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Devotional

Four Keys to Answered Prayer



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Through the Psalms
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> For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me.
> In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
> And in Your lovingkindness, cut off my enemies
> And destroy all those who afflict my soul,
> For I am Your servant.
> (Psalm 143:11–12 nasb)

David was in deep trouble but, as so often, trouble became the source of inspiration to him. The prayer that resulted is a pattern we all need to study. In it, David provides us with four firm, unvarying reasons for believing God will answer our prayers.

First, *for the sake of Your name.* God's name gives us access to Him. Jesus promised His disciples, "My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name" (John 16:23).

Second, *in Your righteousness.* We dare not approach God in our own righteousness, but only in the righteousness of Jesus imputed to us on the basis of our faith. We come before God arrayed in a robe of His righteousness (Isaiah 61:10).

Third, *in Your lovingkindness.* The Hebrew word thus translated denotes the faithfulness of God in keeping His covenant commitments to His people. Our failures and weaknesses in no way change God's commitments to us.

Fourth, *I am Your servant.* This is an affirmation of our personal commitment to God, which He will invariably honor. He never abandons those who have given their lives to Him for His service.

There is one key word that occurs in all these four reasons: it is *Your.* The secret of successful prayer is to turn away from ourselves and to focus totally on the Person to whom we are praying.

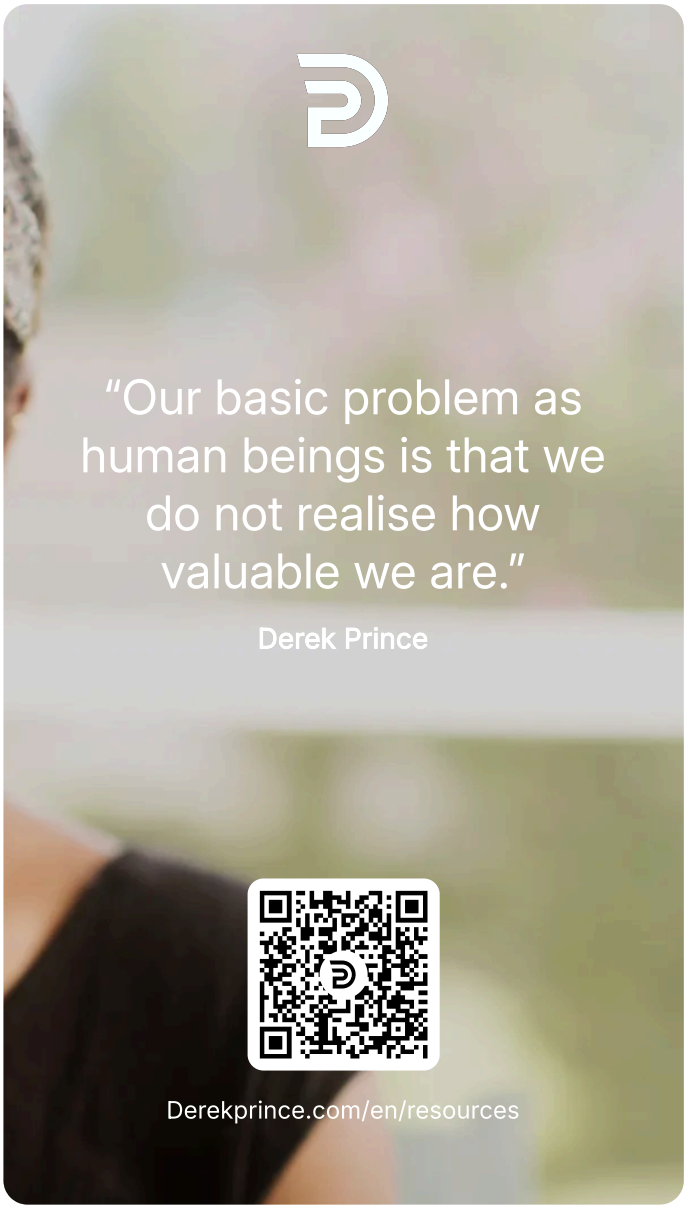
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