

Teach Us to Pray

Key Verses:

- Luke 5:16: "HE Himself withdrew into the wilderness and prayed."
- Mark 1:35: "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, HE went out and departed to a solitary place, and there HE prayed."
- John 11:41-42: "And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, 'Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me.'"

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without living." - Martin Luther

Things to understand about prayer:

I. The way we view God is critical in prayer

II. There are several different types of prayers

- A. Those different expressions or kinds of prayers are even shown and stated in the Bible. Knowing them helps us to understand what they are and how to pray.
- B. We have prayers of:
 - 1. Adoration
 - 2. Praise
 - 3. Petition
 - 4. Supplication
 - 5. Intercession
 - 6. Repentance
 - 7. Contending prayers
 - 8. Prayers of faith
 - 9. Travailing prayer
 - 10. Praying in tongues
 - 11. Prayer of agreement
 - 12. Prophetic prayer

III. The importance of understanding our identity, our position in Christ in the 'Heavenlies'

- 1. A Child of God:
 - a) 1 John 3:1: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him."
- 2. A chosen race, a royal priest:

- a) 1 Peter 2:9-10: “You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people.”
- 3. Seated in the ‘heavenlies’ with Christ:
 - a) Ephesians 2:6: “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”

IV. Have an expectation. Have faith.

- A. Expect
- B. Believe that the Lord hears you and will answer you
- C. Have faith