

A STUDY ON PRAYER

MAN'S PETITIONS AND GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY?

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me; it was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of thee.

—Anonymous

I. Review of where we are

- A. What is the Purpose and Problem with Prayer?
- B. Why is Prayer and Fasting Important
- C. God hears Prayers, we are Deficient in the Duty of Prayer
- D. Communicating Petitions & Gratitude with More than Words

II. God is Sovereign

- A. II Samuel 24
 - 1. If God is Sovereign, How do we explain things outside His nature?
 - a. Sin
 - b. Use of Sin
 - 2. Is God the author then of all that happens?
- B. How can our prayers change things?
 - 1. Are they appropriate?
 - 2. When are they appropriate?
 - 3. What is our focus?
- C. Does God change His mind?
 - 1. Is He immutable?
 - 2. Is He proactive?
- D. The Mystery and Nature of God
 - 1. He is Not Contradictory!
 - 2. God does not stand behind Good and Evil in the same way!
 - 3. Responsibility and Sovereignty are co-dependent!

III. Looking Forward

- A. How can we apply this?
 - 1. React to Good and Evil differently
 - 2. Worship and Pray to Him Personally and Corporately
- B. We **MUST** begin to understand our Lord Better!!