

## WHY PRAY?

Today we begin a series on the subject of prayer. This morning our topic comes in question form, “Why Should I Pray Anyway?”

**2 Chronicles 7:14** – ...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (NIV)

**Revelation 12:9** – So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world... (NKJV)

The real question today is can the Lord trust us with trouble?

## SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

**Sovereignty = God has supreme reign**

**Revelation 11:15** – And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (KJV)

## Immutability

God never changes!

To mutate meant to change... **immutability is** something never changes, unchangeable, unalterable, ageless.

The immutability is not about God never changing His mind... it’s about His unchanging character

**Deuteronomy 9:18-19** – Then once again I fell prostrate before the LORD for forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water, because of all the sin you had committed, doing what was evil in the LORD’s sight and so arousing his anger. <sup>19</sup> I feared the anger and wrath of the LORD, for he was angry enough with you to destroy you. **But again, the LORD listened to me.** (NIV)

**Exodus 32:9-14** – “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> **Now leave me alone** so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.” ...<sup>11</sup> But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,”...<sup>14</sup> Then **the LORD relented** and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. (NIV)

Repent - **to change your mind** about something or someone

**Jonah 4:2** – He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. **I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.** (NIV)

God changed His mind about you when the blood of Jesus was applied!

**We pray because God is sovereign... because God is immutable...**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17-18** – Pray continually, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

**1 Timothy 2:1-4-** I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> **who wants all people to be saved** and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (NIV)