



The Flame

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Do You Need an Alignment?

“That’s what is known as the *false horizon*.”

The mission pilot was responding to yet another of the many questions I asked whenever I flew with him. Since I always sat in the seat next to him (theoretically the co-pilot’s seat), it seemed prudent to know as much as I could in case he were to become ill or even incapacitated. Early on I had come to the conclusion that knowing more had to be better than knowing less.

One particular dial had a line dissecting it horizontally and a pair of wings floating above the line indicating the relationship of the plane to a theoretical horizon. Pilots call this the *attitude* of the plane.

What if there was a way to measure the *attitude* of prayer?

Prayer assumes some measure of faith, but our tendency is to measure faith in terms of “how much” or “how strong.” Actually there is a much more accurate way to measure our faith: by our prayer attitude or our relationship to the horizon of God’s purposes. The real question: “With what is our faith aligned?”

One may have faith in something totally unreliable. The first person who jumped off a cliff to see if he could fly must have had some degree of certainty that it was possible, but obviously his assumption was less than reliable.

My faith is not strong because I have mustered up enough feeling of certainty, but rather because it is aligned with the God of great power and grace in whom there is no lack of certainty.

Only when I allow myself to be aligned with the will of God can I begin to hear from him and recognize what He sees in the needs I bring to Him. My solutions to those needs are irrelevant unless my heart and mind are fixed on the spiritual horizon of His grace and power.

Taking Your Next Step

When you pray, let the dust of the day settle, and let the Holy Spirit reorient your heart and mind to the presence of the Lord. Affirm to Him that you choose to be aligned with His heart. Then take time to listen. Your heart will sense the impulse of His grace and your thoughts will be redirected from the distractions of the temporal and realigned with the eternal.

