

An Extraordinary God... Does Extraordinary Work

The Ordinary Church

Through Ordinary People, Doing Ordinary Things,



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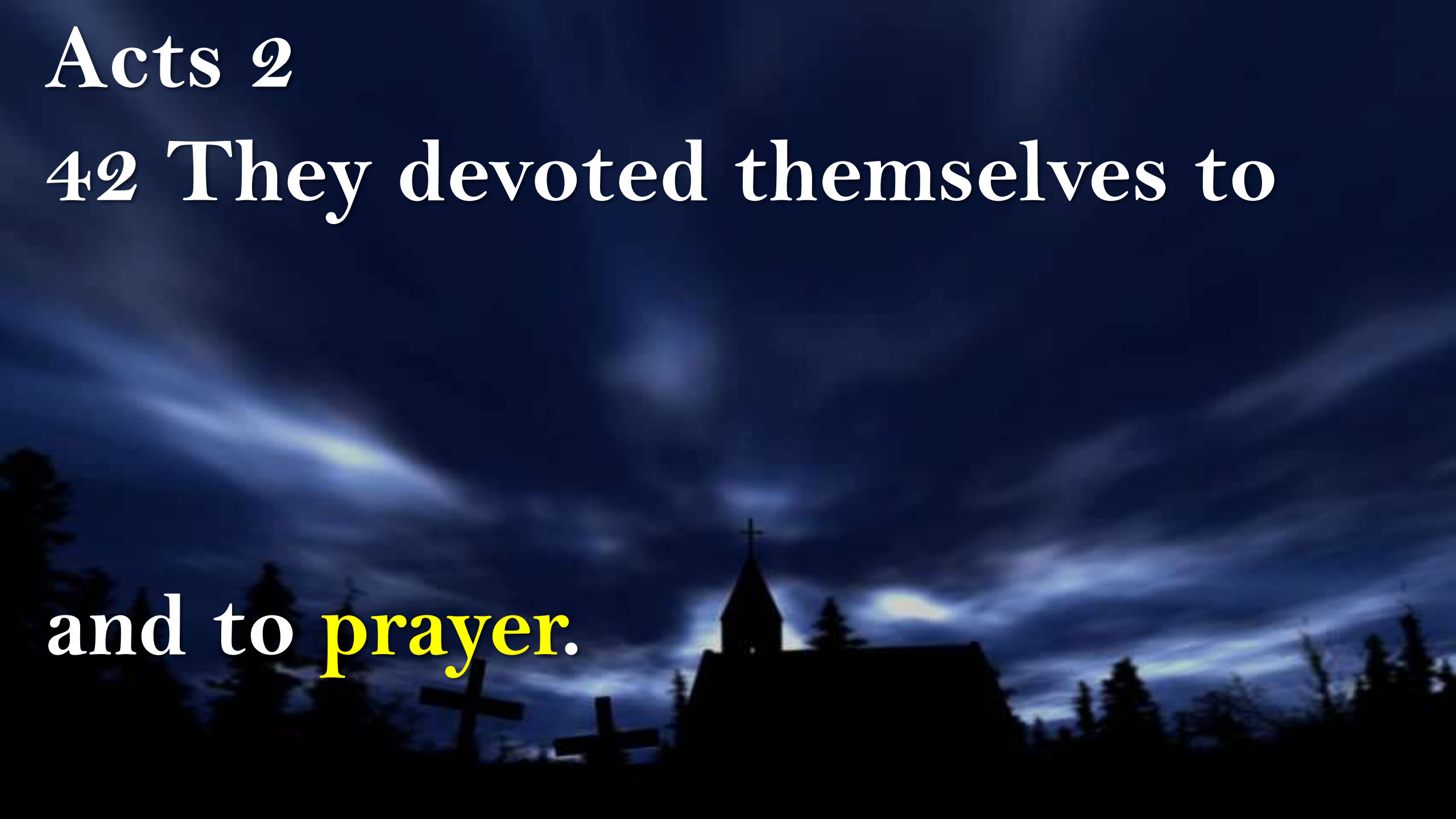
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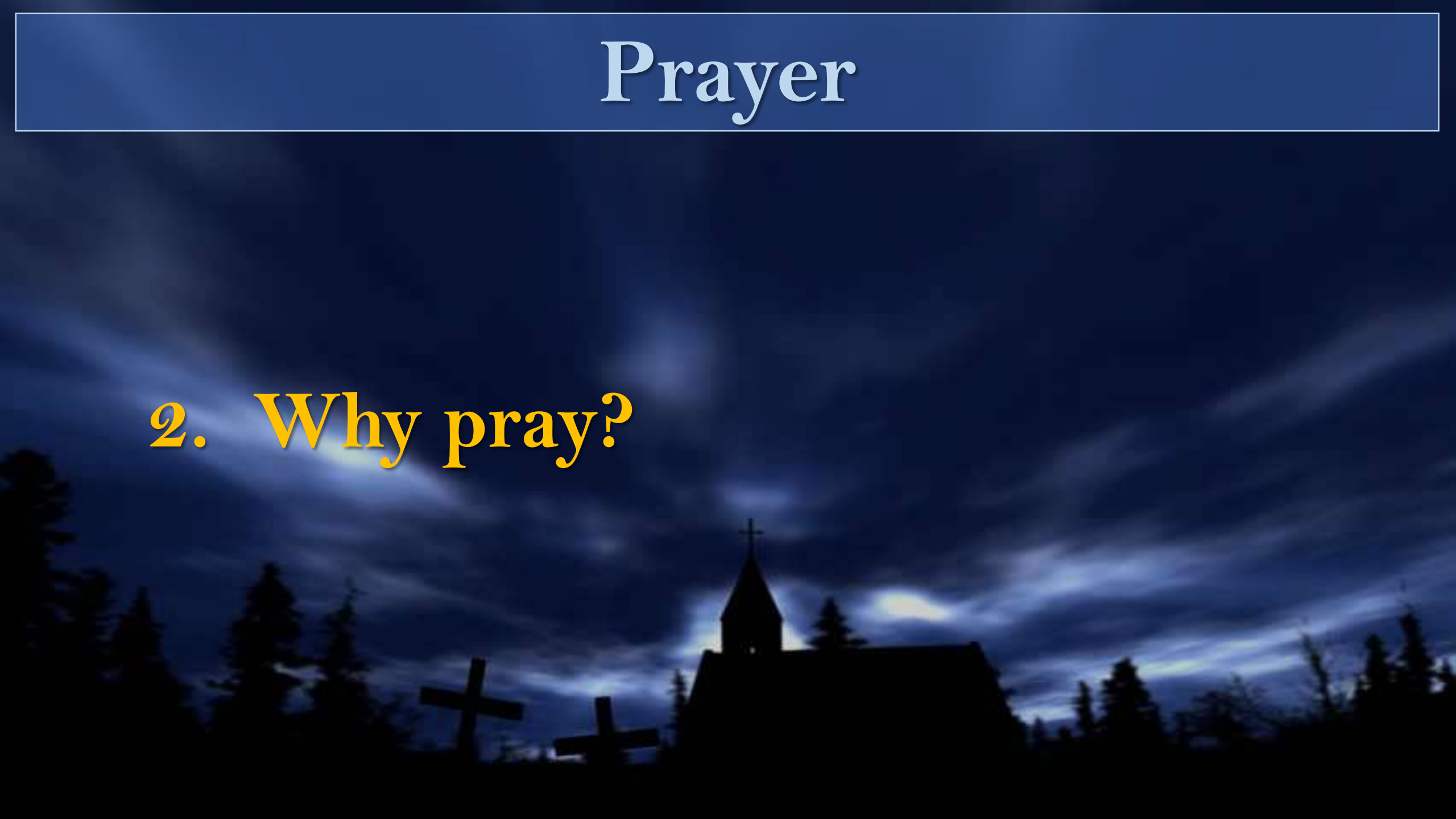


