

SERIES: THE REALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
MESSAGE 3: THREE THINGS THAT PRECEED
ALL PRAYER
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➤ **FOUNDATION:**

- Joel 2: 21-29, 12-13, 17
 - 1. Prayer is not trying to get God's Attention
 - 2. Prayer is not trying to get God to do something
 - 3. Prayer is Communication with God

I. Praying is NOT trying to get God's Attention:

- a. You got God's attention when you received Jesus as Savior and Lord
 - i. His attention has been on you ever since
- b. Hebrews 7:12-16
 - i. Jeremiah 1:12 — God promises to perform his Covenant Words

II. Isaiah 55:8-13

- a. Verses 8-9: God doesn't think or act like us
- b. He never panics or operates in fear
 - i. Verse 11: Our Confession of Faith in Prayer will cause God's Covenant Words to Prosper for us
 - 1. Mark 11:23-23
 - 2. Verse 13: Thorns = the cares of this world
 - a. Mark 4:18-19
 - b. 2 Corinthians 12:6-9
 - c. The Thorn was sent by Satan to stop Paul from Preaching the Truth (*verse 6*), and to set people free from Satan's Bondage: sickness, disease, lack
 - d. 2 Corinthians 11:28 — the care for the churches were being carried by Paul

III. 2 Corinthians 12:9 - God's grace is Sufficient to overcome those cares

- a. 1 Peter 5:6-10
 - i. Humble — place yourself under the Authority of God's Covenant Word and the ANOINTING of the Holy Spirit
 - ii. Allow God to exalt you and lift you up to higher places of Power and Authority
 - iii. Verse 9: resist Satan's Cares – disguised as Love
 - iv. Cares — worries, anxieties, the responsibility of meeting the needs by physical means
 - v. God's care is covered by His ability and resources to provide

IV. 1 Peter 5:10: "after you suffered" – preformed verse 9

- a. Operated in Faith to resist Satan by God's Covenant Words
- b. 1 Corinthians 10:13 – God will not allow Satan to tempt, test or try any man with anything that God's Covenant Word and the Holy Spirit's ANOINTING is not able to overcome
- c. Romans 8:37

V. Hebrews 4:13 God Sees everything

- a. Hebrews 4:13 — Hold Fast to your Profession of Faith
- b. Hebrews 4:14 — Jesus is our High Priest