

Because You Are God's Beloved Child

by David Wilkerson

The sermon emphasizes the importance of prayer mixed with faith as the answer to every problem in life, and encourages listeners to draw near to God with full assurance.

Scripture: Psalm 34:15, Psalm 34:17, Proverbs 15:8, Matthew 6:33, Philippians 4:6, Hebrews 2:3, Hebrews 10:22

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes the power of prayer mixed with faith as the essential response to every aspect of our lives. He highlights the importance of seeking God first, as instructed by the Apostle Paul and Jesus, and encourages believers to approach God with their needs and thank Him in advance for His answers. Wilkerson reminds us that God is attentive to the cries of His children and warns against the neglect of prayer, which can lead to spiritual apathy. He urges Christians to draw near to God with confidence, assuring them that He is faithful and will respond in His perfect timing. Ultimately, we are reminded of our identity as God's beloved children, which should motivate us to seek Him earnestly.

Transcript

Scripture makes it clear that the answer to everything in our lives is prayer mixed with faith. The apostle Paul writes, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God" (Philippians 4:6). Paul is telling us, "Seek the Lord about every area of your life and thank him ahead of time for hearing you."

Paul's emphasis is clear: Always pray first -- not as a last resort. Jesus tells us, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33).

Why is it so hard for Christians to seek God for their desperate needs? After all, the Bible stands as one long testimony that God hears the cries of his children and answers them with tender love.

"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry" (Psalm 34:15).

"The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles" (verse 17).

"The prayer of the upright is His delight" (Proverbs 15:8).

The Bible gives us many promises when it comes to prayer, but it also gives us warnings about the danger of neglecting prayer: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3). The Greek

word for "neglect" here means "of little concern; to take lightly."

How can God's own people claim to love him and believe in his promises, yet never draw near to his heart?

The writer of Hebrews calls us to "draw near to God in full assurance" (see Hebrews 10:22). God's door is always open to his children and, make no mistake, he is utterly faithful. Go to your secret closet regularly and seek him with all your heart. Your answers may not come overnight, yet God will do his work in his time and in his way -- because you are his beloved child.

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