

**Bible Study ~ PRAYER**  
**Wednesday, January 18, by Pastor Dwight Benoit**  
**Lesson 2**

“...LORD, teach us to **pray**...” (Luke 11: 1)

Remember **PRAYER** is not about (though important) *posture* or *practice*...

**PRAYER** is all about \_\_\_\_\_! (Unscramble: iontphirslea)

**PRAYER** is ‘*trusting*’ **GOD** to lay tracks in front of a moving train...

**Q.** Why do you (we) think to make **PRAYER** a “last ditch” effort in our spiritual lives?  
(Read, Matthew 6: 33, 34)

**Q.** Does **GOD** have *first* place in our lives? [The path: “**The KINGdom of GOD.**”  
Where **GOD** governs/rules; **HIS Will** is done and sought. The praise: “**The KINGdom of GOD.**”  
Where **GOD** is *praised* and honored, preventing ‘the busyness of *worry*’.  
The purity: “**HIS Righteousness.**” Spending our time *seeking* ‘**The Holiness of GOD**’ starving  
‘*anxieties.*’ The priority: “**First.**” This is *the key*... if you, your list, worries, anxieties, are *first* in  
our lives...]

**Q.** How do you define **PRAYER**? (Discuss)  
[What are some Key words...]

**Q.** If **GOD** compiled a list of the top 5 **prayers** **HE hears**, what do you think would make the list?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**PRAYER** is not “one more thing to add to your busy schedules!” **PRAYER** *empowers* our  
schedules. **PRAYER** is *relying* on **GOD’S Power** and **Provisions** to our schedules!

**PRAYER** helps us to *access* and to *advance* **GOD’S KINGdom**, **HIS Power**, and **HIS Glory**!

Example: Matthew 6: 9-15...

--“Hallowed be **THY NAME.**” Is knowing **GOD’S identity, character, actions.**

--“**YOUR KINGdom** come.” “**YOUR Will** be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.” employed *servant*?

---As Suppliants, we humbly, bow and stretch out our hands asking “**Give us this day...**”

--As Confessors (admitters of our *sin*) we say, “**Forgive us...**”

--As Dependents, we **pray**, “**Deliver us...**”

--For Safety, we **PRAY**, “Lead us not into temptation...” (Hold *our* hands, guide *our* feet...)

--“For **THINE is The KINGdom**, and **The POWER** and **The Glory** “for ever.” (I surrender all!)

ALL—Relational, a Relationship!!!

**PRAYER** will accomplish what a **Willing GOD** can accomplish!

Example: John' account of **The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST**—Chapters 14-16... **JESUS** teaches about "A 'abiding' Relationship with **HIM**. [Abide, meno, (men'-o) meaning *to remain* or *to stay*, in relationship with **CHRIST!**] John 14: 1-15: 7, **CHRIST** is preparing **HIS** disciples for the future... **HE** prepares them for problems (John 14: 1-6) ... **HE** prepares them by proof—**HIS identity**... **HE** prepares them for **PRAYER**... **HE** prepares them by precept: "Keep my commandments. (John 14: 15) ... **HE** prepares them by promise: that is the coming of **The HOLY SPIRIT**—**The COMFORTER**... **HE** prepares them by peace... **HE** prepares them by practice: "abide in **The Vine** (stay loyal in fellowship with **CHRIST!**).

In Chapters 15: 8-16: 6, **JESUS** instructs about persecution... Hated of the world...Harm from the world... John 16: 7-33... **JESUS** predicts **The SPIRIT** and **The SAVIOR**... When **The SPIRIT** comes... it, the coming of **The HOLY SPIRIT** will be after **CHRIST** leaves the earth—**HIS Ascension**... **The HOLY SPIRIT** will *reprove* evil, *revere* **CHRIST** [glorify **HIM**,] and *reveal* **TRUTH** to the saints... **The SAVIOR**, **HE** will be crucified, resurrected, ascend and return... the world will rejoice when **CHRIST** is gone; sorrow will precede joy regarding **The SAVIOR**; **CHRIST** will answer prayers when prayed in **HIS NAME**; what **CHRIST** has spoken on earth was for the future peace of **HIS** own.

So, the *first* reason **GOD** answers **PRAYER** is "**The FATHER** being glorified in **The SON!**" **JESUS** came as a "sacrifice for sin" and to be our **MEDIATOR**—I Timothy 2: 5, 6.

*Second*, John 16: 23, 24, "And in that day ye shall ask **ME** nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask **The FATHER** in **MY NAME**, **HE** will give *it* you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in **MY NAME**: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

"Full," *pleres*, (play'-race) meaning full of **The Presence of The LORD (HIS Provisions)**; full of life; Not like—"And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ... This they did, and enclosed a vast number of fish; and their nets began to break." (Luke 5: 6) BUT, Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, and hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken." (John 21: 11) Or "Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of **JESUS**, and wiped **HIS** feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment." (John 12: 3)

Because of **JESUS** "abiding" brings **GOD'S** *wisdom, grace, and power!*

**Instructions on PRAYER**... (Read I Timothy 2: 1-4)

**Q.** What other words are listed in verse 1 that mean **PRAYER**? [petitions-supPLICATIONS, intercessions, giving of thanks—thanks-giving]

**Q.** For whom specially does Paul say we should **pray**?

Make a list below and beside each Name write one main thing you want to pray over that person.

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| 1. | 6.  |
| 2. | 7.  |
| 3. | 8.  |
| 4. | 9.  |
| 5. | 10. |

Now if you haven't already done this, take a few minutes to do just that—**PRAY** about each person and the word you wrote for each person.