

The Basis Of Prayer By S. D. Gordon

Classic Christian Writings:

The real victory in all services is won in secret beforehand by prayer. Service is gathering up the results of prayer. God does in answer to prayer what He otherwise does not do--not could not, but does not.

The basis of prayer is right relationship with God. The only basis of such relationship to God is Jesus. We have been outlawed by sin. Jesus came. He was God and man. We get back to God through Jesus, and only so. The blood of the cross is the basis of all prayer. Through it the relationship is established that underlies all prayer. Only as I come to God through Jesus--"The blood of Jesus Christ [God's] Son cleanseth us from all sin" (John 1:7)--and only as I keep in sympathy with Jesus in the purpose of my life can I pray effectively.

Let us distinctively understand that we have no standing with God except through Jesus.