

# Welcome Home: House of Prayer

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Welcome Home: A Place of Prayer  
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*“The righteous will FLOURISH like a PALM TREE, they will GROW like the cedar of Lebanon; PLANTED in the HOUSE OF THE LORD, they will FLOURISH in the courts of our God.”*

—Psalm 92:13

*Hebrew: PARACH* - to bud, to blossom, to sprout.

*Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them: “Sit here while I go over there to pray.”*

—Matthew 26:36

Question: WHEN and WHERE do you pray?

*“Anything God promised or did at ANY TIME in ANY*

*PLACE for ANYBODY. God will DO FOR US if we will meet His conditions. If it is TRUTH, it is true for anybody who would believe it, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME. Two times two equals four whether it's 400 BC or AD 1963, whether in Russia or China or Canada. Two times two equals four. No one can get around it; anybody can trust it."*

*—A.W. Tozer*

*"Jesus withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, KNELT DOWN and PRAYED."*

*—Luke 22:41*

*"Being in AGONY, Jesus prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."*

*—Luke 22:44*

PRAYER is a MUSCLE. We need to cultivate MUSCLE MEMORY.

*"Continue to WORK OUT your salvation with fear and trembling."*

*—Philippians 2:12*

We pray ALAT prayers—as long as it takes.

*"TEARS are LIQUID PRAYERS."*

*—Charles Spurgeon*

PRAYER is a LANGUAGE.

*“Then he returned to his disciples and found them SLEEPING. “Couldn’t you keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. WATCH and PRAY so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

*—Matthew 26:40-41*

PRAYER is discerning what God is saying, what God is doing, how God is moving.

*“He went away a SECOND TIME and prayed, “My father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken unless I drink it, MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more the THIRD TIME, saying the SAME THING.”*

*—Matthew 26:42-43*

PRAY LIKE IT DEPENDS ON GOD.

WORK LIKE IT DEPENDS ON YOU.