

THE PRIVILEGE OF Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

One essential ingredient to effective prayer is knowing to Whom we are talking. One of the best ways to know the Lord better is to study His names. The names of God reveal Who He is and what He can do. It is often helpful to call on His name and claim the power of His name in seeking answers to prayer. The names of God cause us to understand that prayer is to be a time of *reverence* based on Whose presence we are in when we pray.

Our study will teach you how to effectively take advantage of the privilege of prayer.

The Framework of Prayer (review):

1. The Right to Pray (v. 9a)
2. Prayer of Reverence (v. 9b)
3. Prayer for Christ's Return (v. 10a)
4. Prayer of Relinquishing (v. 10b)
- 5. Prayer's Request (v. 11)**
6. Prayer of Reconciliation (v. 12)
7. Prayer for Resistance (v. 13a)
8. The Ruler of Prayer (v. 13b)

5. Prayer's Request (11)

The first part of the model prayer is essential to preparing us for bringing our requests to the Lord. The right to pray gives us a proper perspective: our Father! Reverence in prayer focuses us on the proper Person: our God! Christ's return keeps us in a proper position: under our King! Relinquishing our will in prayer keeps us in the proper pursuit: our Master!

Now, we are prepared to ask God to answer our requests! How do we request things from God?

- a. "Give" - Principle of _____:
What I need, I need to receive from the Lord!
 - 1) I will not _____ what is right. (Proverbs 14:12).
 - 2) He can only _____ what is right (James 1:16-17).
 - 3) _____ on the Lord (Psalm 37:3)!
- b. "This day our daily" - Principle of _____
What I need, I need for today!

- 1) I do not need an endless supply _____ for tomorrow (Matthew 6:34).
 - 2) He has all I need for _____ in His endless supply today (Matthew 6:24-33).
 - 3) _____ in the Lord (Psalm 37:4)!
- c. "Bread" – Principle of _____
What I need is the Lord. I will be satisfied with Him.
- 1) I need to be satisfied with the _____ things (Matthew 6:31).
 - 2) He will provide for me what is above and beyond my _____ (Matthew 6:33).
 - 3) Satisfaction secures my _____ to the Lord (Psalm 37:5)!
- d. Biblical Guidelines for Asking
- 1) God _____ us to ask Him for things (Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 7:7-8).
 - 2) God will _____ nothing good from His children, when they walk right (Psalm 84:11).
 - 3) He is able to do far more than we can _____ or expect (Ephesians 3:20; Jeremiah 33:3).
 - 4) We must learn to be _____ for all things even the simple, necessary things in life (I Thessalonians 5:18)!
 - 5) We must learn to pray _____ and to learn that begging is not more effective (I Thessalonians 5:17).
 - 6) We must ask for God to give us what is His _____ for us to receive (John 14:13-14; Matthew 26:39).
 - 7) We should always pray in _____, that the Lord will give us what we need (Mark 11:22-24, Matthew 21:22).
 - 8) We should not ask for self-_____ (James 4:3; Matthew 26:39; Psalm 66:18).

Prayer Journal

Focus this week: Your Requests

Date Started: _____

Request: _____

Date Answered: _____

What God did: _____

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