

Six Prayers Never Prayed

"...Well Almost Never"

- Introduction:
1. There exists a tension between grace, faith, & works.
 2. This tension has resulted in error involving opposite extremes.

I. The Shipbuilder's Prayer

- A. (Genesis 6).
- B. Noah found grace, yet he was commanded to build an ark.
- C. What if Noah had prayed the "shipbuilder's prayer" & refused to build the ark?

II. The Firstborn Prayer

- A. (Exodus 12).
- B. The Israelites were the objects of God's grace, yet he commanded them to kill a lamb and put its blood on the doorpost.
- C. What if Moses had told the people to simply pray the "firstborn prayer" and refuse to kill a lamb and apply the blood to the doorpost?

III. The Red Sea Prayer

- A. (Exodus 14).
- B. God was showing his favor upon Israel as they exited Egyptian bondage.
- C. Once trapped, God commanded them to move forward.
- D. What if Moses had refused to lead the people through the Red Sea, and instead pray the "Red Sea Prayer?"

IV. The Harlot's Prayer

- A. (Joshua 2:12-21).
- B. Rahab had shown kindness to the spies, and thus was promised mercy.
- C. The condition was that she stay in the house and put a scarlet cord in the window.
- D. What if Rahab, instead of putting a cord in the window prayed the "Harlot's Prayer?"

V. The Leper's Prayer

- A. (2 Kings 5).
- B. Naaman was shown grace and was told to dip seven times in the Jordan river.
- C. What if Naaman had, instead of dipping in the Jordan, prayed the "Leper's Prayer?"

VI. The Sinner's Prayer

- A. (Acts 2:38).
- B. God showed grace to sinners and commanded them to repent and be baptized.
- C. What if men, instead of repenting and being baptized, decided to simply pray the "Sinner's Prayer?"

- Conclusion:
1. Grace, Faith, & Works all have an essential role in our salvation.
 2. God has grace "covered." What remains is whether we will exhibit a faith that obeys.