

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1-21 & 2 Samuel 7
Singing: 283:1-3 – 123:1 – 50:1-3 – 230:1, 4, 5 – 425:5 – 431:3-4

Introduction

A. The difference between *prayer* and *pleading prayer*

B. In both faith remains crucial

1. *But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God **must believe** that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.* (Hebrews 11:6)
2. *But let him ask **in faith**, nothing wavering. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.* (James 1:6, 8)

David's Pleading Prayer

- I. DAVID'S PLEADED BELIEVING GOD'S REVELATION
- II. DAVID'S PLEADED TAKING HOLD OF GOD'S PROMISE

I. David's pleaded believing God's revelation.

A. God made amazing gracious and generous revelations to David.

1. about a settled place to live in peace and prosperity (vs. 10)
2. about a son to build a house/temple and enduring throne (vs. 12-16)
3. about God having 'redeemed them to Himself (vs. 23-24)
 - a. they were to 'celebrate' this weekly: Deut. 5:15
 - b. their privilege applies also to us: 2 Samuel 7:24; Deut. 4:7

B. As David prays, he confessed his faith in God's revelation.

1. Vs. 22: *pleaded on the revelation of God's character* (Ps. 86:5, 8, 10, 15)
2. Vs. 25: *pleaded on the revelation of God's promises* (vs. 27a-28)

C. Upon what grounds do we pray?

1. Search the Scriptures to find God's specific promises

2. Having found the 'rounds to pray (God's Word), follow David in pleading
 - a. examples in Ps. 119:25, 28, 41, 49, 58, etc.

II. David pleaded taking hold of God's promise by faith.

A. He pleaded: ***and do as thou hast said*** (vs. 24b)

1. David reverently held God's own words before Him

2. In pleading prayer we have *power with God*

B. What is God revealing (again) to us and our seed today?

1. I am the LORD your God: *have no other gods before Me!*

- a. I am committed to you – to fill your every need: P 81:10.

- b. Will we be committed to Him to *have no other gods before Him?*

2. Examples of pleading prayer

- a. Ps. 86:2 *Preserve my soul; for I am holy.*

- b. 2 Sam. 23:5 *Although my house be not so with God; yet He hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure; for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although He make it not to grow.*

Excerpt from Erskine's sermon on pleading prayer for our children

But says another ... I am one that has a family, and children that the Lord has given me, and it is my concern, not only that I may be blessed myself but that my seed and offspring may be blessed. Is there any word for me in this case?

Yes, what do you think of that word in Isaiah 44:3, "I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring."

What think ye of that covenant made with Abraham, which you are called to lay hold upon by following his faith? Gen 17:7, "I will be thy God and the God of thy seed."

Hear God's promise in Is. 59:21, This is my covenant with them, saith the LORD, My Spirit that is upon thee, and my words that I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, not out of the mouth of thy seeds seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth forever.

He has said that children are His heritage (Ps. 127:3) and that His righteousness is unto children's children. (Ps. 103:17).

And The promise is unto you and to your children, (Acts 2;39)

*O, take Him at His Word and cry, "LORD, **Do as thou has said.**"*