

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Study 35 PRAYER

Tonight we will discuss **PRAYER** as it is taught in the Scriptures.

1) TO PRAY MEANS TO ASK.

PRAY (Def) 1. To ask with earnestness or zeal, as for a favor, or for something desirable; to entreat; to supplicate. 2. To petition; to ask, as for a favor; as in application to a legislative body. 3. Practice of supplication.

2) PRAYER IS THE MAIN WAY WE COMMUNICATE WITH GOD.

Psalms 55:16 ¶ As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

3) THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT WORDS THAT GOD GIVES US TO DESCRIBE HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH GOD.

A. **PRAY**— to ask

B. **CONFESS**— to admit, to agree

C. **SUPPLICATION**— entreaty, humble earnest prayer

D. **PETITION**— a solemn formal request

E. **WORSHIP**— to adore, express love, to pay divine honors, to reverence

F. **THANKSGIVING**— expression of gratitude

G. **PRAISE**— commendation bestowed in recognition of worthy virtues and actions

H. **INTERCESSION**— to pray on behalf of another, to act as a mediator

4) WE DON'T SEE PRAYERS ANSWERED ON A DAILY BASIS BECAUSE WE DON'T PRAY.

James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

5) OUR SECOND MAJOR PROBLEM IS THAT WHEN WE DO PRAY, WE ASK AMISS.

James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

6) WE NEED TO BE HUMBLE WHEN WE PRAY.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

7) TO PRAY IN JESUS NAME.

*John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

This means to pray for His **HONOR**, His **GLORY** and His **PURPOSE**.

8) THE LORD GAVE US A MODEL PRAYER AS AN OUTLINE TO FOLLOW NOT TO REPEAT THE WORDS IN A VAIN WAY.

Luke 11:1 ¶ And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

9) JESUS FURTHER TAUGHT US TO PRAY WITH IMPORTUNITY.

Luke 11:5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

10) WE SHOULD ALSO PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR LIVES.

Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

11) GOD'S HOUSE SHOULD BE A PLACE OF PRAYER.

Mark 11:17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

12) GOD WANTS US TO CAST ALL OF OUR CARE UPON HIM.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

13) WE SHOULD GIVE GOD A REASON TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS.

Isaiah 41:21 ¶ Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

14) VAIN REPETITION WHEN PRAYING NEVER IMPRESSES GOD.

Matthew 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

15) MOST OF OUR PRAYER SHOULD BE IN PRIVATE.

Matthew 6:5 ¶ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

16) PRAYING WITH OTHERS OR GROUP PRAYER IS APPROPRIATE AS WELL.

Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Acts 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 ¶ And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

17) PUT YOUR HEART INTO YOUR PRAYERS.

Psalms 62:8 ¶ Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

18) CLAIM PROMISES FROM GOD'S WORD WHEN YOU PRAY.

2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

19) PRAY WITH CLEAN HANDS.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

20) PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

21) SOMETIMES WE SHOULD PRAY AT MIDNIGHT OR PRAY THROUGH THE NIGHT.

Luke 6:12 ¶ And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13 And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;

Luke 11:5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

Acts 16:25 ¶ And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Psalms 119:62 ¶ At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

22) PRAY BELIEVING.

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

23) ALWAYS PRAY IN GOD'S WILL.

Luke 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

24) TO GET BIG ANSWERS TO PRAYER, BE WILLING TO WRESTLE WITH GOD.

Genesis 32:24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

31 And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

25) PRAYER TO GOD IS HOW A PERSON GETS SAVED.

Genesis 4:26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

Psalms 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.