

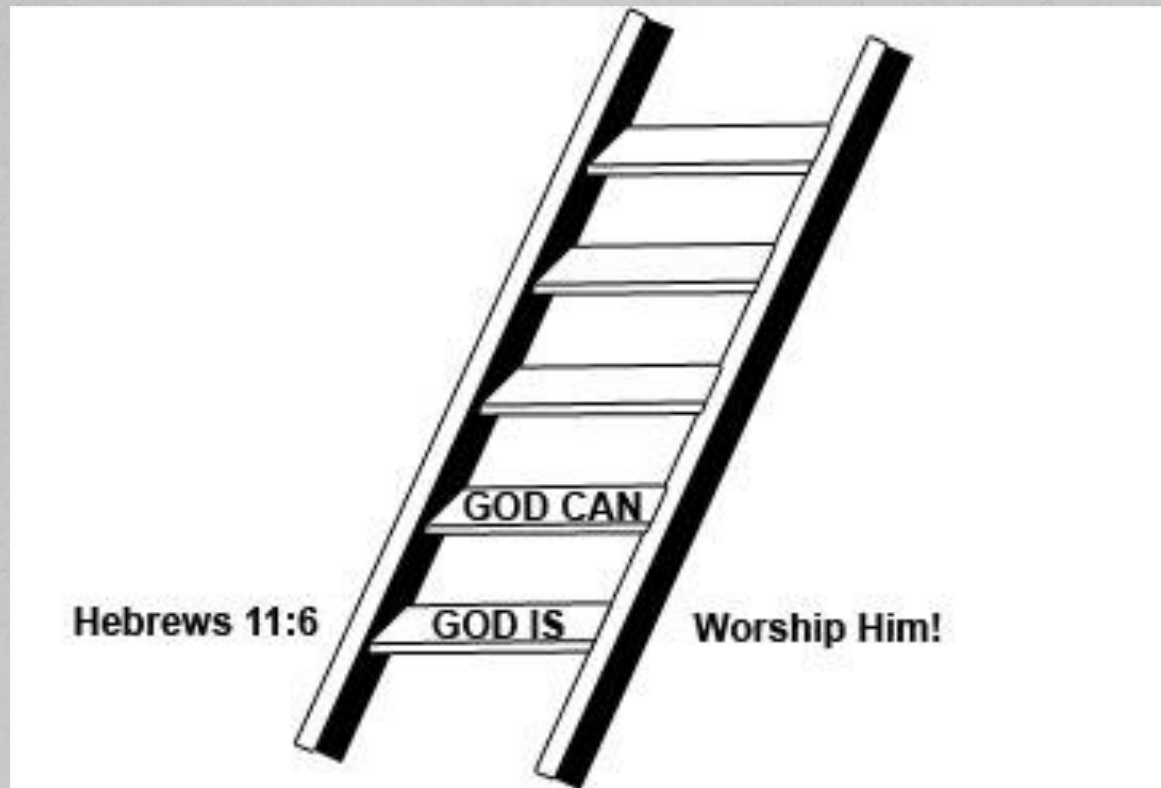
## Session 3

God Can! Ask Him.

# Theme:

In love, God often waits to release  
His supply until we ask Him.

# Step 2 in the Ladder of Faith



# **Biblical Foundation:**

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

Matthew 7:7,8 NKJV™

# **The Purpose of This Session**

is to grow in asking and receiving the resources  
that God has prepared for us.

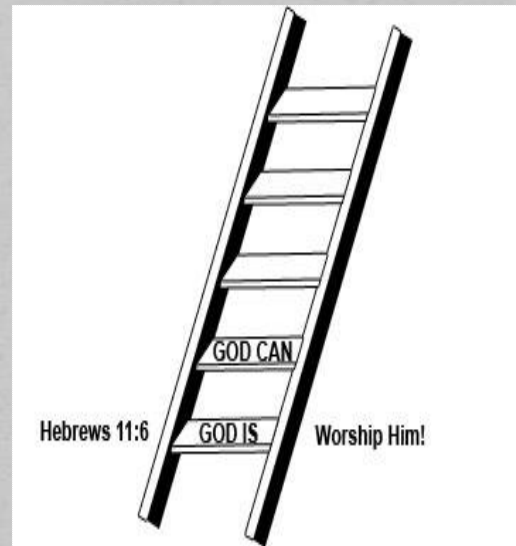
# **Introduction:**

Prayer is God's supply channel for  
Christ's world rescue plan.

In this session, we explore the  
magnitude of God's answers  
to our prayers.

# A. Basic Truth: GOD CAN!

Knowledge of God's power  
strengthens our faith.



1. We must [believe] that God exists (God is!)

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV™

We must also believe that God is able to  
[answer] us (God can!).

