



PULPIT CURRICULUM

“Our Posture In 2022. Pray. Desire. Believe. Plan. Act. Shout.”

December 5 – December 11, 2021
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Verse of the Week: Psalm 20:1

“May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!”

1. GOING DEEPER

Psalm 20:1-5

1. In verse 1, David refers to the “the Lord” and “the God of Jacob”? Why is it so important to call on the names of God when praying?

2. What is the significance of making sacrifices and offerings unto God? Does God still require our sacrifices?

3. Compare and contrast verse 4 with Psalm 37:4. Why is it important to make known our plans and desires?

4. In what ways does our relationship with God influence His willingness to grant our desires and wishes? Use scripture to support your answer.

5. How do these verses direct how we should pray, especially in times of trouble?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

1) How would you rate your posture for the future?



I have not given any thought for the future



I occasionally consider the future



I am steadily taking steps towards considering my future goals



I am making deliberate efforts towards formulating my future plans



I make a daily commitment towards charting a path for my future

2) What factors may be hindering you from planning for the future?

3. APPLICATION

1. What are you doing towards formulating a plan for 2022?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. Of the list above, which one(s) will you be intentional about working on this week?

I will ask _____ to hold me *accountable* in this.

Sermon Main Points	Sermon Reflection
<p>As believers we need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🕒 Pray and believe God for answers, protection, help and support 🕒 Present the right offerings and make the right sacrifices unto God 🕒 Clarify your desires and document your plans 🕒 Shout and Declare What God has done for you 	<p>What stood out for me in this sermon? What is something I can do to remember this?</p>

5 Day Study Plan ("Study to show yourself Approved unto God...")

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Day 1	<p>Psalm 37:4-5 What I learned (observation / interpretation):</p> <p>How I will Respond (application):</p>
Day 2	<p>Psalm 24:3-4 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>
Day 3	<p>Habakkuk 2:2 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>
Day 4	<p>Proverbs 15:22 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>
Day 5	<p>Proverbs 16:9 What I learned:</p> <p>How I will Respond:</p>



Observation (*What does the text say?*)

This phase is about observing exactly what the text is saying.

Pretend you're an investigator who's just gathering the facts. Ask yourself the five W's and H: (Who, what, where, when, why, how).



Interpretation (*What does the text mean?*)

Discover what the author is trying to communicate. And to do this, you need to look at the context to determine

- 🕒 What is the **main theme** and what is the **meaning** of key words;
- 🕒 Examine **cross references**
- 🕒 Compare **translations**
- 🕒 **Summarize** the text
- 🕒 **Use** commentaries (last resort)



Application (*How should this affect Me?*)

Don't study the bible just for knowledge – study for application. If you stop at the interpretation stage, you are selling yourself short. Based on what you have learnt, ask yourself "How should this change the way I think, speak and behave?"

Seek to identify if there are - **Sins** to confess; **Promises** to claim; **Examples** to follow; **Actions** to obey or **Knowledge** to grow in.

For best results, this content should be read and prepared privately and then discussed in your small group or with family / friends. We were not created to do life alone - get engaged today.