

a.w. Tozer Audio Prayers - Part 4

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of knowing God beyond intellectual knowledge, and the role of faith, humility, and prayer in experiencing God's presence and power.

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Scripture: Psalm 27:11

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Description

This sermon is a heartfelt prayer for a deep spiritual connection with God, seeking His glory, guidance, and mercy. It emphasizes the importance of knowing God personally and experiencing His abundant mercies, while also urging for a renewed passion for sharing the Gospel and expecting a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit. The speaker prays for a transformation in the hearts of the listeners, leading to a vibrant, Bible-based church that impacts its community and brings forth a bountiful harvest of souls.

Transcript

O Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, how nice to be living in a world where perils and dangers are upon every hand, and life's kind is speaking, and judgment is coming, and Satan is busy. Ones are spraying themselves across the path, preparing to prevent it from going ahead. But we hear you calling to us, and we want to know thee, and the power of thy resurrection suffering, and be made consummable under thy breath.

And we want to know the beauty and wonder that it is. And we pray to thee to request this prayer. O Christ Jesus, Christ Jesus, thou who didst come in olden times in the form of a dove, to quench fire, and thou who didst come to Peter, and to the Moravians, and to the saints of the wind, and thou who didst come, O Lord, and sought here and there a gift.

O withhold not thy glory from us. We cry, show us thy glory, Lord, show us thy glory, and teach us how to go on. Now grant, we pray, that this may be a good week, and if the devil makes it the worst week we've ever had, we'll have a naked intent and determination, and we'll calmly, quietly believe, even though we should, even though darkness should settle over us, we'll know it's the cloud of unknowing, it's the dark night of the soul, the peace morning of the heart.

And we won't be frightened, for we know thou didst go through the garden and through the gardens, and out of the darkness and into the tomb, and out of the tomb and into the Lord. So as I'll lead thee, lead us, lead this church. Lord, we pray, bring us to a place where soon we may be under grace, spiritually

prepared for a mighty outpouring, an outpouring that shall bring in reality that which everybody's talking about and nobody has.

And we shall testament spirituality back to Bishop Acts' Christianity again. And maybe out from us here there shall flow into the desert ways, and fire that shall cut churches and groups of people. And above all things, show us thyself, thyself, Lord, and show us thy glory.

For thou passest by, and show us thy glory, so that all the glory of this world shall appear as with that wondrous sight. This we ask in the holy name of Jesus. Now as we pray the way to see, as a little prayer before us, the opening verse or two or psalm or two of that, what is it? Yes.

Can you read for me? I'll follow. We pray, make us hungry. I know it's a couple with that church, Lord.

We're not hungry. We have the thing because we have the text that tells about it. We have the doctrine and think we have the object because we can describe it.

We think we've eaten when we're dying of malnutrition. We think we're full when we're about to cave in from empty. Oh, God, what our appetites.

What our appetites. Guide us, we pray, be like this, until we're dehydrated and our tongues are hanging out. Until we run to the water brook, have a drink.

Oh, God, upset us, disturb us, perturb us, worry us, make us anxious, until we're through with ourselves, until we open our hearts like the sun in the rain, until we open our vessels as the widows' vessels were opened at the top and were filled with oil. Oh, oil of God, come and fill us. And make us so hungry we can't live until we're filled.

This is in Jesus' holy name. But nothing compared with the deep knowledge of God himself. Knowing, knowing, you know this knowledge of God.

Nobody can argue out of it. Nobody can argue out of it. They can come and point a fist, hand, or finger at you and tell you every name the Lord permits.

And then they'll feel bad about it, but you'll still know you know God. They can come and argue with you and give you scripture to prove you're all wrong. You can say, well, you're a pretty good expositor, but I happen to know God.

You've got the inspiration. You tell them to prove I can't, and I have everything to prove it. So we can know God for ourselves, that I might know him.

So those things, some of you know that. Some of you are flying through. I've gotten letters.

I've gotten phone calls. I have a habitation. And I know that some of you are signing with the Lord in the morning.

It's deep and wonderful. Well, it is. And I'm glad.

But how about a day out? Frankly speaking. Now, let's pray. Now, before we do pray, we're going to find out if there are those who would say, I want to say my good news.

