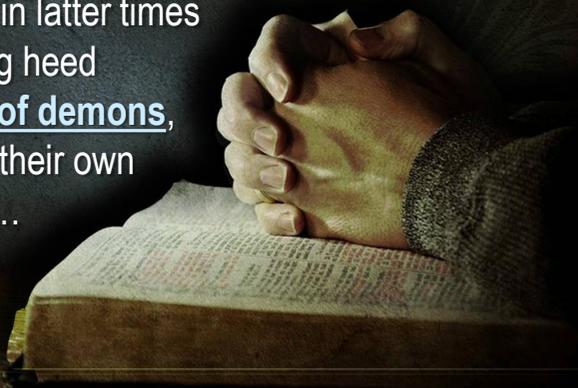


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Matthew 24:12a And because lawlessness will abound ...

1 Timothy 4:1-2

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2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron ...



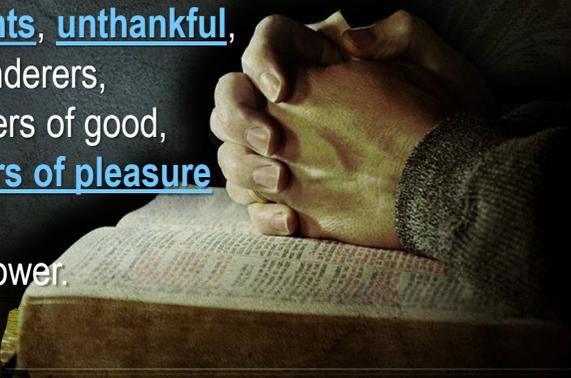
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2 Timothy 3:1-5

1 But know this, that **in the last days perilous times** will come: 2 For men will be **lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful,** unholy, 3 unloving, **unforgiving,** slanderers, **without self-control, brutal,** despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,** 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!



2. Many believers will be **corrupted** by the culture of the world.

James 1:27 **Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father** is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and **to keep oneself unspotted from the world.**



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Religion without relationship
Forgiveness without repentance
Discipleship without denying the self

- Inclusivism
- Relativism
- Post-Modernism
- Hyper Grace
- Hyper Prosperity
- Universalism

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2 Peter 1:4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the

corruption that is in the world
through lust.

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Matthew 24:10 And then many will be **offended [fall away-stumble - NASB]**, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

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Luke 18:8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.

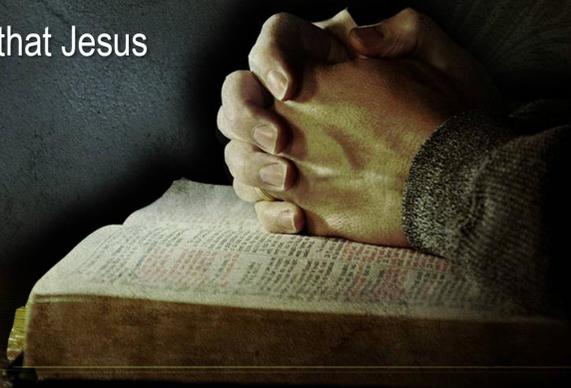
Nevertheless, **when the Son of Man comes**, **will He really find faith on the earth?"**

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1 John 5:4-5

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is **the victory that has overcome the world—our faith**. 5 Who is he who overcomes

the world, but he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?



4. Many will **dis-connect** from the love of God.

Revelation 2:4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have **left your first love**.

Matthew 24:12b ... the **love [agape]**
of many will grow cold.



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1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

2 Peter 1:9 For he who lacks these things is short-sighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

II. We must understand the laws of prayer.

1. In God's Sovereignty, amongst other things, God has:

A. Given man a free-will.

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B. Placed laws and principles of life for man on earth.

Psalm 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's; but the earth He has given to the children of men.

