

Thursday Devotional

June 25th, 2020

As I said last devotional, we are going to look at the acronym ACTS (Adoration. Confession. Thanksgiving. Supplication) to help us in our prayer life. Today we start with Adoration in prayer.

First, what does it mean to have adoration in the most general terms? Adoration means to adore something, which means to have a deep love and respect for someone or something. So, the bigger question then is how do we adore God in prayer? To help us answer this question, we must turn to God's Word.

- *"1 And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. 2 "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you;" – 1 Samuel 2:1-2*
- *"5 And I said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments." – Nehemiah 1:4-5*
- *"22 "How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears." – 2 Samuel 7:22-24*
- *"46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant." – Luke 1:46-51*

These are just a few passages showing us prayers of people, like you and me, in the Bible. Notice the language they use to open their prayers. They begin with a wonderful description of who God is and what He has done for them. Adoration of God in prayer means to pray the truths of God back to God. Praying His character, His promises to come, His promises that have been fulfilled. One of the most helpful things that I have learned is to pray Scripture back to God. When you are praying about the character and promises of God, where do we learn about those things? We learn about the character and promises of God in His holy Word. Therefore, when we pray Scripture back to God we are then meditating upon and truly applying God's Word to our very souls. When we begin prayer with adoration towards God, we are putting in His proper place, and we are allowing prayer to be used as tool to help us grow in God's grace. I would encourage you to go and read the rest of these prayers of these men and women. I believe you will find great encouragement in how they pray to God.