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12 As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk 14 and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."



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Psalm 139:13-14 NIV

13 For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.



I. The Prayer Was From the Soul



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1 John 5:14-15 NIV

14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

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I. The Prayer Was From the Soul Philippians 4:6 NIV



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.



I. The Prayer Was From the Soul Matthew 7:7 NIV



“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.



I. The Prayer Was From the Soul James 4:3 NIV



When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.



I. The Prayer Was From the Soul 1 Peter 5:7 NIV



Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.



I. The Prayer Was From the Soul Hebrews 11:6 NIV



And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.



II. The Prayer Includes Sacrifice



1 Samuel 1:11 NIV

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Previous Scripture: Hebrews 11:6;

1 Peter 5:7; James 4:3



II. The Prayer Includes Sacrifice Numbers 6:1-5 NIV



The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘If a man or woman wants to make a special vow, a vow of dedication to the LORD as a Nazirite, 3 they must abstain from wine and other fermented drink and must not drink vinegar made from wine or other fermented drink. They must not drink grape juice or eat grapes or raisins. 4 As long as they remain under their Nazirite vow, they must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, not even the seeds or skins.

5 “ ‘During the entire period of their Nazirite vow, no razor may be used on their head. They must be holy until the period of their dedication to the LORD is over; they must let their hair grow long.

Previous Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:11;

Hebrews 11:6; 1 Peter 5:7



II. The Prayer Includes Sacrifice



Judges 13:2-5 NIV

2 A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. 3 The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, “You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. 4 Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean. 5 You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines.”

Previous Scripture: Numbers 6:1-5;

1 Samuel 1:11; Hebrews 11:6



II. The Prayer Includes Sacrifice



Luke 1:15 NIV

for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.
He is never to take wine or other fermented
drink, and he will be filled with the Holy
Spirit even before he is born.

Previous Scripture: Judges 13:2-5;

Numbers 6:1-5; 1 Samuel 1:11



II. The Prayer Includes Sacrifice Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 NIV



4 When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. 5 It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it.



II. The Prayer Includes Sacrifice



Judges 21:25 NIV

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

Previous Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5:4-5;

Luke 1:15; Judges 13:2-5



III. The Prayer Shows Transparency



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Ephesians 3:20 NIV

Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to his power that is at
work within us,

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Judges 21:25; Ecclesiastes 5:4-5



III. The Prayer Shows Transparency



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually,
18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.