Genesis 1:26-28

Psalm 8:6

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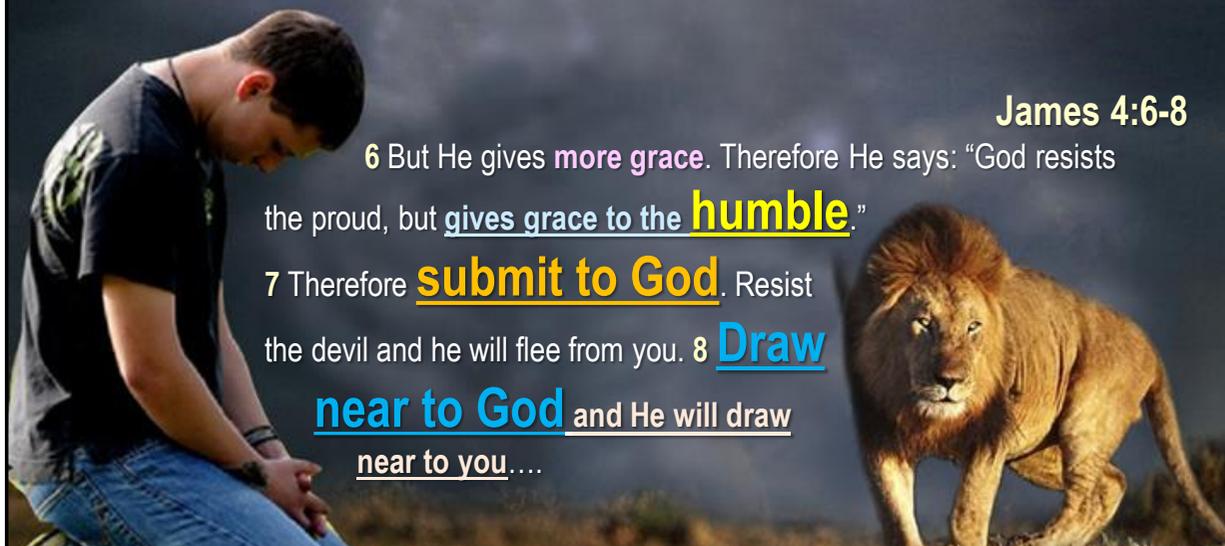
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Romans 10:13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.



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James 4:6-8

6 But He gives **more grace**. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw

near to God and He will draw near to you....

2. We begin our relationship with God by believing and receiving Christ Jesus into our lives.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.



3. Thereafter, we continue our relationship with God by **connecting** with Him continually.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.** Amen.

Give Thanks

Pray

Dedicate

Praise

Chat

Speak

Converse

Worship

Commune

Connect

Consecrate

Surrender

Fellowship

4. God gives us the Holy Spirit to dwell in us to be our **Helper - Alongsider.**

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that **your body [life]** **is the temple of the Holy Spirit** **who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

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John 14:16-17

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another

Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows

Him; but you know Him, **for He dwells**

with you and will be in you.

5. There are **3 fundamental ways** we commune with God.

A. Intake of His **Word**.

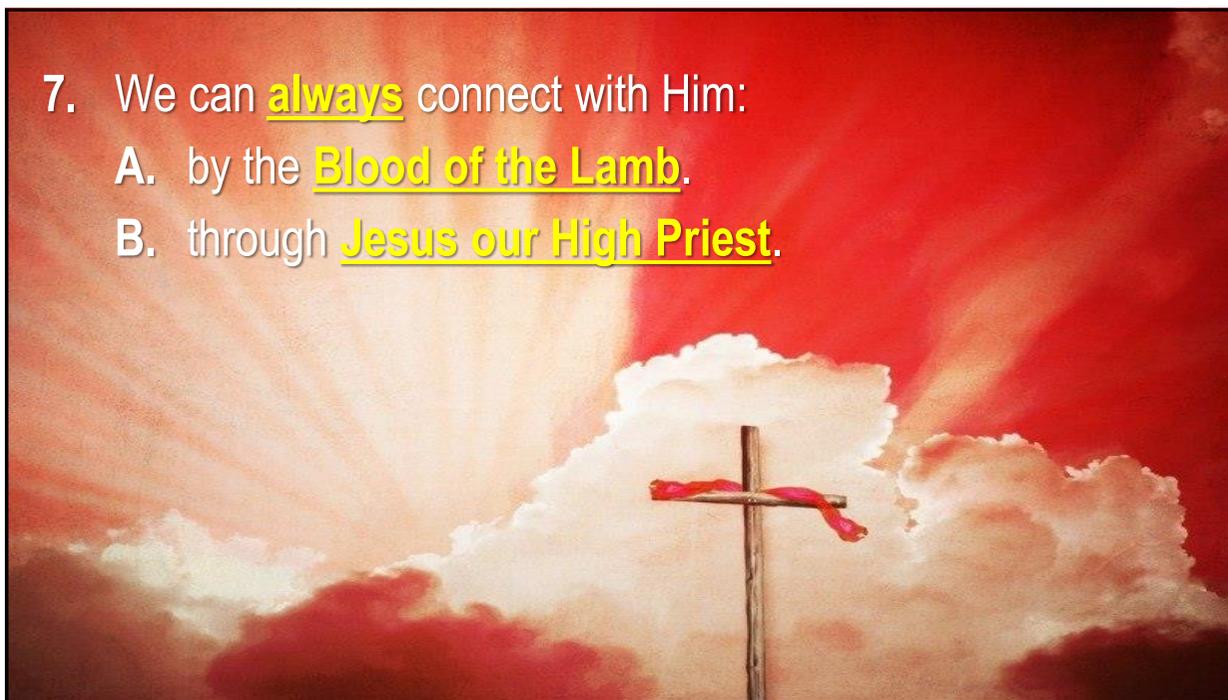
B. **Prayer** Communion.

