

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

January 26

21 DAYS OF PRAYER THE BASIS FOR PRAYER

1. The goodness of God is the basis for all prayer.

*“What comes to your mind when you think about God is **the most important thing about you**, because it affects everything else in your life.”*

— A. W. Tozer

Hebrews 11:1-6 (NIV) *“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks”. By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 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”.*

2. You have to believe in the goodness of God in able to receive the goodness of God.

3. You have to believe that He is a rewarder.

Luke 11:13 (NIV) – *“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”*

Acts 10:38 (NIV) *“Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”*

Proverbs 24:16 (NIV) *“For a righteous man may fall seven times, yet will he rise again.”*

Psalms 37:23 (NIV) *“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD and He delights in his way. Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand.”*

Romans 8:32 (NIV) "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV) "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "'I know what I have planned for you,' says the Lord, 'I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. My plans will give you a hope and a good future, and when you call to me and you pray, I will listen to you!'"

4. God's plans for my life will always be good.

John 3:17 (NIV) "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

2 Samuel 14:14 (NIV) "But God does not take away life; instead, he devises ways so that a banished person may not remain estranged from him."

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV) "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being."

Colossians 1:15 (ESV) "He is the image of the invisible God."

John 12:44-45 (NIV) "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me."