



B. Conditional promise or means by which the promise is fulfilled--prayer

C. Goal—worship

Thesis: In a mysterious way God has inseparably connected the progress of the Gospel, and the expansion of His kingdom and church worldwide, to the intercessory prayers of His people. Yet in doing so, He has not given up an ounce of His sovereignty or put His eternal purposes at risk.

“[God] has made the success of preaching hang on prayer. God has given us prayer, because Jesus has given us a mission.” John Piper

“You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.” John Bunyan

“Prayer does not just fit us for the greater works, prayer is the greater work.” Oswald Chambers

D. Word and Spirit

III. WHY PRAYER?

A. Prayer is not another work we do.

B. Our asking is infinitely more powerful than our acting.

C. God’s passion is for His own glory.



IV. WHAT KIND OF PRAYING?

A. Prayer characterized by repentance

B. Great Commission praying

C. Praying for the glory of God; the chief end of my life and the chief end of my praying are the same.

“The purpose of prayer is not for me to get what I want, but for God to get what He wants through me.”

V. GOD CHOOSES TO WORK THROUGH US RATHER THAN APART FROM US.

“God seems to do nothing of Himself which He can possibly delegate to His creatures. He commands us to do slowly and blunderingly, what He could do perfectly and in the twinkling of an eye. Creation seems to be delegation through and through. I suppose this is because He is a giver.” C.S. Lewis



VI. THE WORK OF THE GREAT COMMISSION, FROM BEGINNING TO END, IN ALL OF ITS PARTS, IS GOD'S WORK. NOTHING ETERNAL HAPPENS UNLESS GOD DOES IT.

"Without God, we cannot, without us God will not." Augustine

VII. OUR GOD IS THE GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE AND MIRACULOUS. (HOW BOLD AND LARGE IS GOSPEL, FAITH PRAYING TO BE?)

VIII. CONCLUSION