

A STUDY ON PRAYER

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*Behold the throne of grace; the promise calls us near,
There Jesus shows a smiling face and waits to answer prayer.*

— John Newton

I. Review of where we are

- A. We have a God who Hears!
- B. We sometimes neglect our duty.

II. Seeking the Presence of God

- A. Nearness
 - 1. General Presence Everywhere
 - 2. Protection and Care
 - 3. Specific Experiential Presence
- B. Desiring God's Presence
- C. Avenues for Drawing Near

III. Corporate Prayer

- A. Don't deny access to one of richest sources of encouragement & strength
- B. Must model for others
 - 1. Can they be sincere?
 - 2. Who we are, Who God is, Why we are coming, Speaking in plural
 - 3. Planning to speak normally involves some writing, hence our exercise

IV. How can we apply this?

- A. Shorten the times of valley and lengthen the times of jubilation
- B. Not avoid situations of corporate prayer