

*Does Prayer Really Matter?*  
**With God**

**I. Introduction**

- A. I Thessalonians 5:17 (NAS) *Pray without ceasing.*
- B. God's Omnipresence
  - 1. It's possible to do life with God!
- C. Genesis 28:10-11 (NLT) <sup>10</sup>*Meanwhile, Jacob left Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>At sundown he arrived at a good place to set up camp and stopped there for the night. Jacob found a stone to rest his head against and lay down to sleep.*
  - 1. Will God go with Jacob?
- D. Genesis 28:12-13a, 15a (NLT) <sup>12</sup>*As he slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway. <sup>13</sup>At the top of the stairway stood the LORD, and he said, "I am the LORD, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. <sup>15</sup>What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go."*
  - 1. This is a story that God is with us in the ordinary places of our lives!
- E. Genesis 28:16-19a (NLT) <sup>16</sup>*Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it!" <sup>17</sup>But he was also afraid and said, "What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!" <sup>18</sup>The next morning Jacob got up very early. He took the stone he had rested his head against, and he set it upright as a memorial pillar. Then he poured olive oil over it. <sup>19</sup>He named that place Bethel (which means "house of God").*
- F. Anyplace can be Bethel!
- G. Genesis 1:5 (NLT) *God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.*
  - 1. It's a reminder that while you sleep, God is running the world!
- H. Proverbs 3:24 (NLT) *You can go to bed without fear; you will lie down and sleep soundly.*
- I. Psalm 118:24 (NLT) *This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.*
- J. Psalm 139:23-24 (NAS) <sup>23</sup>*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; <sup>24</sup>and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.*
- K. Proverbs 27:14 (NLT) *A loud and cheerful greeting early in the morning will be taken as a curse!*
  - 1. "God, help me to see them the way You want me to see them. And let me take a moment and recognize that You're present in them. Let me see that this is somebody You love."
- L. "Benedicamus Domino" - - "It may be the Lord."
- M. Hebrews 13:2 (NLT) *Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!*
  - 1. "God, help me have the attitude that You want me to have with people today."

- N. Colossians 3:23 (NLT) *Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.*
  - i. Sometimes we forget to ask Jesus about things concerning our work.
  
- O. John 3:13-15 (NLT) <sup>13</sup>*“No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven.”* <sup>14</sup>*And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,* <sup>15</sup>*so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.”*
  
- P. I John 1:9 (NAS) *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
  - i. If you can learn to spend one ordinary day with Jesus, you can spend every day with Jesus, one day at a time.

## II. Conclusion