes of us better understanding prayer, even when we pray for others, our focus should be on HOW to pray for them. For example, why send up a prayer of petition for someone if we can stand on God's Word and pray a prayer of authority? Thus, our focus is not on intercession itself, but on covering the other person with the right type of prayer to fit their need.

Two, to gain a better Biblical understanding of what Greek words have been translated intercession, I searched for the English word intercession in the NKJV, and the only occurrence I could find that wasn't related to the Holy Spirit interceding through us or Jesus interceding for us was **1 Timothy 2:1**, "Therefore I exhort first of all that **supplications** [*deesis*], **prayers** [*proseuche*], **intercessions** [*enteuxis*], and giving of *thanks* [*eucharistia*] be made for all men." This is even one of the verses Rick Renner identifies as "supplication" in *Dressed to Kill*.

Lastly, if we replace the English words (supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving

of thanks) with the original Greek word from which they were derived (*deesis*, *proseuche*, *enteuxis*, and *eucharistia*), it would appear this verse could be translated, "Therefore I exhort first of all that [prayers of] **petitions, consecrations, supplications, and thanksgiving** be made for all men," thereby aligning with the types of prayers we have learned. However, since I'm not a Greek scholar, I have no idea why this verse was translated the way it was. But, let's wind this down with saying, from what I can tell, thus far, any of these prayers can be made FOR someone; however, I would think while we can pray that someone WILL consecrate themselves to the Lord, only that person CAN consecrate themselves. Now, to wrap this up in a bow, any prayer we pray for others can, by the English definition, be considered intercession, but when it comes to defining prayer according to the Greek words used in the Bible, the only reference to "intercession" as it relates to the believer is when the Holy Spirit prays through us. For all we know, He could be praying any and/or all of the other five types of prayers we've learned about.

3. For those who weren't there, as we looked up the verses for the prayer of petition, we did not understand how those fit with what we understand petition to mean. One [of them] wasn't even the same Greek word (*deesis*), and two, the prayer itself did not seem to fit. Consequently, we're not sure how the author reached the conclusions he did about these verses, but we are choosing to study to show ourselves approved, so we did a little of our own research and came up with some other verses that will be in the Notes. I do, however, plan to look up the Scriptures in question and delve a little more deeply before we meet again. But, I wanted to share the confusion we encountered in case you look up some verses for yourself and wonder the same thing we did last night — how does that fit with this type of prayer!?

As always ... with a lot of love and affection!