C. Giving **thanks**, rendering **praise** and **worship**.

- 6A. Prayer-Communion with God is something we can do 24-7-365.
- 6B. We can pray anytime, anywhere.
- 6C. Pursue a guilt-free, no-condemnation relationship with God.

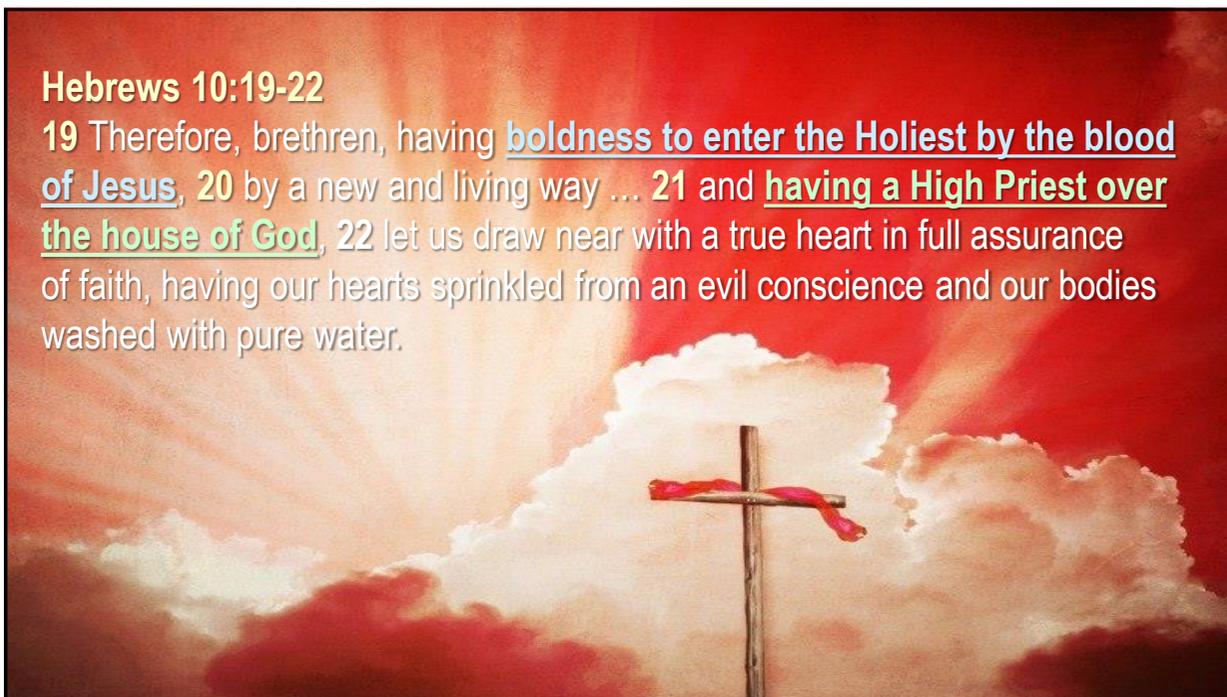


7. We can always connect with Him:
- A. by the Blood of the Lamb.