The only one you have is talking back to you. The other news, the good news, you are. You do not care maybe quite about it all intellectually, but you're God.

Do you want to know what Paul knew? I do want to know. Put your hand up. Say, yes, I do.

Do it. Do you want to know? Yes, I say, I do. Do it.

Do you want to know? Yes, I do. Yes. God put his hand into his garment.

Now, let's have a little time. Lord Jesus. Lord Jesus.

In the beginning was the Word. In the Word was God. In the Word was Jesus.

In the beginning was God. We thank you, Lord Jesus, that when we come to thee, we go back to the beginning. Back as Paul and back as Moses.

Back as Abraham and back as Adam. We go back to the beginning. We thank you, Lord Jesus.

When we receive the Father, through thee we receive the Father. Through thee we receive the Father. In the name of thy Son, Jesus, we pray for thee.

That thou wilt take me, take me, and lead me over to thine. And lead me, lead me carefully, lead me through ways that may be rough and hard and even painful and chastening, but lead them until all is behind them, everything is behind them. And they put behind them everything, everything.

what they're proud of and what they're ashamed of, and what victories they've had and the defeats they've had, and the mistakes they've made. Oh, we pray to you, Jesus, and teach them how to look forward and not backward. And we know, Father, that when we talk about these things, some come because they feel that they'd be gifts they can swallow, or they're pets they can amuse, or some wonderful ships they can use.

Oh, Lord, that it is not thus we see, but rather by the cultivation of the knowledge of God, by faith and humility and care and trust and confidence and obedience, and trusting in the Lord, and at last the mountain top appears in view, and up out of the mists we come to the sunlight. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come with all our faith and power.

Come, we pray thee, and say, Lord, we pray thee, Lord. We pray for all of these. And we pray, Lord, to some who didn't request a prayer for anything, but who should have this night without even salvation.

And we pray for all the children that are coming to bring their service to you for more than a half an hour or so. Bless them all, O Lord, and thank you. Pray thee that every nest may have children, and that every couple of months and every harvest we come from him.

That there be victory in the church of Jesus Christ this night throughout all of Israel. May the victory last eternally, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Dear Heavenly Father, we have no doubt of what thou hast done for us, but we pray that thou would open our eyes to behold, and our hearts to understand and feel, and our spirits to see and penetrate all the glory that thou hast brought to us.

We may receive into our own souls and lives. We pray that thou would help us that we may hear the voice again today, that voice that created all things, that voice that raised the dead, that voice that speaks and

men are clean, and that voice that will some day entomb the sky. We pray that thou help us to hear it.

Father, we are both unworthy to speak and to hear, but we come by grace alone, through faith. And that not of ourselves, it's thy gift to us. Will thou make us, we pray thee, to speak wordily, enable us to hear wordily, O Lord, this hour? For Christ's sake.

Amen. Father, we pray thy blessing upon what's been said. Being human, Lord, maybe some things were said that shouldn't have been said.

Expunge them from our minds. Everything that should impress them upon our minds. May we go out from here humbly glad, we're Christians, humbly glad for our fathers who taught us the Bible, for our fathers who translated the Bible for us, for our fathers for us, for our fathers who wrote expositions and commentaries and devotional books and beat our hearts on in a day of corruption and pornography.

Great God, we thank thee for all the good men, we thank thee for every worshiping Saint. We thank thee for Wesley, who wrote these great hymns, and Grant, and Watts, and Montgomery. We thank thee for that fountain of all hymnology, David, who now gets to stand and say, O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

God help us today. We go out from here, we pray, we make goals. All the beauties that are about us, that appreciate him as Christians, seeing him not as pagans, but seeing him as Christians, birds and trees, worshiping the God who made the birds and trees.

Amen. Father, we pray, bless thou this truth. O God, thy mercies are abundant.

Mercies full and free, and have they not, O God, found out me. We thank thee for thy mercies, thy many abundant, full mercies. Now we pray that thou wilt help us to lean back and trust and not be afraid, hate sin and love righteousness, flee from iniquity and follow after godliness.

