

## Why bother praying?

If God doesn't change, why bother praying?

*Psalm 115:3 "Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases."*

## God responds

Revelation 8: 3-5

## God relents

Exodus 32: 1-14

*v.14 "Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened."*

true to his nature

consistent with his covenant

## Why did Jesus pray?

Why would Jesus pray?

- prayer is not just asking God to give me what I want
- expression of complete trust and dependence

building a relationship with God

Ps. 139 a relief to pray to a God who knows what we need before we ask

*Matthew 6: <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

*You will come and pray to me, and I will answer you. You will seek me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)*