

ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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There was a group of men talking among themselves about the correct way to pray. One man said the only way to pray was on one's knees before an altar. Another man declared that unless a person stood with his head bowed and eyes closed his prayer would not be heard. Still another was convinced that he should lift his eyes and hands toward heaven to pray. Finally, a man in back spoke softly and humbly, "The best prayer I ever prayed was when I fell head first into my well. Then I prayed standing on my head with my feet straight up in the air. Since I'm here to tell about it, that must have been the correct way to pray."

Psalm 65:2 reads, "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." God has given an open invitation to all kinds of men to come to Him in prayer. John 3:16 says "WHOSOEVER" and that includes all mankind. If we have been saved we are not strangers to God when we come to pray. We come as children to our father who loves us and hears our prayers on the basis of His mercy, not because we deserve it.

Ephesians 3:20 reminds us that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Not only is He able but He is waiting just to hear our needs and to answer our prayers. I know a family that had small children. If a toy broke while the father was at work, they did not want mommy to fix it. They would put it away and say, "Wait until Dad gets home. He will fix it." So it is with our prayer life. We must have complete faith in our Father that He loves us unconditionally and wants what is best for us. However, He also wants us to come to Him and make our petitions known.

So how is our prayer life? Are we making use of this most wonderful gift that we have so freely been given? Do you have a special place just to be alone with God? A time to talk to our best friend? Do you pray as you go about your daily work? Whether working in the garden or mowing the lawn, we can have sweet fellowship with our Saviour. As we drive down the road in our car, we don't need to close our eyes to talk to Jesus. When we come together as the body of Christ, prayer is a most important part of the worship service. Would our families, our church, our communities, and our work be a better place if we made better use of the wonderful resource of prayer? It doesn't matter much what our bodily position is when we pray as long as our heart position is right. Just don't wait until you're standing on your head with your feet up in the air.