

Calvary Chapel Discipleship Series
Bible Study #8

Prayer

Begin memorizing Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God and the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Luke 11:1 - One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus set an example in His prayers. The disciples saw that His prayers were intimate, like talking with a close friend. They wanted to learn how to have the same close relationship with the Father that Jesus did. In this lesson you will learn:

Reasons why your prayers aren't answered

How to be sure your prayers are answered

The different types of prayers

1. Why would God not give us what we ask Him for? Give two reasons. (James 4:1-3)

Psalm 66:18 – *If I regard wickedness in my heart the Lord will not hear.*

Isaiah 59:2 – *But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, so that He does not hear.*

2. From the above scriptures do you think God hears our prayers when we are living in continual disobedience to His Word?

3. If there is sin in our lives, what should we do before bringing our requests to the Father? (1 John 1:9)

Read about the prayer of the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14.

4. What is the one reason that the Lord wants to give us what we pray for? (John 16:24)

5. When we have needs that need to be met, what should our attitude be when we come to God in prayer? (Hebrews 4:16)

6. How can we pray so that we can be sure that God will answer our prayers? (1 John 5:14-15)

7. When we don't know what God's will is or how we should pray about something, who will intercede for us? (Romans 8:26-27)

8. What three words describe what we need to do to receive good gifts from our Heavenly Father? (Matthew 7:7-12)

Verse seven in the Greek could be better translated, "keep seeking, keep knocking, and keep asking." In other words, be persistent! Read the parable about persistence in Luke 18:1-8. Sometimes God answers our prayers with "WAIT!" If we believe our prayers are in accordance with God's will and He doesn't answer them with a definite "yes" or "no", we should be patient and wait for His answer. Keep asking! The Lord not only has the perfect answer, He has the perfect time to give His answer.

9. What happens when we pray for something according to the will of God in the name of Jesus? (John 16:23)

10. Why do we pray in the name of Jesus? (1 Timothy 2:5)

11. To ask "in the name of Jesus" means to come to the Father based on the righteousness and finished work of Jesus, not on our own righteousness or merits. What promise does Jesus give us if we will abide or remain in Him? (John 15:7)

Read John 15:1-17 to see what abiding means. ABIDE means to remain in one place and not change. A good example of abiding is a tree. To abide in Christ means to continue in His teaching and not wander from it.

12. What two things should we do to be sure the Lord hears us? (Mark 11:24-25)

AMEN comes from the Hebrew word for "true" or "faithful". When we use it in prayer, it is our way of saying we believe the Lord will answer our prayers.

13. Who is glorified when our prayers are answered? (John 14:13)

14. What are the different types of prayer? (1 Timothy 2:1)

SUPPLICATION, PETITION or REQUEST, is when we ask God to supply our needs.

INTERCESSION is when we pray for others, such as for healing or salvation.

THANKSGIVING and PRAISE is giving God the glory He deserves for what He has done and for who He is. This is part of worship.

15. PRAYER is talking with God not just to Him. It is time spent in His presence. According to the Bible, when is a good time to pray? (1 Thess. 5:17)

For more about prayer, read Matthew 6:5-15 to see what Jesus has to say about it.

16. From memory write out your memory verse below.

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