

## **Prayer is a Privilege**

How many of us would turn down an invitation to meet the President at the White House, or visit briefly with the mayor or governor? There is high prestige connected with these opportunities, to say nothing of the power that may be available to help us with certain concerns we might have.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have a higher, more prestigious and more powerful opportunity afforded us every day, at any time of the day. Maybe it's the ease or frequency of the opportunity that causes us to yawn at it. Or perhaps we don't feel pressed with need and desperation, or grasp the honor and high privilege of an audience with the Creator. The bottom line is that we regularly turn down the invitation to meet with God our Father and waste the moment on ourselves or something else just as small and unimportant and ineffective.

It is a special feature of this New Covenant age to be able to have personal "access . . . to the Father."<sup>1</sup> This access has been denied through the past ages of mankind's history, only to be revealed to us, "upon whom the ends of the ages have come."<sup>2</sup> We are privileged to enter where forbidden for all human history before, into the holiest place in the temple, into the presence of God, behind the veil. This veil was "torn in two from top to bottom"<sup>3</sup> as the Savior died on the cross. Now "we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way . . . through the veil, that is, His flesh."<sup>4</sup> The great privilege of access to the One Who controls the universe, our Father, is provided by the blood of His Son spilled for us. So, "Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace."<sup>5</sup> Let us do it more often, laying bare our hearts, already known by the Father, giving thanks to Him for His goodness. What a privilege it is to pray.

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<sup>1</sup> Ephesians 2:18.

<sup>2</sup> 1 Corinthians 10:11.

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 27:51.

<sup>4</sup> Hebrews 10:19-20.

<sup>5</sup> Hebrews 4:16.