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How does an Arminian Pray to the Lord of the Harvest? - posted by DesiJr, on: 2011/5/25 18:28

Brothers, I'm doing a study on prayer. I would pray that no Calvinists or jokesters respond to this post. This discussion does not seek to answer why "Calvinists" pray for people's salvation when God has already predetermined who gets saved, so please spare questions directed at Calvinists. And I thank you in advance for your obedience to my requests.

****THIS THREAD IS NOT OPEN FOR DEBATE OR EXCHANGE. I AM ONLY REQUESTING A SUBMISSION FOR SAMPLE PRAYERS ONLY.****

QUESTION --

If you are an Arminian, could you please include a sample of a prayer for souls who are unconverted in a way that is consistent with your doctrinal belief that it is MAN and not GOD who freely chooses of his own accord and independent will to be born-again?

I will include a sample of a "Calvinistic" type of prayer which believes that God controls which men are to be saved.

**** Calvinistic Prayer Sample for an unconverted soul:**

Father, would you please open the eyes of my mother. Although she does not currently believe in you, by your grace mercy and kindness, find it in your heart to save her. Cause her to repent and believe in Jesus as her Lord and Savior. And if, and when she does convert Lord, please keep her in your graces, and secure her for all eternity, that she may be a joyous witness of your glory so that the world may know the power of your Spirit and the effectual work of Christ's sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins and amazing gift of His own righteousness in exchange for her sinful life. In Jesus name, Amen.

Thank you for your input.

Blessings to you and your families,
DesiJr.

Re: How does an Arminian Pray to the Lord of the Harvest? - posted by MichaelLiao (), on: 2011/5/25 18:43

Well brethren, not exactly sure. I mean I've seen some examples of people praying for another person's salvation by saying, "Lord, I pray that he/she makes the right choice." Of course, to me that does sound weird. So I'm not sure. Maybe you should check out some Ravenhill or Tozer, and see how they did it. Ravenhill was quite Wesleyan/Arminian in his theology.

In Christ,

- Michael Liao

Re: How does an Arminian Pray to the Lord of the Harvest? - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2011/5/25 18:57

DesiJr,

Your question is based on a wrong presupposition, it assumes that the Arminian does not believe God has any influence in people's lives. This is what is called a straw man argument.

Arminians, particularly of Wesleyan influence, have always held to what is theologically termed "prevenient grace" so it is appropriate for them to pray in a similar way as your prayer. Here is a short definition of prevenient grace from Wikipedia

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Prevenient grace is divine grace which precedes human decision. It exists prior to and without reference to anything humans may have done. As humans are corrupted by the effects of sin, prevenient grace allows persons to engage their God-given free will to choose the salvation offered by God in Jesus Christ or to reject that salvific offer. Whereas Augustine held that prevenient grace cannot be resisted, Wesleyan Arminians believe that it enables, but does not ensure, personal acceptance of the gift of salvation.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by ManofGod0000, on: 2011/5/25 21:45

Jesus said the model prayer, and he described how it should be approached

Re: , on: 2011/5/25 23:06

You might want to talk to a believer from Armenia and ask them that question.

Re: How does an Arminian Pray to the Lord of the Harvest? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/5/26 8:55

Brother,

Having family members away from God teaches you one thing about prayer: words are not what matters. I may have prayed every prayer imaginable for our prodigals and they are still prodigals.

It is God who draws people, not the words of our prayers. Today, my prayers are real simple, to the point. I speak/pray what is on my heart and that is it. I do not worry about what words I should say - God knows already what it is in there - you cannot manipulate Him nor fool him, either.

Am I a Calvinist or Armenian? who cares? I don't.

My understanding...

Re: - posted by RainMan, on: 2011/5/26 10:17

Who is Paul and who is appollo?