

“Step by Step”

Subtitled: “Pathway into God’s Presence”

Lesson Thought: “It is my problem if I am able to do something about, but if I cannot solve or do anything to change it, it is not my problem.” (Wisdom Key)

Text: 1Kings 18:36 *And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.*

18:37 *Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God and that thou hast turned their heart back again.*

18:38 *Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*

18:39 *And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.*

There are Seven Distinct Steps to Prayer;

I. Confession is the acknowledging of who God is. “If you want the fire to fall begin by confessing who God is.” **Benny Hinn**

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Genesis 14:22 *And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,*

14:23 *That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:*

14:24 *Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.*

II. Supplication emerges or is revealed when you “Let your requests be known to the Lord.”

Philippians 4:5 *Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.*

4:6 *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

4:7 *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

III. Adoration is a time of absolute beauty and worship. Loving Him. Adoring Him. It may begin with, “Jesus I love you,” and suddenly you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit”

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Psalms 34:1 *I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

34:2 *My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.*

34:3 *O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.*

34:4 *I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.*

34:5 *They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.*

34:6 *This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.*

IV. Intimacy “...is almost too loving, and too scared to describe. Sometimes you may feel as if someone, the Lord, is standing there, rubbing your forehead saying to you, “Thank you. I’m so glad to be with you.” Remember, the Holy Spirit will never force Himself on you and make demands or stipulations on your prayer life. But if you say, “Help me pray,” He is ready to respond.” **Benny Hinn**

Psalms 16:8 *I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

16:9 *Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.*

16:10 *For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

16:11 *Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

Isaiah 63:8 *For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour.*

63:9 *In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.*

63:10 *But they rebelled, and vexed his holy spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.*

V. **Intercession** is a partnership with God that requires a deep and intensely personal relationship. When you invite the Spirit to help you pray, He does not focus on your needs and wants, you pray for others.

Romans 8:26 *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

8:27 *And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

Isaiah 53:12 *Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

Jeremiah 7:13 *And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;*

7:14 *Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.*

7:15 *And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.*

7:16 *Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.*

I Timothy 2:1 *I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;*

2:2 *For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*

Hebrews 7:22 *By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.*

7:23 *And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:*

7:24 *But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.*

7:25 *Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

7:26 *For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;*

7:27 *Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.*

7:28 *For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.*

VI. Thanksgiving is spending time giving thanks to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, just as Paul wrote, *“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (I Corinthians 15:57) **Benny Hinn**

Psalms 95:1 *O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.*

95:2 *Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.*

95:3 *For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

Psalms 100:1 *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.*

100:2 *Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

100:3 *Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

100:4 *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*

100:5 *For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*

I Timothy 4:1 *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

4:2 *Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

4:3 *Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

4:4 *For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:*

4:5 *For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.*

VII. Praise is sometimes sing to the Lord, and sometimes praises in the language of the Spirit (tongues). But it must come from the depths of your being and burst forth into total praise. If you allow the Holy Spirit to work through you in prayer, you will discover that you are not doing much of the praying. He seems to be doing it all.” This is the purest form of prayer that you can experience. **Benny Hinn**

Psalms 33:1 *Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.*

Psalms 148:13 *Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.*

148:14 *He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord.*

Habakkuk 3:1 *A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.*

3:2 *O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.*

3:3 *God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.*

3:4 *And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.*

3:5 *Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.*

3:6 *He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.*

Matthew 21:14 *And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.*

21:15 *And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,*

21:16 *And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?*

John 9:23 *Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.*

9:24 *Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.*

9:25 *He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.*

9:26 *Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?*

Acts 16:25 *And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.*

16:26 *And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.*

16:27 *And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.*

16:28 *But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here*

1Peter 4:11 *If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

4:12 *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:*

4:13 *But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

4:14 *If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.*

Hebrews 2:9 *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

2:10 *For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

2:11 *For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

2:12 *Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.*

2:13 *And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.*

2:14 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*