

Session 1: Why Should We Pray?

God's provision comes when we seek _____ . **Matthew 6:33**

*"It is written, 'My house shall be **called** a house of **prayer**.'" **Matthew 21:13***

God's plan for His revelation on this earth is found in one of Jesus' names.

- Emmanuel: God _____ us.

God doesn't _____ on earth without man's _____.

Open the Door

John 10:1-5

Jesus only enters by the _____. (**Verse 2**), **Revelation 3:20**

He doesn't _____ the door Himself. (**Verse 3**)

He waits for a _____ to open to Him. **Mark 13:33-35**

Genesis 1:26-28

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And **let them have dominion . . .**"*
Genesis 1:26

God chose to give man _____ over His creation, entrusting it to our care.

Scripture links that dominion with our reflection of _____.

*Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey... **Romans 6:16***

Satan stole man's dominion through sin, making him the _____.
John 12:31, John 14:30, John 16:11

1 John 5:19 tells us: *the _____ lies in the power of the evil one.*

Luke 4:5-7 *And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, **for it has been delivered to me**, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."*

Jesus restored earthly dominion to _____.

Matthew 28:18 *And Jesus came and said to them, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**"*

Matthew 16:18 *"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*

We exercise our dominion over Satan's rule through _____.

Gatekeeper / Watchman – Has 2 roles

1. _____ against _____ access to the flock. **1 Peter 5:8**

2. _____ the door for Jesus to _____ in.

_____ is one of the most important aspects of prayer. **John 10:27, Isaiah 55:3**

It's our _____ with God that releases His power into our circumstances.

“God can part with nothing of His own power, and therefore I can experience the power and goodness of God only so far as I am in contact and fellowship with Himself.” ~Andrew Murray

*Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.
**Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.***

For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord.

Proverbs 8:33-35

*Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in. **Psalm 24:7***

Jesus _____ the door. **John 10:7,9**

When we learn to live through Christ, heaven _____ on earth. **1 John 4:9**

Isaiah 62:6-12

God's watchmen will pray _____ until His purposes are fulfilled.
(Verses 6-7)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

Watchmen are _____ who open gates for _____ to walk through. **(Verse 10)**

_____ **discernment won't facilitate gate opening prayer.**

Psalm 127:1 *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, **the watchman stays awake in vain.***

_____ **can be a doorkeeper.**

Ezekiel 22:30 *“And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.”*

God is just looking for one who is _____.

*For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalm 84:10***