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Reading: 1 Timothy 2v1-6

v1 – Requirement of prayer for all men.
v4 – God's will that all men be saved.
v6 – Ransom for all.

Not everyone believes there is a God. If we pray to God in heaven we are showing we believe He is, we believe He can act on what we ask.

“[fervent, effectual prayers of a righteous man availeth much](#)” (James 5:16),

God is listening for the first prayer we give to Him. The one that comes to Him confessing our need.

Paul speaks of the prayers that God desires:-

“[men](#)” - humankind, not specific to males. He wants us to pray for everybody.

“[supplications](#)” - a request, (it would be wonderful if your request was that you want to be saved). When a sinner comes with a repentant heart God will never turn anyone away.

“[intercession](#)” has the idea of an interview; going in to speak with God. The Saviour continually makes intercession for us. God's hand is stayed against us because of what the Lord Jesus Christ did at Calvary. Until you put your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus, he cannot make intercession for you.

“[give thanks](#)” - be thankful for everybody.

The will of God for each one of us is to pray

v4 saved, this is a common term in the Bible. It is a hopeless state to be not saved. - “[The harvest is past, the summer is ended and ye are not saved](#)”.

Are you saved? Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ personally? Have you accepted Him as your Saviour?

What is a knowledge of truth?

The scriptures give us knowledge. “[your word is truth](#)” (John 17:)- breathed of God (2 Tim 3:16). Once someone is saved God does not abandon them.

v5 – “[There is one God](#)” - Having more than one God takes away the responsibility to the one God. If we have more than one it allows us to move on if we decide we don't believe something. There is only one God – this is established throughout the whole scripture. There is only one way to God “[one mediator...the man Christ Jesus](#)”.

v6 – The Lord Jesus Christ became our ransom. The price He paid was more than enough to pay for our release if we will only just accept it.

Do you realise you are in bondage to sin? What are you going to do with that ransom? He promised that “[Whosoever believeth on Him is not condemned](#)”(John 3:18)