

The Prayer Orchestra 4127

I. Introduction

- A. We need to take our place in the orchestra of prayer
- B. Ephesians 6:18
All kinds of prayer, i.e., different instruments

II. Twelve Different Types Of Instruments

- A. First two instruments: Thanksgiving and praise
 - 1. The appointed way of entering into the presence of God
 - 2. No access into His immediate presence without thanksgiving and praise
 - 3. Psalm 100:4
 - a. Through the *gate* with thanksgiving
 - b. Through the *court* with praise
 - c. Thus into God's presence
 - 4. Difference between thanksgiving and praise
 - a. Thank God for all His goodness—that which He has done for you
 - b. Praise God for His greatness:
 - c. Direct relationship between grace and thankfulness
 - d. Thanksgiving and praise are vocal
- B. Worship—Psalm 95:1–7
 - 1. Primarily an *attitude*
 - 2. Thanksgiving and praise lead to worship
 - 3. Primary way to acknowledge God is through worship
 - 4. Whatever you worship has power over you
 - 5. We hear God's voice through worship
- C. Petition
 - 1. 1 John 5:14–15
 - a. Based on knowing God's will
 - b. God hears us if we petition according to His will
 - c. We know we have what we ask for because we know God hears us
 - 2. Mark 11:24
 - a. When you pray you receive
 - b. *Receiving* is settling it, *having* is the experience that follows
- D. Intercession
 - 1. Literally means to come in between—between God and those for whom you are praying
 - 2. Example of Moses and Abraham
 - 3. Ezekiel 22:30–31
 - a. The one who builds the wall and stands in the gap before God
 - b. The intercessor is God-centered
 - 4. Isaiah 59:16—As long as there is an intercessor there is hope
- E. Supplication
 - 1. A cry for mercy
 - 2. Zechariah 12:10
No prayer of any value can be offered to God without His grace

3. Hebrews 4:16
Mercy cannot be earned
 4. The only persons who fail to receive mercy and grace are those who fail to come
- F.** Command—Joshua 10:12–14
- G.** Commitment
1. Psalm 31:5
 2. Psalm 37:5
 - a. Commitment is an act
 - b. Trust is an attitude
 - c. Example of bank deposit
- H.** Dedication
1. John 17:19—Set apart
 2. Romans 12:1
 - a. Set your body apart to the Lord
 - b. Whatever you set apart to God becomes His property
- I.** Persistence—Luke 11:5–10
- J.** Blessing—Numbers 6:23–27
- K.** Cursing—Matthew 21:21