

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 179

Main Point of Text: God alone can hear and answer prayer, so all who pray must only trust in and come to Him.

Sermon Point: *Only Pray to God.*

Move 1: Only God is worthy of your faith and worship, of which prayer is a part.

LC: “God [is]... only to be ...”:

- “believed in”: religious trust. Rm. 10:14: *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?*
- “worshipped with religious worship.” Mt. 4:10 using Dt. 6:13. Ps. 65:1, 4: praise/vows/worship.
- “prayer ... is a special part thereof”: Ps. 141:2: *Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense ...*

LC: “prayer ... is to be made by all to him alone, and to none other”. Ps. 50:14-15: *Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.*

Move 2: Only God is able to hear and answer the prayers of your heart.

LC: “God only being able to search the hearts ... pardon sins”. Mark 2:7. 1 Tim. 2:5; 6:14-16:

- 1 Kg. 8:38-39: *What prayer and supplication soever be made ... toward this house: Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give ... (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)*
- Ps. 65:3, 5: God purges away sin; He alone is our “salvation” (Yeshua).
- Ps. 115: dumb idols/the dead do not interact with us. Acts 1:14: the disciples prayed with, not to Mary.

LC: “God only being able to hear the requests ... and fulfil the desire of all”. Ps. 65:2, 5: Only God hears: *omniscience*. Only God answers: *omnipotence*. Only God is everywhere: *omnipresence*. Thus, everyone everywhere only comes to Him for confidence to be received/responded to.

Conclusion:

Only Pray to God.