

35. Therefore, when we pray that a situation be canceled, avoided, or withdrawn we may be asking God to remove the opportunity for us to see His grace in action.
36. We are also able to see the situation, “Petition Negative—Desire Negative,” in the second paragraph of James 1:5–8 with emphasis on:

James 1:6 But he must keep on praying [IM #4] for wisdom by means of faith, doubting nothing, for the one who prays while doubting the integrity of God is like the atmospheric and oceanic forces of the sea, whose waves are constantly being agitated by various wind forces hurling them about to and fro.

v. 7 For such a man must stop the ongoing process of presuming [IM #5] that he will receive anything in the future from the Lord, (EXT)

37. These four categories of the ways God answers prayer bring us back to the process of how prayer works and how they will be answered in one of the first three ways we’ve just reviewed.

The Instantaneous Extradimensional Communications Network:

1. “Instantaneous” refers to the omniscience of God Who knew of our prayers in eternity past.
2. These were entered into the divine decree in the PROM chip. This is a computer term designed to illustrate the free will of man. It contains all prayers and the manner they are presented.
3. Everything in the PROM chip contains every thought, decision, and action of every believer.
3. God places His answer in the ROM chip. This chip represents the sovereignty of God, an integrated circuit into which unchanging data can be read, but to which no new data can be written.
4. In our illustration, we are isolating the discussion on prayer. Whenever a believer prays, he is guided by biblical revelation on the structure of prayer.

5. In our secular lives, if we propose to address a request to someone who has authority over us, the professional way of approaching that person verbally is prescribed by company policy.
6. This would likely require going through the proper channels to obtain an appointment, such as a secretary, a manager, or supervisor.
7. Upon obtaining an appointment, you would show up on time, address the employer with a proper honorific, and present your request briefly but with all necessary detail.
8. Having done so you may wait for questions and respond accordingly. Once finished, express gratitude for the person's time and the opportunity to present your request, say, "Good day," and leave.
9. This is professionalism. God outranks all superiors in this life. He presents a concise system for submitting prayers which we have studied.
10. When we submit a prayer, God knew about it in eternity past. By means of divine omniscience it was entered into the PROM chip in eternity past.
11. How He determined to answer that prayer, or not do so, was also entered in the ROM chip in eternity past.
12. In every case, divine control of history processed the answers to our prayers into the divine decree. A prayer properly prayed requires an untold number of events to occur to provide His precisely timed response.
13. God has mandated in many passages that we pray. The most succinct example is 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."
14. The words "without ceasing" is the adverb **ᾧδιαλείπτως** (*adialeíptōs*). The root word is the verb **διαλείπω** (*dialeípō*): "to desist from an action or activity, stop, cease." The alpha privative, **ᾧ-** (*a*) negates the root word resulting in the translation, "without ceasing."

(End JAS1-13. See JAS1-14 for continuation of study at p. 131.)

15. The second word in the verse is the present middle imperative of the verb **προσεύχομαι** (*proseúchomai*).
16. This verb obviously has as its object God the Father. Prayer simply cannot have any other object and this word encompasses all the essential aspects of prayer content with emphasis on thanksgiving, intercession, and petition.
17. The present tense is customary:
... used to signal either an action that *regularly occurs* or an *ongoing state*. The action is usually *iterative*, or repeated, but not without interruption.¹
18. The middle voice is deponent taking on an active application which instructs the believer to produce the action.
19. The imperative mood is a command to pray and do so repeatedly. Therefore, the translation is expanded to include the various aspects of the verse's two words:

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Keep up the ongoing practice of praying habitually. (EXT)

20. It has been established that God knew of our prayers in eternity past and recorded them the PROM chip while His answer was inserted into the ROM chip.
21. We, in our finite mentalities, envision the prayer leaving our lips and arriving in heaven where God will involve Himself in processing that prayer and determining how He will answer it.
22. It is far more complex than this. This is where the visual, "Instantaneous Extradimensional Communications Network" sorts out the details.
23. The prayer is instantaneously received by God because it was already inserted into the divine decree in eternity past. God is not hamstrung by time—past, present, or future.

¹ Daniel B. Wallace, *Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), 521.