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Breaking Through The Barriers 2

In the second part of my recent "Breaking Through The Barriers" sermon, I noted that God has done everything necessary to remove the barrier that separated God from man, and I asked, "So **what is it that prevents man from fellowship with God today?**" The question is: "What is necessary on man's part to break through the barriers to God?"

Humility: Pride with its expression of self will is the essence of sin and is the major barrier between man and God! "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the **humble...Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:6, 10).

- **Humbly believe** in the work of Jesus Christ for our salvation and **receive Him**. "But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** on his name" (John 1:12).

- **Humbly confess** your sins to God. "If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

- **Humbly repent** of individual sin and **forsake it**. "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But **your iniquities have separated** between you and your God, and **your sins have hid his face from you**, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Prayer: Humility and prayer go together and **break through the barriers to God!**

- **Humbly pray**. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall **humble themselves, and pray**, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and **will forgive their sin...**" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

- **Pray in secret**. "But thou, **when thou prayest**, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in **secret**; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall **reward thee openly**" (Matthew 6:6).

Hear "Breaking Through The Barriers" at: www.naog.ws/sermons.htm