

vs 6a ~ “For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You”

- What is “this cause”?
 - **Forgiveness** . . . God gives is freely ~ but we’re still to request it
 - A petition in Lord’s prayer (*kingdom, will and food*)
- **Dt 4.29** ~ “.. if .. you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him if you look for Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”
 - We want finding God to be easy, easier than all other life choices
 - It’s harder to not snack than to snack - right?
- **Hos 10.12** ~ “Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until He comes & showers righteousness on you.”
 - Does it sound easy to break up unplowed ground?
 - Yet to sow and reap requires planting, nurturing, laboring . . .
 - We want the fruit of righteousness ~ But we do not labor . . .

vs 6b ~ “In a time when You may be found”

- **2 Cor 6.2cd** ~ “I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation”
 - All planning is presuming upon God
 - All of our plans have an implied “**God willing**” (D. V.) appended to them
 - The “**forgiven**” / the “**godly**” know this but can forget . . .

vs 6c ~ “Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him”

- The imagery here is of a great flood ~ what greater flood than Noah’s?
- Those that pray are those that take God seriously
- Those that don’t pray are those that presume upon His grace
- And prayer draws us into God’s protective hand
 - The “flood . . . shall not come near him”

**Even in the midst of difficulties the “godly” sense God’s presence with them
The “godly” aren’t overwhelmed by circumstances because God protects them
But this security is realized as the “godly” pray - and seek God’s presence**