

**You Rule**



Too often, Christians pray  
“Bazooka” prayers.  
(just a little bit of flavor).



**James 5:** 13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

Daily bread prayers are fine  
but their purpose is to lead us  
to the deep waters of prayer.



**Ephesians 1:** 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

**Ephesians 1: 18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength



**Ephesians 1: 20** he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.



# The language of power...

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v. 19 Incomparably great power

v. 19 That power...strength

v. 20 This power raised Jesus

v. 21 authority, power

v. 23 Fullness of Him who fills

By offering a prayer about  
God's power,  
Paul is praying **IN** power.

Paul does not pray the prayers  
of a victim.

He is not paralyzed by this  
world.

**Psalm 23: 4** Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
**I will fear no evil,**  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

**5** You prepare a table before me  
**in the presence of my enemies.**



# The language of dominion...

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**vv. 20 Jesus is seated at God's  
right-hand**

**vv. 21 Far above all rule...  
dominion**

**vv. 22 All things under his feet**





# The language of placement...

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v. 18 the riches of His glorious

inheritance

v. 20 in the heavenly realms

v. 21 far above all rule

Paul's call to prayer is an  
invitation to participate  
in our divine purpose to rule  
over creation through Christ.



**Psalm 115: 16** The highest heavens belong to the  
Lord,  
but the earth he has given to mankind.

**Genesis 1: 28** God blessed them and said to them,  
“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth  
and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the  
birds in the sky and over every living creature that  
moves on the ground.”

**Genesis 3:** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

**Genesis 3:** 4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



# The Genesis Conflict

(1). You have a spiritual enemy.

(2). His weapon is deception.

(3). The affect is paralysis.



Through Jesus, God has provided the means by which we can still participate in our role as rulers over creation.

Prayer is the pathway God has made to get us back to His original plan. Prayer is the way we can rule, manage, and intercede for this world. Prayer is the repair of the communication breach that paralyzes us.

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**Matthew 28:** “**All authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them **in the name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely **I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**”

To pray 'in Jesus' name'  
means to pray with recovered  
authority.

**Luke 11: 9** Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**Mark 11: 24** Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

**Matthew 21:22** If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

The real power of prayer  
is found in God's  
Kingdom...not ours.



To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of  
an uprising against the disorder of the world.

— Karl Barth



Do you  
like prayer?

What if you've  
never really prayed?

God doesn't need intercessors. He  
chooses them.

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God dreams of sharing heaven  
with praying people.



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