

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

August 2, 2020

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:13-20

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #693 A Shelter in the Time of Storm

HYMN #697 The Way of the Cross Leads Home

HYMN #707 He Giveth More Grace

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN #306 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #237 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

CLOSING PRAYER

BIBLE MESSAGE: *Because of Christ - 1 Peter 2:9-20*

1. I can stand out in a dark world - Verse 9
2. I can show mercy - Verse 10
3. I can avoid sinful practices - Verses 11-12
4. I can submit to authority - Verse 13
5. I can serve an ungodly boss - Verses 18-20

Announcement

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

Why Pray?

Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie, Jr.

Knowing that God is sovereign and that He will carry out His will, why pray? Why lay any petitions at the feet of Almighty God when He knows the beginning from the end? With billions of people in this world, why would our cries for help be heard over those of anyone else? Why would I merit any attention? Why pray? Why get our hopes up?

Why pray?

1. **Because God instructs us to pray.** Matthew 6:6: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Matthew 6:9-13, James 5:13-15
2. **Because God hears our prayer.** 1 John 5:14-15: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." Psalm 34:17, Psalm 55:17, Isaiah 65:24
3. **Because God answers our prayer.** John 15:7: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 86:7, Psalm 91:15, Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 7:7, Mark 11:24, John 14:14.
4. **Because God cares about us as His children.** You are a child of the King. You can boldly approach the throne of grace. Hebrews 10:19-20: "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh."

Prayers God Answers:

1. God answers **a prayer for salvation.** Romans 10:13
2. God answers **a prayer for wisdom.** James 1:5
3. God answers **a prayer for enablement.** 2 Corinthians 3:4-6
4. God answers **a prayer of agreement.** Matthew 18:19

Prayers God Does Not Answer:

1. **God does not answer prayers based on selfish motivation.**
James 4:1-6
2. **God does not answer prayers of those seeking attention.**
Matthew 6:5, 16-18
3. **God does not answer our prayers if we refuse to forgive others.**
Matthew 6:14-15
4. **God does not answer our prayers if we refuse to repent of sin.**
Psalm 66:18, James 5:16
5. **God does not answer our prayers when our faith waivers.**
James 1:5-8