

# Prayer – R. C. Sproul

## Q&A - Week 6 – Providence & Prayer

Opening devotions: 2 Kings 6:15-20/prayer

Questions/thoughts

1. God ultimately works out all things to His purposes, as He is sovereign. How do we fit into His plan?
2. Other than prayer, in what other way(s) does He use us to accomplish His plan?
3. Do our prayers change God's mind? Why or why not? (see James 5:16)
4. According to Dr. Sproul, our prayers are primarily for whose benefit?
5. Name two ways in which we are benefited by prayer.
6. Name at least one biblical example that Dr. Sproul cites for positively answered prayer and at least one biblical example that he cites for a prayer to which God's answer was no.
7. How can the so-called Faith Healing movement of today actually damage faith?
8. What is a great synonym for the word faith?
9. Job wasn't healed despite his pleas with God. What was his great statement of faith?
10. What does it mean to pray fervently?

Thoughts to ponder

- *For prayer is request. The essence of request, as distinct from compulsion, is that it may or may not be granted. C.S. Lewis*
- *Faith in a prayer-hearing God will make a prayer-loving Christian. Andrew Murray*
- *Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work. Oswald Chambers*
- *If you want that splendid power in prayer, you must remain in loving, living, lasting, conscious, practical, abiding union with the Lord Jesus Christ. C.H. Spurgeon.*

Closing prayer