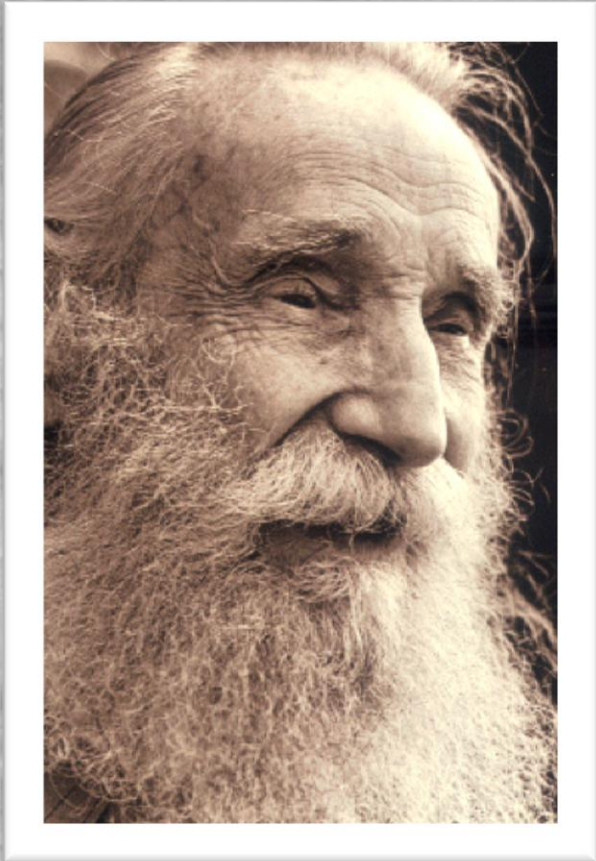


Conversations  
with God  
AKA Prayer  
Psalm 118:17-29





# Conversations with God

- What is prayer?
- F/Latin= ask; earnestly beg
- Christ transformed it into a conversation with God
- Drawing near to God in body, mind and soul



# Conversations with God

- Why should we pray?
- Command
- Need



# Conversations with God

## Psalm 118:17-18

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<sup>17</sup> I will not die, but live,  
And tell of the works of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has disciplined me  
severely,  
But He has not given me over to  
death.



# Conversations with God

- God's work lays me low and drives me to my knees
- Sin keeps me from seeing God rightly
- Pain often puts me in a place of desperate communion with God
- Real hope is here!
- Hope with plans for a future
- Hope that death will never be your end



# Conversations with God

Psalm 118:19-21 NAS

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; The righteous will enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation.



# Conversations with God

- Coming to God in prayer should always lead to thanksgiving; why?
- Because Christ's righteousness has become mine so I can come to His gates
- Approach Him in righteous living
- Hebrews 4:12-13





# Conversations with God

Psalm 118:22-24 NAS

<sup>22</sup> The stone which the builders  
rejected

Has become the chief corner *stone*.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD'S doing;  
It is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day which the LORD  
has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.



# Conversations with God

- Cornerstone= Christ; a reference to the completed work of Christ
- Christ is the first stone; if you reject Him you have no hope or basis for prayer
- Christ's work empowers and guarantees prayer
- "This is the day"= Any day we struggle and God saves us



# Conversations with God

Psalm 118:25-26 NAS

<sup>25</sup> O LORD, do save, we beseech You;  
O LORD, we beseech You, do send  
prosperity!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in  
the name of the LORD;  
We have blessed you from the house  
of the LORD.



# Conversations with God

- Beseech = Pray with love, from love, respond in love
- Prosperity = Push forward; break out, be good; come in power
- Do save = Hoshiya na = Oh my gosh, **SAVE ME!!**
- Moved to mean salvation has come



# Conversations with God

Psalm 118:27

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and He has  
given us light;

Bind the festival sacrifice with cords  
to the horns of the altar.



# Conversations with God

- Give me light in all things and give me a love for the light
- Sacrifice; 2 meanings
- Our prayers are accepted because of the blood of Christ
- God, tie me to the altar so I don't stray!
- How much of what I pray about comes because I wander away?



# Conversations with God

Psalm 118:28-29 NAS

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I give thanks  
to You;

*You are* my God, I extol You.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for He  
is good;

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.



# Conversations with God

- Life is hard and many prayers are birthed from that
- This Psalm has served as a source of prayer and comfort for many...





# Conversations with God

- **Prayer from Psalm 118:**
- Pray from desperation
- Pray with hope for the future
- Pray in righteousness
- Pray in the finished work of Christ
- Pray with thanksgiving
- Pray from and for love
- Pray for light in all darkness
- Pray as a living sacrifice
- Pray like God is God and you're not





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