

December 29, 2013 Morning

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The Position of Worship

Luke 2:25-38

1. Be <u>in</u> line with God (vs. 25-27)

By your holiness

By your faithfulness

By being Spirit-led

2. Be on the line with God

<u>Pray</u> (vs. 37)

Praise (vs. 28-35)

Conclusion:

Are you in the <u>proper</u> <u>position</u> to worship?

THE POSITION OF WORSHIP- EXTRA

How do I talk with God?

By Dr. Charles Stanley

Communication that builds relationships is dialogue. Genuine prayer has all of the qualities and characteristics of a deeply meaningful conversation between two people. God said to the prophet Isaiah, "Come now, and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18). This image of God and man sitting down together for a good talk is our best image of prayer.

The end results of intentional dialogue can be wonderful. We know this to be true in our relationships with other people. When we have a deep and heartfelt conversation with another person, we very often come away from that experience saying, "I have a much better understanding of him and his problems, needs, and concerns."

The same is true when we communicate intentionally with God. We know Him more fully, understand Him better, feel more at home in His presence, find cause to praise Him more, and have a deeper relationship with Him.

Because prayer is intensely personal, there are no universal formulas. The specifics of your prayer relationship with God are as distinctive as any other aspect of your life and your ability to communicate.

I encourage you to open yourself to the grand possibility that God has something to say to you. He's eager to spend time with you and to develop a deep, intimate relationship marked by great joy and well-being.

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