

PART 5 Royal Prayer Guards

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How Valuable Are Our Prayers?

Foundation Scripture — Revelation 5:8 (NKJV)

“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”

1. OUR PRAYERS ARE VALUABLE TO GOD

As Royal Prayer Guards, we must understand something important:

Our prayers are not empty words.

Scripture gives us a powerful picture of prayers being represented by **golden bowls full of incense** before the Lamb.

The prayers of the saints are connected with something precious, fragrant, and pleasing before God. How valuable are our prayers

This should change the way we pray.

We should never think:

“My prayer doesn't matter.”

Instead, we should recognize:

God values the prayers of His people.

2. OUR PRAYERS ASCEND BEFORE THE THRONE

Revelation 8 gives us another remarkable picture.

Revelation 8:3–4 (NKJV)

“Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.”

The picture is unmistakable:

Prayer is ascending before God.

The material of incense produces a fragrant odor when burned. The original teaching points out that incense represents something pleasing and fragrant. How valuable are our prayers

So, when we pray, we should have a different perspective.

We are not merely talking into the air.

We are bringing our prayers before God.

3. PRAYER IS PART OF THE CALLING OF A ROYAL PRAYER GUARD

A Royal Prayer Guard must understand the privilege of prayer.

We have been given an opportunity to stand before God on behalf of others.

We pray for:

- People who need Jesus.
- Families.
- The Body of Christ.
- Those who are hurting.
- Those who need direction.
- Those who need strength.
- The purposes of God.
- The advancement of the Gospel.

Our prayers are part of our service to God.

Prayer is not an insignificant activity.

It is a privilege entrusted to the believer.

4. THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE PRAYING

The original material closes with a powerful personal challenge:

“I will think a little more about what I am praying and where my prayers are ascending and who is observing them.” How valuable are our prayers

This is an excellent challenge for every Royal Prayer Guard.

Before we pray, we should consider:

WHAT am I praying?

Are my prayers consistent with God's Word?

WHERE are my prayers ascending?

They are being brought before God.

WHO is observing them?

God sees and hears the prayers of His people.

This should bring greater purpose, faith, reverence, and consistency to our prayer lives.

5. BE FULL OF INCENSE

The teaching makes this direct application:

“As believers in Christ Jesus we should be full of incense, which are our prayers.” How valuable are our prayers

Think about that picture.

A Royal Prayer Guard should not be spiritually empty when it comes to prayer.

Be full of prayer.

Not occasional prayer.

Not emergency-only prayer.

Not prayer only when something goes wrong.

But a life that continually brings prayer before God.

6. OUR PRAYERS SHOULD BE PRECIOUS TO US

The question from the teaching is:

“Are the prayers we pray precious in God's sight?” How valuable are our prayers

The Scriptures give us reason to treat prayer seriously.

Revelation describes the prayers of the saints as incense.

Psalms 141:2 connects prayer with incense:

“Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense.”

The imagery communicates something powerful:

Prayer matters.

Therefore, we should not treat prayer as an afterthought.

7. ROYAL PRAYER GUARDS SHOULD PRAY WITH PURPOSE

If we understand the value of prayer, our prayer life should become more intentional.

Before beginning, ask:

What am I praying?

Why am I praying it?

Does it agree with God's Word?

Who am I praying for?

What am I believing God for?

Prayer becomes much more meaningful when we understand that we are bringing our requests, thanksgiving, intercession, and praise before God.

8. KNOW YOUR INHERITANCE

The teaching also connects this message with the believer's inheritance.

Ephesians 1:18 (NKJV) speaks of:

“the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.”

Colossians 1:12 (NKJV) speaks of believers being qualified to be:

“partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.”

And Colossians 1:26 speaks of the mystery that has now been revealed to His saints. How valuable are our prayers

As Royal Prayer Guards, we should not pray from a position of ignorance.

We pray knowing who we are in Christ and knowing that God has given us an inheritance.

9. THE ROYAL PRAYER GUARD'S MINDSET

A Royal Prayer Guard should develop this mindset:

I WILL NOT UNDERVALUE MY PRAYERS.

God has given me the privilege of prayer.

I WILL NOT PRAY CARELESSLY.

My prayers are being brought before God.

I WILL NOT GIVE UP.

I will continue to pray.

I WILL PRAY ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD.

His Word gives me the foundation for effective prayer.

I WILL THINK ABOUT WHAT I AM PRAYING.

My prayers have purpose.

I WILL REMEMBER WHERE MY PRAYERS ARE ASCENDING.

They are represented before God's throne.

10. THE FINAL CHALLENGE

Royal Prayer Guards, **do not underestimate the value of prayer.**

The picture in Revelation is extraordinary:

Golden bowls.

Incense.

The prayers of the saints.

Before the throne of God.

Your prayer may seem small to you.

But never assume that something is insignificant simply because you cannot immediately see its result.

Keep praying.

Keep believing.

Keep standing.

Keep interceding.

Keep your spiritual incense burning.

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I WILL VALUE MY PRAYERS

I will think about what I am praying.

I will remember where my prayers are ascending.

I will remember that God hears me.

I will pray according to His Word.

I will not give up praying.

I will remain faithful as a Royal Prayer Guard.

My prayers matter.

My prayers are precious.

My prayers ascend before God.

Therefore, I will pray!

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for the privilege of prayer. Teach me to understand the value of the prayers of Your saints. Help me to pray with purpose, faith, understanding, and perseverance. Help me never to treat prayer as insignificant. Let my life be full of the incense of prayer. Make me faithful as a Royal Prayer Guard, standing in prayer for others and for Your purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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