

Powerful Prayer



Bible Study Pathways Lesson 12

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A Story to Ponder...

A man and his guide were climbing the Weisshorn in the Swiss Alps. It was stormy and they were making their climb on the sheltered side of the peak. When they reached the summit, they were filled with exhilaration. The man forgot about the fierce winds, leaped up and was nearly blown over the edge to the glacier below! The guide grabbed hold of him and exclaimed: "On your knees, sir. You are safe here only on your knees!"

When the storms of life swirl around you, your safety is to kneel and pray to God. But how should we pray? And are there conditions on which our prayers will be granted? In this lesson we will discover what the Bible says about prayer.



Luke 21:36 "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."



The Bible says that we should _____ and _____.

What are the requirements for praying?



Proverbs 28:9 "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." **Prov. 15:29** "The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." **Psalm 66:18, Job 35:13, Matthew 6:12-15, 5:22-24, Prov. 21:13**



The prayer of the wicked is an _____.

But this does not mean that we cannot pray and confess our sins. We should confess our sins to God, and if we do this with a sincere heart he will always hear and forgive. **2 Chronicles 7:14, 1 John 1:9**



Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." **James 1:5,6; Mark 11:24**



He that comes to God must _____.

Faith is a requirement for prayer. (John 4:46-54) The nobleman wanted to see the fulfillment of his prayer before he should believe; but he had to accept the word of Jesus that his request was heard and the blessing granted. This lesson we also have to learn. Not because we see or feel that God hears us are we to believe. We are to trust in His promises.

When we come to Him in faith, every petition enters the heart of God. When we have asked for His blessing, we should believe that we receive it, and thank Him that we have received it. Then we are to go about our duties, assured that the blessing will be realized when we need it most. When we have learned to do this, we shall know that our prayers are answered.



John 15:16 “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” **John 14:13**



We are to ask in whose name? _____



1 John 5:14 “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:”

James 4:3 “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.” **1 John 3:22, John 15:7**



We are to ask according to his _____. Sometimes we do not receive an answer because we ask _____.



James 5:14, 15 “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

James 5:16 “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” **1 Tim. 2:1, 2, Matthew 5:44, Job 42:8, 9, Luke 11:9-13**



Who and what are some things we should pray for? _____



Psalm 5:3 “My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.”

Psalm 55:17 “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.” **Daniel 6:10**



Prayer is an important part of our _____ worship. When are other times that prayer was offered?



1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18 "Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Romans 12:12, Luke 18:1



We should be in a prayerful state of mind how often? _____

This shows that a prayer can be darted to God at any point in time. A particular Christian once gave the advice that a man should go no longer without prayer than he could hold his breath.

HOW TO PRAY



Matthew 6:9-13 "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."



What do you notice about this prayer? _____



The word manner, in this text, means "in this way, in like manner, likewise." Thus, this prayer is to be an example of the way in which we should pray.



We are not to use what in our prayers? _____ Matt.6:7,

1Kings 18:26, Acts 19:34



Based on the Lord's prayer and Luke 20:47, how long should public prayers be? _____



Phillip. 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Colossians 4:2, Psalms 100:4



We are to make our requests known by _____ and _____
with _____.

CONCLUSION

Prayer is an important part of the Christian Life. Every morning and throughout the day we should pray to our loving Father in Heaven, asking according to His will in faith, and thanking Him for the blessings He has given.