- B. through Jesus our High Priest.



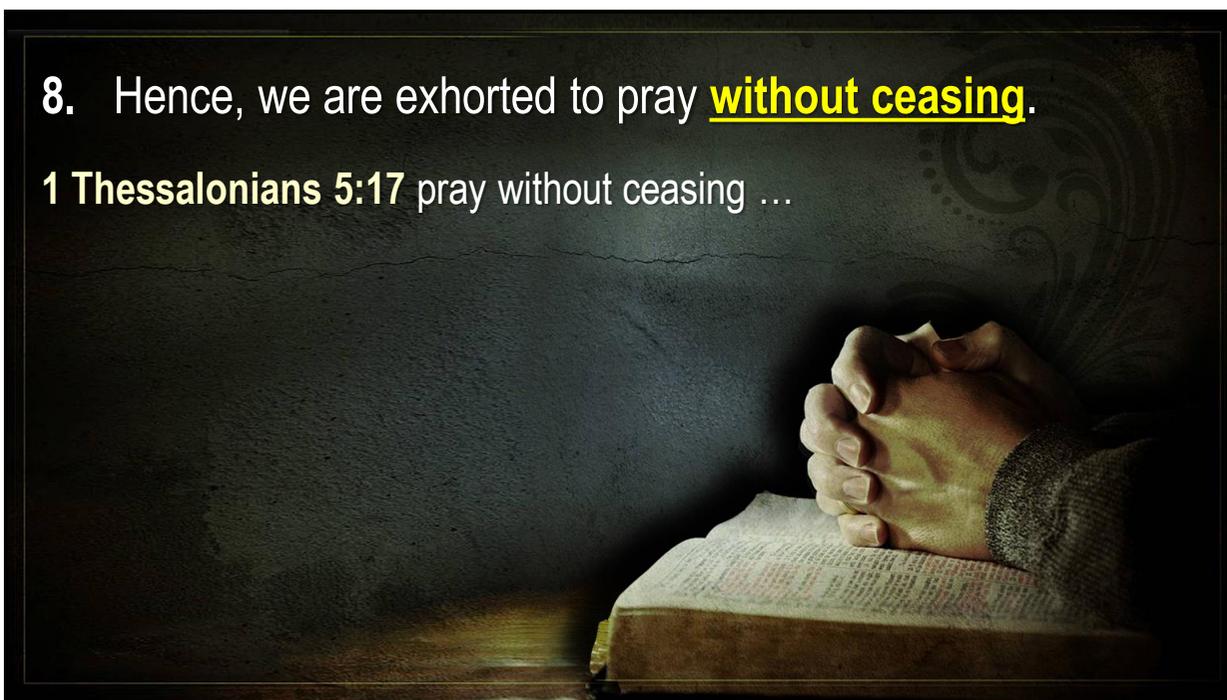
Hebrews 10:19-22

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way ... 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.



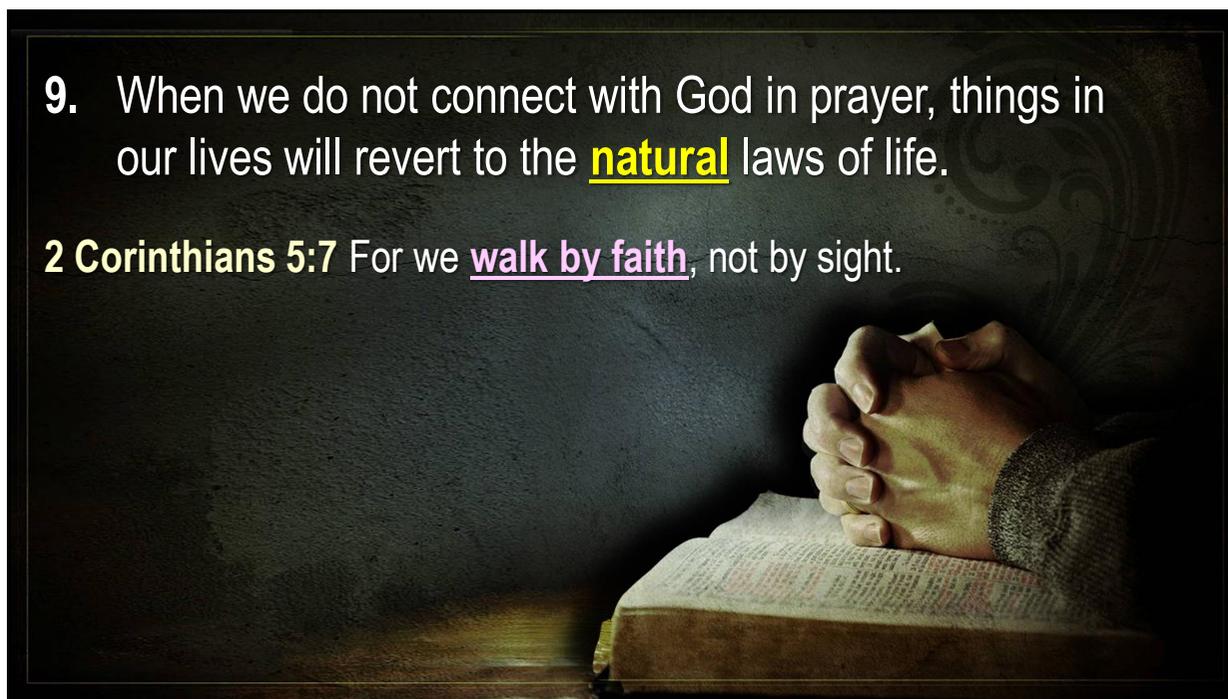
8. Hence, we are exhorted to pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing ...



