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## Supplication

- **Main Point:** It is God's perfect will that he would \_\_\_\_\_ to the petitions of an \_\_\_\_\_ people.

### What is Supplication?

- Phil. 4:4-7; Eph. 6:18; 1 Tim. 2:1
  - This is the kind of prayer features the petitioning of either our own \_\_\_\_\_ or the needs of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Supplication communicates our \_\_\_\_\_ that we might glean from His \_\_\_\_\_.

### Why is Supplication Important?

- Matt. 7:7-11; Mark 11:22-25; Luke 11:9-10; John 14:12-14
  - Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the Kingdom." - C.H. Spurgeon
    - "\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer"
      - It is simple in that it gets to the core philosophy behind why we pray: *because we are completely \_\_\_\_\_ on Him.*

### Three Theological Observations:

- **First**, when teaching on prayer, Jesus commonly uses the \_\_\_\_\_ argument.
  - Matthew 7:7-11 (see also Luke 11:9-10)
    - The a fortiori argument highlights the exceptional \_\_\_\_\_ of God
      - "God delights in our asking." – Richard Foster
        - We no longer pray for what \_\_\_\_\_ want but for what God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- **Second**, right supplication is the side effect of a right \_\_\_\_\_ with God
  - Mark 11:22-25
    - If we believe the sum total of supplication is to \_\_\_\_\_ from God, you do not pray to the right God.
      - Supplication is more about the \_\_\_\_\_ of our souls than it is about the answers to our \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Understanding the Philosophy of the ACTS Model:*
  - We want to approach our supplication less as though our whole world revolves around our own needs and more like our whole world revolves around His \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Third**, God saw fit to \_\_\_\_\_ his work.
  - John 14:12-14
    - *“In three years of active ministry, Jesus changed the moral landscape of the planet. For nearly two thousand years since, he has been using another tactic: prayer.”* – Philip Yancey
  - John 16:7

### How Does Supplication Work?

- A Short Scholastic Survey:
  - Origen and Immanuel Kant
  - John Calvin
  - C. S. Lewis
- We must, in part, resign ourselves to mystery.
  - *“The act of prayer brings together Creator and creature, eternity and time, in all the fathomless mystery implied by that convergence.”* – Philip Yancey

### Three Steps in Praying Supplication

- **First**, when we pray supplication, we must pray with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *“The real value of persistent prayer is not so much that we get what we want as that we become the person we should be.”* – Philip Yancey
- **Second**, when we pray supplication, we must pray with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *“Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.”*  
– Psalms 116:2
- **Third**, when we pray supplication, we must pray with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *“...it is his pleasure that those very things which flow from his spontaneous liberality should be acknowledged as conceded to our prayers.”* – John Calvin