

Session 5

**Praying in the
Authority of Jesus**

Theme:

Power for praying comes from uniting our prayers with the praying of Jesus.

“Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’”

Matthew 28:18 NKJV™

Biblical Foundation:

“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost [**completely**] those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them.” (emphasis added)

Hebrews 7:25 NKJV™

The Purpose of This Session

is to understand the unlimited resources available to us in the praying of Jesus.

Introduction:

The Christian exercises awesome authority by praying in the name of Jesus. Our Bible passage above, **Hebrews 7:25**, establishes four foundational facts about prayer as follows:

A. Christ in you has supreme power and authority.

1. He is able to save completely – past, present and future.
2. Total authority is His in heaven and earth.

“Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’”

Matthew 28:18 NKJV™

3. The Father has put all things under Christ's rulership.

“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church...”

Ephesians 1:22-23 NKJV™

4. From the moment we receive this amazing Christ, we have access to the greatness of the loving Father!

“In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.”

John 16:26,27 NKJV™

**B. Christ is using His supreme
power to pray:**

“He ever lives to make intercession...”

Hebrews 7:25b NKJV™

1. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, accomplishing the Father's will **[by prayer]**.

“...It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

Romans 8:34 NKJV™

2. Jesus blends our prayers to the Father with His own prayers in seven ways:

a. He aligns them with the Father's will.

“Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

Romans 8:27 NKJV™

b. He authenticates them.

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”

John 15:16 NKJV™

c. He expands them.

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.”

Ephesians 3:20 NKJV™

d. He intercedes for them.

“...It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

Romans 8:34 NKJV™

e. He empowers them.

“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him.”

Hebrews 7:25a NKJV™

f. He continues them.

“He ever lives to make intercession for them.”

Hebrews 7:25b NKJV™

g. He sees that they get done.

“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

John 14:13,14 NKJV™

C. Christ is praying for people who pray.

1. He is praying for people who come to God. “Coming to God” is a Bible synonym for prayer.
2. When we pray in Jesus’ name, we transfer our concerns into His praying! He receives our prayers, prays them with His supreme authority, and accomplishes them at the right hand of the Father.
3. Thus, God uses our prayers to make righteous changes in human affairs.

**D. Believers are authorized to pray
in Jesus' name.**

“come to God through Him”

Hebrews 7:25 NKJV™

1. When we pray in Jesus' name, according to His word, we use His authority.

“If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

John 14:14 NKJV™

The Father regards those prayers as coming from Jesus Himself.

2. Praying in Jesus' name means that Christ has given us "power of attorney." Christ has committed Himself to guarantee [answers] to our prayers as we [abide in Him] and [His words] abide in us.

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

John 15:7 NKJV™

3. The more we live in communion with Christ, the better we can appropriate His authority.

“Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”

John 14:23 NKJV™

Conclusion:

The powerful part of our praying is to love Jesus and to transfer our burdens into His praying.

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