

PRAYER AS A PATHWAY TO JOY - PSALM 16

OUTLINE

What is Prayer? / Who is the God of Prayer?

1. Prayer is Taking **Refuge** in God (v.1)
2. Prayer is Acknowledging God as Your **Greatest Treasure** (v.2-6)
3. Prayer is Going to God as Your **Counselor** (v.7-8)
4. Prayer is Clinging to Christ as your **Confident Joy** (v.9-11)

OTHER RELEVANT SCRIPTURE

James 1:7, Philippians 4:12-13, 2 Samuel 7:12, Acts 2:30-32

QUOTES

Paul Miller: *Because we can do life without God, praying seems nice but unnecessary. Money can do what prayer does, and it is quicker and less time-consuming. Our trust in ourselves and in our talents makes us structurally independent of God. As a result, exhortations to pray don't stick*

George Mueller: *The first thing to be concerned about was not, how much I might serve the Lord, how I might glorify the Lord; but how I might get my soul into a happy state, and how my inner man may be nourished...I saw that the most important thing I had to do was to give myself to the reading of the Word of God and to meditation on it.*