But always know that in all that we do, mercy is around us like the air underneath us, as the earth above us as the stars. We live in a merciful world to serve a merciful God, and live and serve being in the abundant mercies of the Triune God. Graciously grant us, we pray thee, property and to apply it to our hearts.

We give thee praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive him, Father, O forgive him. He knows not that by, it is by me he lives.

Father, we pray thy blessing upon the word given. We pray that thou wilt help us, that our faith might mount up like an eagle, stretch its broad wings and soar so high that nothing can pull it down. As the eagle can look upon the sun, we pray that we may look upon thy holy sun with the right hand of the majesty, and that we may be grateful to the point of tears and tenderness that he who was God and very God of the very God gave himself and hung on yonder tree.

Blessed as we receive of the Lord's Supper. In Christ's name, amen. O our kind Father, we thank thee thou hast not left us in our sins.

Thou hast thought of a way for us. Thou hast planted in Christ Jesus thy Son, our Lord. Thou hast worked it out by blood and tears and groans and death and the miracle of resurrection and the wonder of ascension to the right hand of the throne.

Thou hast sent the Holy Ghost to say everywhere throughout the world, He that believeth on him shall not perish. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. O we thank thee, heavenly Father.

The time is running out, and it's later than we know. And then thou hast warned us gently and carefully to be careful what we do with this message. Be careful lest we take too much for granted.

To be careful lest the devil get to see, lest the carriers of life take the seat. Lest we be Christians only in name and have a name that we live but be dead. My God.

It would be better that we should perish from the naked slopes of the bowing dry and from the rich precincts of Toronto. Better that we should die pagans cutting off the necks of chickens to try to appease some bestial God. Than to die Canadians and Americans and Englishmen and Scotsmen who heard from their childhood this wondrous message.

Better let it go. O God, what do we say to thee in that time? What answer can we have? From the body naked savage men smeared with pig grease and clay can stand up and say we never heard it. But we'll hear it and say, O God we've heard it and we've heard it and we've heard it until we're bored with it.

God forgive us. Give us a new something, a new baptism of interest, a new and new athletics of fresh interest in the things of the gospel. O God we pray that thou would help the friends here tonight.

Lord we pray for those who are well saved. That they might become so keenly concerned for others that aren't saved that they would continue to work for their salvation hard and struggle and pray and labor until one by one they're gathered in. Grant we pray, O God, that there may be a harvest of sows that will go overdue, Lord.

It's long overdue. But God we're not giving up. We expect to see it.

We expect to see it further. We expect thee to give us a harvest. We expect to see young people brought in and older people.

We expect to see the new faces and hear new voices. And see the travail of thy soul, O Lord. We expect this.

For thou art God. And because Jesus Christ thy Son said if we wanted anything, ask in his name and he'll give it to us. Because that's why the gospel is being preached.

That's why we're here. So expect to see it, God. We don't believe that thou dost speak to men vainly or say anything to anybody carelessly.

We believe that now to take a promise, that promise is as good as gold. So we're expecting, Father, we're expecting thee to do it. O God, round the margins, our relatives, our friends, our neighbors, people all around here that are not here tonight, but they can be here and they can be brought in and they can be one.

We pray, O God, fall on the churches. Fall on this church. Fall on our people.

We pray with a new apparatus of love for men, that we may not depend on the word from the pulpit only, but that we might supplement that word with earnest souling efforts. Now come on us, Father. We're looking for help, O God.

Once more we remind thee that we have for this church a vision of a strong, Bible-based, morally right, solid, vigorous, active, loving church, that the people will feel when they come in here that surely the Lord's in this place and that's true. The Lord may be slow, but we believe he'll come. Now, as I said first, the little sprout and then the stalk and then the ear and then the full corn in the ear.

So put us through those stages fast, Lord, because we need the corn, and we need it fast. We need it soon. Pray, God, meet us for testing day.

We pray thee for any tonight that are not committed, that have been, the Holy Ghost has found them somewhere there among the rocks or on the wayside or among the thorns. The Spirit of God has found them, we pray thee, that they might come out from there and be good ground, receive the truth into honest hearts, and bring forth truth with patience unto perfection. We ask this in Christ's name.

Now let's sing this number, please.

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