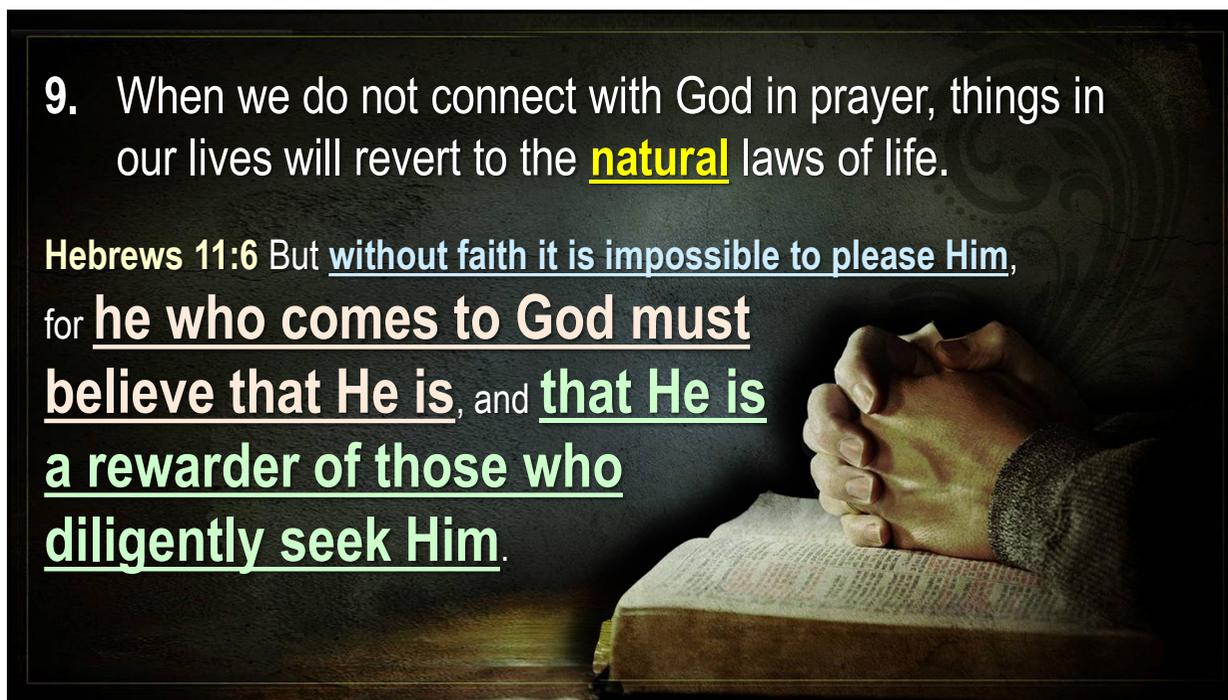
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2 Corinthians 5:7 For we **walk by faith**, not by sight.



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Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for **he who comes to God must believe that He is,** and **that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**



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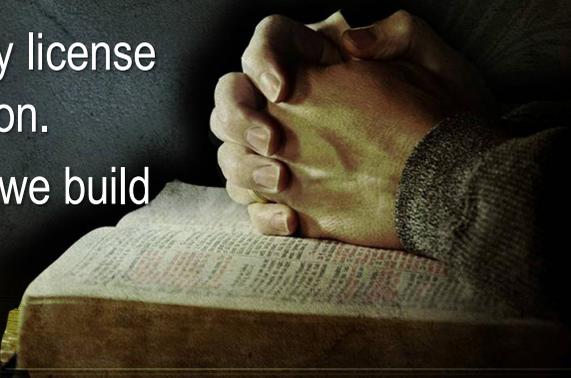
Jeremiah 9:24 But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, **exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness** in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

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- 10B. Our prayer of faith is the hand that reaches out to God, to receive the Grace that we need for our lives.
- 10C. Our prayers lay the tracks on which the train of God's Grace runs.
- 10D. Our prayers are earthly license for heavenly intervention.
- 10E. Our prayer is the altar we build to connect our earth to heaven.

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- 10F. Our prayer creates the ladder on which God commands the angels to descend and ascend to minister to us.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?



Bottom-Line

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The image shows a close-up of a person's hands clasped in prayer over an open Bible. The hands are positioned over the pages of the Bible, which is resting on a surface. The lighting is dramatic, with the hands and the Bible being the primary focus against a dark background.

Bottom-Line

We must always pray.
Prayer is our life-line
to God!

