

## Prayer's Exclamation Point by John Piper

*All the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.* (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Prayer is a response to promises, that is, to the assurances of God's future grace.

Prayer is drawing on the account where God has deposited all his stores of future grace.

Prayer is not hoping in the dark that there might be a God of good intentions out there. Prayer banks on the promise of God, and goes to the bank every day and draws on stores of future grace needed for that day.

Don't miss the connection between the two halves of this great verse. Notice the "that is why": "All the promises of God are Yes in Christ. *That is why* (therefore) we pray Amen through him, to God's glory."

To make sure we see it, let's turn the two halves around:  
When we

pray, we say Amen to God through Christ, *because* God has said a decisive Amen to all his promises in Christ. Prayer is the confident plea for God to make good on his promises of future grace — for Christ's sake. Prayer links our faith in future grace with the foundation of it all, Jesus Christ.

Which leads to the final point: "Amen" is a full and precious word in times of prayer. It doesn't mean primarily, "Yes, I have now said this prayer." It means primarily, "Yes, God has made all these promises."

Amen means, "Yes, Lord, you can do it." It means, "Yes, Lord, you are powerful. Yes, Lord, you are wise. Yes, Lord, you are merciful. Yes, Lord, all future grace comes from you and has been confirmed in Christ."

"Amen" is an exclamation point of hope and warranted confidence after a prayer for help.



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March 25, 2018

“I am the  
RESURRECTION  
& the LIFE”

JOHN 11:25

### Events

#### TODAY

Annual Meeting 7 PM  
3/30-31 VisionYouth Lockin  
6 PM - 11 AM  
4/8 College & Career  
Lunch 1 PM  
4/8 Annual Meeting, Part 2  
4/14 Senior Breakfast  
9 AM

#### Give



#### Upcoming Events



#### Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

#### Service Times

—Sunday School 9:30 am  
—Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm  
—Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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## Morning Worship

### Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Nick Gaines  
Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice, all creation rises to rejoice.

#### (Chorus)

**Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him.**

**Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come, let us adore Him!**

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?

Who can teach the One who knows all things?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

#### (Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

#### (Chorus)

#### Bridge

(male voices)

You will reign forever

(female voices)

**Let Your glory fill the earth**

You will reign forever

**Let Your glory fill the earth**

You will reign forever

**Let Your glory fill the earth**

You will reign forever

**Let Your glory fill....**

#### (Chorus)

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### Scripture Reading

**John 4:1-26, page 888**

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory

**#418 We Have Not Known Thee**

### Preparatory

**Come All Ye Pining**

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, the heights and depths unknown

Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace in thy beloved Son

**(Chorus) Come, all ye pining, hungry poor the Saviour's bounty taste**

**Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest**

O wondrous gifts of love divine dear Source of every good

Jesus, in thee what glories shine how rich thy flowing blood

#### (Chorus)

Here shall your numerous wants receive, a free, a full supply

He has unmeasured bliss to give and joys that never die

#### (Chorus)

**Behold a never-failing store for every willing guest**

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### Sermon

**Pastor Gary Hendrix**

## Evening Worship

### Call to Worship Opening Hymn

Pastor Bob Prentice  
For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest

Who Thee by faith before the world confessed

Thy Name, O Jesus be forever blessed, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock their fortress and their might

Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight

Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light, Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers faithful, true and bold

Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old

And win with them the victor's crown of gold, Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west

Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest

Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed, Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day

The saints triumphant rise in bright array

The King of glory passes on His way, Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds from ocean's farthest coast

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host

Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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### Scripture Reading

**Psalms 84, page 493**

### Pastoral Prayer

### Offertory

**#550 Jesus Priceless Treasure**

### Preparatory

**I Will Glory in My Redeemer**

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.

Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails

and hung Him on that judgment tree.

I will glory in my Redeemer who crushed the power of sin and death;

My only Savior before the Holy Judge,

The Lamb who is my righteousness,

The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns.

I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness, my standing place,

Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,

My feet are firm held by His grace,

My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle's wings.

He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.

**I will glory in my Redeemer who waits for me at gates of gold,**

**And when He calls me it will be paradise,**

**His face forever to behold,**

**His face forever to behold. (repeat)**

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### Sermon

**Pastor Andy Dunkerton**