“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™

2. God's answers are powerful, according to Jeremiah 33:3. He guarantees to do three things when we pray:

a. **Answer us: "I will answer you"** NKJV™

b. **Act powerfully: "show you great and mighty things"** NKJV™

c. **Astonish us: "things, which you do not know"** NKJV™

3. God can do everything that we need.

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8 NKJV™

4. God [waits], because He loves us, He will not impose Himself on us.

“...you do not have because you do not ask.”

James 4:2b NKJV™

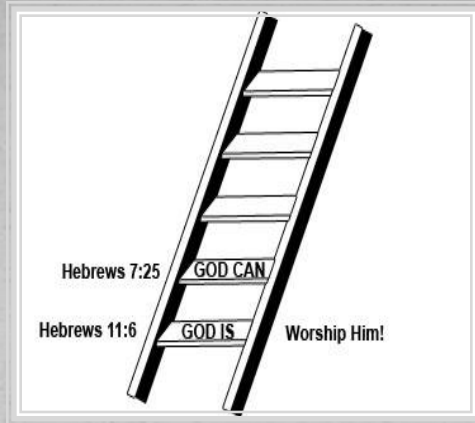
“In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.”

John 16:26,27 NKJV™

## **B. Scripture: Hebrews 7:25**

“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them.”

Hebrews 7:25 NKJV™



1. Christ is able to save completely.  
That ability includes:
  - a. Deliverance from all wrongs

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV™

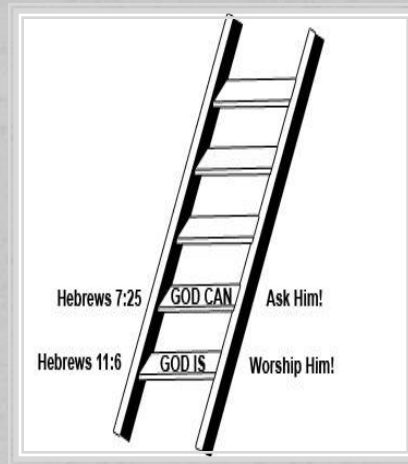
b. [**Provision**] for all that is right

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19 NKJV™

2. Christ's ability is released to [praying] people – “those **who come to God through Him,**” (Hebrews 7:25 NKJV) initially and continually.

## C. Prayer Action: Ask Him.



1. Asking in prayer is the primary way in which we, branches, draw life from the Lord Jesus, our Vine.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing...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 15:5,7 NKJV™

2. Bring your needs to Him as you really feel them! Give priority to the needs that press upon you the most.
  
3. Hold your needs before Him [until] you can transfer them to His praying, and He gives you peace.

4. Jesus teaches three levels of intensity in prayer.\*

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Matthew 7:7-8 NKJV™

\*adapted from the Christian Life New Testament  
written by Dr. Porter Barrington, p. 21

a. Praying is [asking] and receiving. This is asking according to the revealed will of God. When we know God's will, we can simply ask and receive.

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

1 John 5:14-15 NKJV™

b. Praying is also seeking and [finding]. This is asking God concerning His unrevealed will. When we do not know His will, we can simply ask Him to guide us, and follow His leading.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV™

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”

James 1:5-6 NKJV™

c. Praying can involve [**knocking**] and opening. This kind of praying in the name of Jesus tackles enemies that resist the will of God. This praying persists until God tears down those strongholds.

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:4,5 NKJV™

# Conclusion:

Asking is our response to God's generosity. God is continually entrusting increasing goals and needs to His people in order to reveal more of His greatness. Asking, in itself, is an important level of faith, because it builds on Step One (God is! Worship Him.).

# Sample One-Week Prayer Plan

<b>Acts 1:8</b>	<b><u>Sun</u></b>	<b><u>Mon</u></b>	<b><u>Tues</u></b>	<b><u>Wed</u></b>	<b><u>Thurs</u></b>	<b><u>Fri</u></b>	<b><u>Sat</u></b>
<b>My Jerusalem (Local Sphere)</b>	<b>Personal Walk with God</b>	<b>Personal ministry</b>	<b>Family and friends</b>	<b>Home Church</b>	<b>Local churches and ministries</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>City and county</b>
<b>My Judea (state and nation)</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Nation</b>	<b>Education system</b>	<b>Courts</b>	<b>Evangelism in the state</b>	<b>Evangelism in the nation</b>	<b>Growth of churches</b>
<b>My Samaria (mission fields)</b>	<b>Critical needs in the world</b>	<b>Africa</b>	<b>Asia</b>	<b>Europe</b>	<b>Latin America</b>	<b>Middle East</b>	<b>North America</b>
<b>My Frontiers</b>	<b>Unreached areas</b>	<b>Intercessors</b>	<b>Laborers for the gospel</b>	<b>Receptivity of the gospel</b>	<b>Evangelism</b>	<b>Funding</b>	

# End of Seminar 2

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