

# **PASSIONATE PRAYER**

## **Psalm 61:1-2**

**God is pleased when we pray with passion.**

*Our focus will not simply be on the expression of prayer in a passionate way  
but on the expresser of prayer. One who is a passionate pray-er.*

### **I. THE PLEA OF THE PASSIONATE PRAYER** (1)

#### **A. HIS CONDITION**

- Shrill crying and personal peril

#### **B. HIS REQUESTS**

1. Hear my cry > Listen to me!
2. Heed my prayer > Pay careful attention
3. There is a sense of desperation

#### **C. OUR DUTY**

1. Get God involved
2. Remember your refuge - Psalm 46:1

### **II. THE PLACE OF THE PASSIONATE PRAYER** (2a)

#### **A. FAR AWAY**

1. The ends of the earth
2. Some examples:
  - Consider examples from the lives of Moses, Daniel, Jonah, Jesus, Peter, Paul and John
3. The Reality: How you got there doesn't really matter

#### **B. ABLE TO CALL**

1. It is a place where God can still be summoned
2. Prayer can be made from anywhere. Passionate prayers know this.

#### **C. TWO QUESTIONS**

1. Where did your earth end?
  - a. At the clinic, hospital or funeral home?
  - b. With the pink slip or divorce decree?
2. What did you do from there?
  - A passionate prayer can make these obstacles an altar - see Job 1:20-21

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### III. THE POSITION OF THE PASSIONATE PRAYER (2b)

#### A. PHYSICALLY FAINT

1. His heart is weak and feeble
2. His troubles have tired him
3. Exp: Zacharias and Elizabeth in Luke 1

#### B. SPIRITUALLY FOCUSED

1. Literally: Toward You I will call
2. Specifically: The prayer need not be pretty  
- We can pour out our heart - Ps. 62:5-7

#### C. WE CAN BE REALISTICALLY CONFIDENT

1. Because of Christ's promise - Matthew 11:28
2. Because of the Spirit's intercession - Rom. 8:26-2

### IV. THE PETITIONS OF THE PASSIONATE PRAYER (2c)

#### A. LEAD ME

1. Show me ... I'm clueless,
2. Guide me ... I'm willing
3. Psalm 90:1-2

#### B. LIFT ME

1. Help me see something bigger than my problems - Psalm 73:25-26
2. Put me in a place I cannot reach on my own

#### C. PROTECT ME

1. A big rock is a place of safety and security
2. Psalm 121

### CONCLUSION:

**Four words can summarize the prayer of the passionate ...  
- I CALL TO YOU!**

*This is the prayer of the needy, humble and informed believer.*

*How's your prayer life?*

**Will you be a passionate prayer?**

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