Prayer

1. Why do we not pray?
2. Why pray?
3. How should we pray?

Prayer

2. Why pray?



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Isaiah 37

16“O LORD of Hosts, God of Israel,
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25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of Your servant, our father David:

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Psalm 2

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and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers gather together,
against the LORD and against His Anointed One:

3“Let us break Their chains
and cast away Their cords.”

4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord taunts them.

Psalm 2

5 Then He rebukes them in His anger,
and terrifies them in His fury:

6 “I have installed My King on Zion,
upon My holy mountain.”

7 I will proclaim the decree spoken to Me by the
LORD:

“You are My Son; today I have become Your Father.

8 Ask Me, and I will make the nations Your
inheritance, the ends of the earth Your possession.

Psalm 2

9 You will break them with an iron scepter;
You will shatter them like pottery.”

10 Therefore be wise, O kings;
be admonished, O judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry
and you perish in your rebellion,
when His wrath ignites in an instant.

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

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Psalm 33

10 The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations;
He thwarts the devices of the peoples.

11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the purposes of His heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people He has chosen as His inheritance!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven;
He sees all the sons of men.

14 From His dwelling place He gazes
on all who inhabit the earth.

15 He shapes the hearts of each; He considers all their works.

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29 And now, Lord, consider their threats, and enable Your servants to speak Your word with complete boldness,

30 as You stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.”

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31 After they had prayed, their meeting place was shaken,

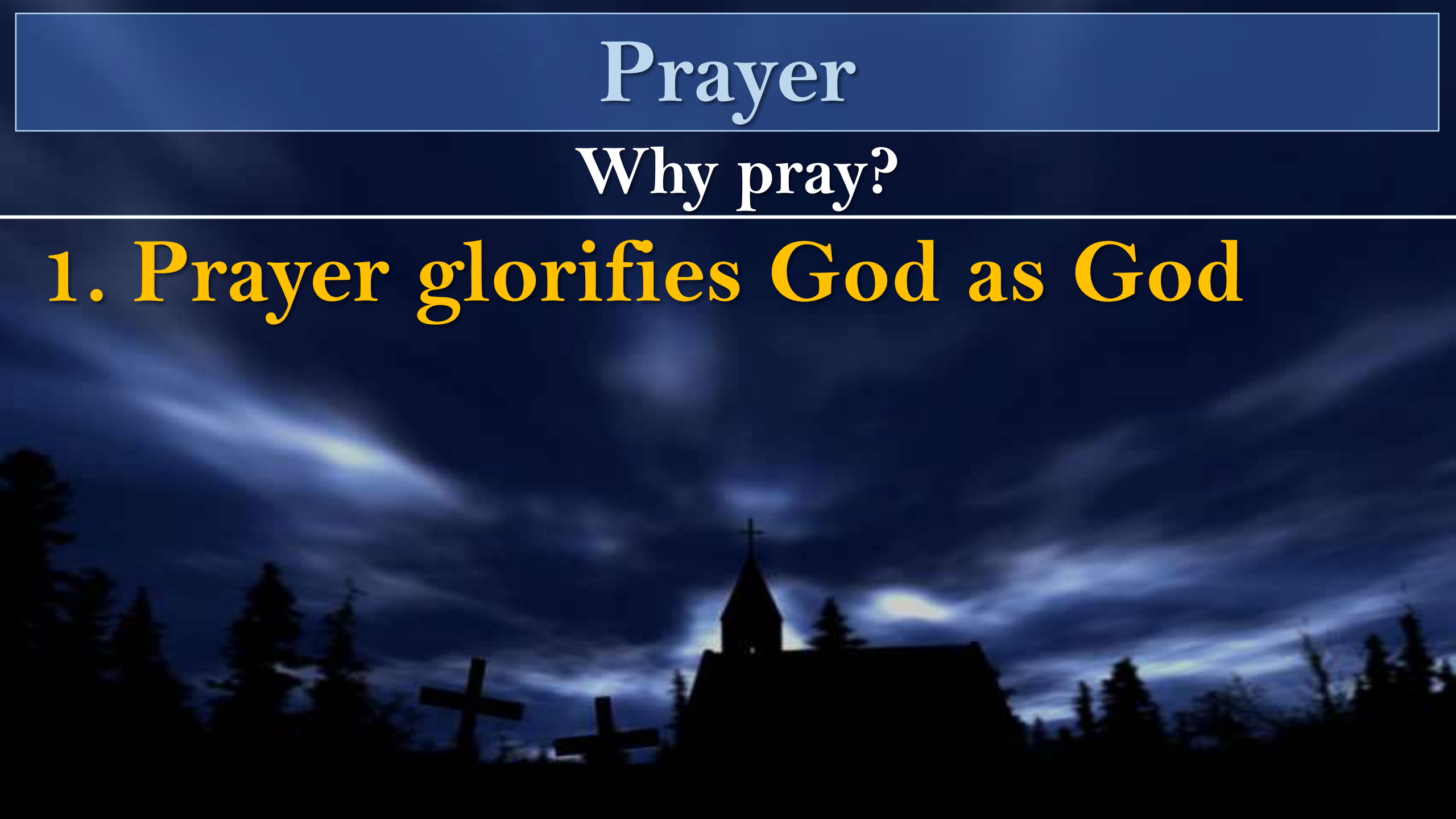
and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

32 The multitude of believers was one in heart and soul.

Prayer

Why pray?

1. Prayer glorifies God as God



1 Chronicles 29

10 Then David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly and said:

“May You be blessed, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in heaven and on earth belongs to You.

Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29

12 Both riches and honor come from You, and You are the ruler over all.

In Your hands are power and might to exalt and give strength to all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we give You thanks, and we praise Your glorious name.

