

Grace Groups Homework
“A Glorious Throne”

Jeremiah 17:12–18

30 October 2016

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What has been your greatest moment of perseverance? What examples of other people’s perseverance have stood out to you?

WORLDVIEW

2. If God’s will will be done, and if His perfect justice will be executed, why should we bother about our involvement in the social/political/economic issues of our day?

INTO THE BIBLE

3. This week’s prayer psalm, and Jeremiah’s prayer recorded in our text, have a number of similarities and commonalities. How many of these common themes and applications can you identify? What is the Lord emphasising to us?

GOING DEEPER

4. What practical applications from the text, regarding the nature and structure of your prayers, are you most keen to develop in your prayer life?

5. Why is it wise and beneficial to start our prayers with praise?

6. Discuss the following questions that are grouped according to their common emphasis:

Is praying with confidence that God will hear and answer our prayers equivalent to being given a divine blank cheque?

Does God always answer our prayers?

What does James 1:5–8 teach you about the expectations of our prayers?

What are the benefits of praying confidently and expectantly?

How do we counsel ourselves and others when it appears that our prayers have not been answered?

7. What difference would you see in your life at home, work, school, in traffic and on the sports field if you honestly believed, as Jeremiah did, that in all these situations, God is your audience? He hears whatever comes from your lips and He sees whatever your hand does. Be practical in your answer.

PRAYER ITEMS

Prayer Psalm: 3

Church Families: Nathan Jordaan; Sean, Tamsyn, Josiah, Enoch & Micah Kennedy

Special Needs: Marlene van den Heuvel; Mark MacKaiser; Moira Moyle; Gloria Brown; Hansen Pillay; Matric pupils; Unemployed & underemployed; Rain and repentance

Expectant Couples: Hugo & Wendy-Leigh van der Walt; Tyron & Selaysha Armstrong

Adoptions: Ongoing adoption paperwork

Ministry: VIPs

The Great Commission:

- Tommie & Allison van der Walt
- Mexico (Latin America)—The election of a new government in 2000 raised hopes for issues that were never addressed by the previous government (i.e. rural poor, native Americans, exploited slum dwellers, and a massive drug trade). Pray that the government has the courage and political will to make these changes and, above all, that the gospel will take root in Mexico through the witness of believers there.
- Unreached Focus: Namassej (Bangladesh)

Sister Churches: Reformed Faith Mission (Western Cape)—Quintin & Mario Maneville

Our Country: Transport—Ms Dipuo Peters; Ms Sindiswe Chikunga

As you do your regular grocery shopping, please remember to add something to your trolley to donate to the Food for the Family ministry. Regularly used items include: rice (1kg or 2kg); juice; washing powder (auto or hand wash); cooking oil (750ml or 2-litre); peanut butter; syrup; jam; tea; coffee; sandwich spread; pilchards; tuna; cake flour; baked beans; butter beans; mixed vegetables; tomato and onion mix; other canned foods; Cremora or long life milk; pasta; noodles; condiments (tomato sauce, mustard), etc.; sugar (1kg or 2.5kg); mielie meal; bath soap; deodorant (roll-on); toothpaste. Speak to Andre Truter for more information.