

The Privilege of Position

1 John 1:1-4 (TPT) We saw him with our very own eyes. We gazed upon him and heard him speak. Our hands actually touched him, the one who was from the beginning, the Living Expression of God. ²This Life-Giver was made visible and we have seen him. We testify to this truth: the eternal Life-Giver lived face-to-face with the Father and has now dawned upon us. ³ So we proclaim to you what we have seen and heard *about this Life-Giver* so that we may share and enjoy this life together. For truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus, the Anointed One. ⁴ We are writing these things to you because we want to release to you our fullness of joy.

- 1.) Through **friendship**, we find the **fullness of joy**.
- 2.) It's not a matter of **have to**, it's a matter of **get to**.

Luke 18:1-8 (TPT) One day Jesus taught the apostles to keep praying and never stop or lose hope. He shared with them this illustration: ² "In a certain town there was a judge, a thick-skinned and godless man who had no fear of others' opinions. ³ And in the same town there was a poor widow who kept pleading with the judge, 'Grant me justice and protect me from my oppressor!' ⁴⁻⁵ "He ignored her pleas for quite some time, but she kept asking. Eventually, he said to himself, 'This widow keeps annoying me, demanding her rights, and I'm tired of listening to her. Even though I'm not a religious man, and I don't care about the opinions of others, I'll get her off my back by answering her claims for justice and I'll rule in her favor. Then she'll leave me alone.' "

⁶ Jesus continued, "Did you hear what the godless judge said—that he would answer her persistent request? ⁷ Don't you know that God, the true judge, will grant justice to all his chosen ones who cry out to him night and day? He will pour out his Spirit upon them. He will not delay to answer you and give you what you ask for. ⁸ God will give swift justice to those who don't give up. So be ever praying, ever expecting, in the same way as the widow. Even so, when the Son of Man comes back, will he find this kind of undying faith on earth?"

The Privilege of Our Position:

- ✓ We are not strangers.
- ✓ We have a God who is perfect and knows all.
- ✓ We have an advocate.
- ✓ We have full access 24/7.
- ✓ He wants to hear from us.

- 3.) Prayer changes **everything**.