14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?

For everything comes from You, and from Your own hand we have given to You.

Nehemiah 9

5 Then the Levites...said, “Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting:

Blessed be Your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 You alone are the LORD.

You created the heavens, the highest heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.

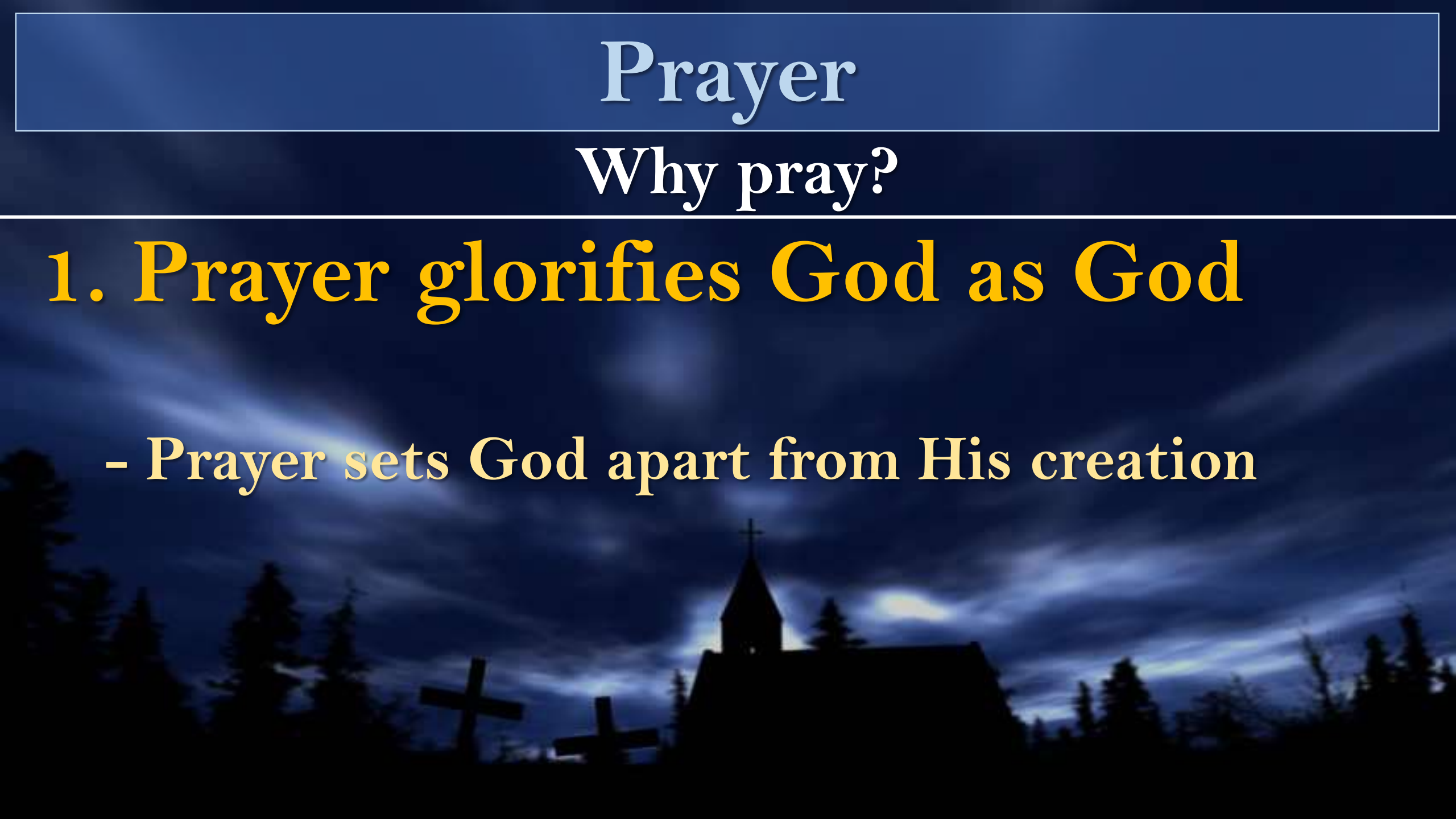
You give life to all things, and the host of heaven worships You.

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- Prayer sets God apart from His creation



Matthew 6

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10 **Your kingdom come,**

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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- Prayer humbles us and submits us to His will
- Prayer aligns us with Him and His purpose
- Prayer quiets the soul in peace and rest

Philippians 4

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 5

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, so that in due time He may exalt you.

7 Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

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Why pray?

3. Because God is sovereign and can change things



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