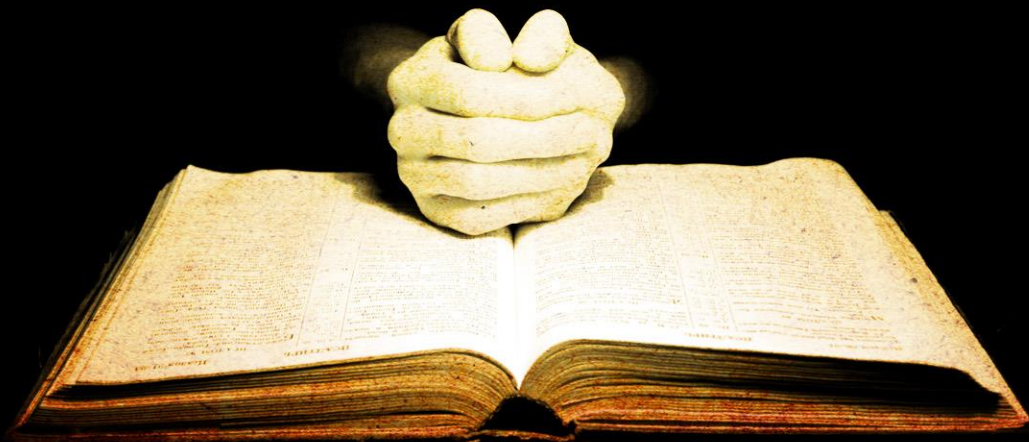


Lord, Teach us to  
Pray

**Luke 11:1**



# The gospel of Luke and prayer

- The gospel of Luke emphasizes prayer
- Jesus prayed at His baptism (**Luke 3:21-22**)
- He prayed all night before choosing His apostles (**Luke 6:12**)
- He prayed for Peter (**Luke 22:31-32**)
- On the cross (**Luke 23:34**)
- 3 parables (**Luke 11:5-10, 18:1-14**)
- **Luke 11:1**, “Lord teach us to pray...”

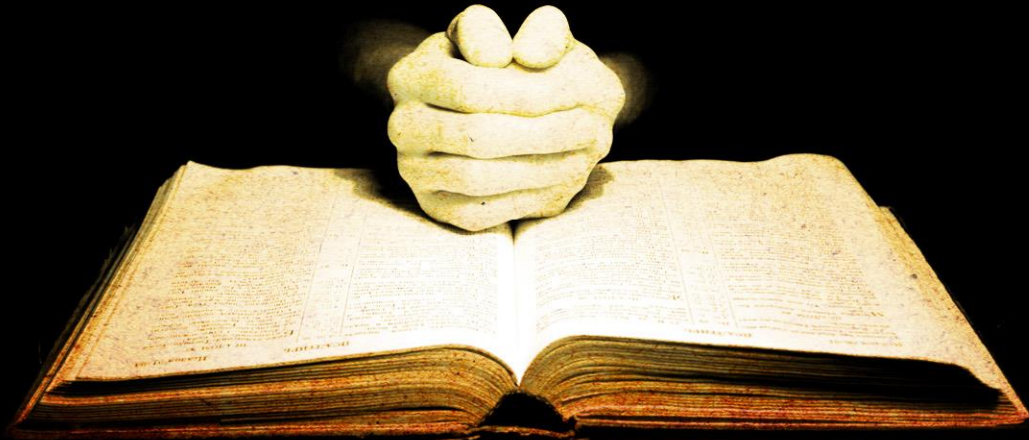


# A study of prayer!



- The subject of prayer is an important one!
- A crucial part of the Christian's life
- Our “prayer life” correlates with our relationship with God
- It was part of the lives of many Biblical characters, including Jesus
- A subject emphasized extensively in scripture

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A study of Prayer & Bible Study  
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# A study of prayer!



- What is prayer?
- Examples of men & women who prayed
- Jesus, our ultimate example of how to pray
- God and prayer
- The blessings of praying effectually
- What makes prayer acceptable/unacceptable?
- Different types of prayer – public & private

# A study of prayer!



- Examining the “model prayer”
- Examining the anatomy of a godly prayer
- How to pray
  - For what can we pray?
  - How often should we pray?
- Some practical strategies to make our prayers a meaningful habit in our lives

# A study of prayer!



- Prayer and the psalms
- Prayers in our songs
- Our prayers when we assemble together
- Questions about our prayers –
  - Praying through Jesus
  - Praying to Jesus?
  - Does God hear the prayers of sinners?
  - Is our posture important?
  - ??? If you have any questions

# What is prayer?

- Simply stated, prayer is the way God has provided for us to communicate with Him
- Communication is a 2-way street.
- Through prayers, we communicate our needs, requests, acknowledgments, praise and thanksgiving.





# What is prayer?

- God is the originator of prayer
- **Isaiah 55:6**
- “Calling on the name of the Lord” – first usage – **Genesis 4:26. See Gen. 12:8, 13:4, 1 Kings 18:24 (36-38)**  
Can include prayer in context



# What is prayer?

- Prayer begins with God
- He wants us to pray to Him – **1 Peter 5:7**  
**1 John 5:14-15**  
**Luke 18:1**  
**Psalm 145:18**  
**Proverbs 15:8**



# What is prayer?

- “Prayer” and “pray” in scripture
- Together found about 374 times, plus other words that are associated with prayer.
- Προσεύχομαι (proseuchomai) the most prominent word – found 140x in NT. Means to utter prayers. Always directed to God.
- Δεομαι (deomai) - ~40x in NT. Prayers, supplications, requests –  
**James 5:16, 1 Peter 3:12**  
**1 Timothy 2:1, Philippians 4:6**



# What is prayer?

- “Prayer” and “pray” in scripture
- ἔντευξις (enteuxis) – intercessions.  
**1 Timothy 2:1, 4:5**
- εὐχαριστία (eucharistia) – giving of thanks, thanksgiving – **1 Timothy 4:4, Colossians 4:2**
- Etc. In these and other words, we find the importance of prayer and some of what it involves.



# Why should I be praying?

- Because it is commanded!
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:13, 16**
- **Romans 12:12, Colossians 4:2**  
**Ephesians 6:18** – not only is it commanded, but it is to be done often!
- Prayer is also necessarily implied, and demonstrated by example



# Why should I be praying?

- Because God wants me to talk to Him
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:13, 16**
- God is accessible – **Acts 17:26-27**
- His acceptance of Jesus as intercessor points to this – **Hebrews 7:25**



# Why should I be praying?

- Because it is a privilege granted to the righteous
- If I am living as I ought, God is there to fulfill His part to my needs and requests

**James 5:16**

**1 Peter 3:12 (Psa. 34:12-16)**



# Why should I be praying?

- Because I am grateful
- Gratitude is lacking in our selfish & entitled society.
- If I appreciate God, I ought to desire to express that gratitude to Him  
**2 Corinthians 4:15**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:17-18**  
**Cf. Colossians 4:2, Philippians 4:6**





## Why should I be praying?

- Because I have needs only He can provide, and others He MIGHT provide
- Forgiveness – **1 John 1:9, Acts 8:22-24**
- **1 John 5:14-15** – If I ask anything according to His will, He hears us...



# Why should I be praying?

- Because it puts me in my place
- Humility is crucial to proper prayer. I must realize who God is and who I am (and am not)
- **Matthew 5:3 – poor in Spirit**
- **Psalm 8:4, What is man that You are mindful of Him ...?**



Do you pray as you ought to?  
How is your “prayer life”?





Let us pray!