

Communicating with God

A study of prayer and Bible study



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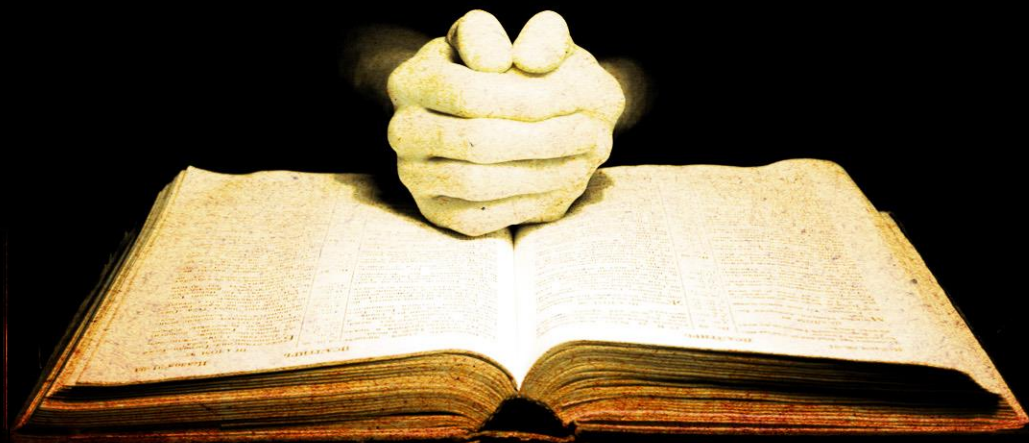
A study of prayer!



- Last week, we began our 2024 theme study the subject of prayer.
- We noted that prayer is the avenue God has provided for us to communicate TO Him!
- We noted some of different words for prayer
- We also discussed some reasons why we ought to pray

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Our 2024 Theme



Our need for access

- Prayer is ABOUT access to God!
He has made this available to us.
- BUT there is a problem that must be addressed –
our sins!
- In sin, we cannot approach Him – **1 John 1:5, Habakkuk 1:13, Psalm 5:4**
- Sin alienates us from Him –
Isaiah 59:1-2, James 4:4



Our need for access

- Thus, when we sin, we need to take care of those sins to gain access (again) to God
- Through Jesus, we have access.
Ephesians 2:17-18, 3:11-12
- Through Jesus, we are reconciled –
Romans 5:10-11,
2 Corinthians 5:18-21
- **Romans 3:23-26** - He is our propitiation
Hebrews 2:17



Our need for access

Through Jesus, we have access.

- He is our mediator
1 Timothy 2:5-6
- He intercedes for us –
Hebrews 4:14-16 – our “High Priest”
Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:34
- **1 John 2:1-2** – our advocate

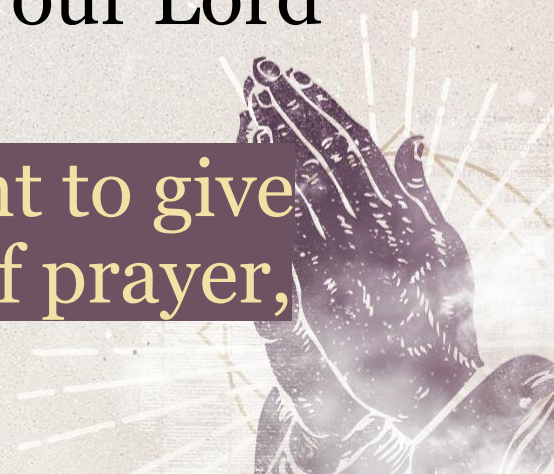


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Through Jesus, we have access.

- That is when we pray, we **MUST** understand that we pray through Jesus to the Father
John 14:6, Hebrews 7:25,
Ephesians 5:20, “in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Understanding this access ought to give us appreciation for the power of prayer, especially forgiveness



Our relationship with the Father

Another powerful consideration of access!

- We are His family –
- Like a father loves his children, so God loves us -
cf. **Hebrews 12:4-11**
- Adoption – **Ephesians 1:3-5**
Galatians 4:4-7, Romans 8:15



Our relationship with the Father

How is our relationship established?

- **Galatians 3:26-28** – when we obey the gospel
- Consider the model prayer, “Our Father in heaven” (**Matthew 6:9ff**)
- As we pray, let us understand this familial relationship! It will make our prayers more effective - **Hebrews 4:14-16**

**NOTE: Our prayer must still be with reverence
Hebrews 12:28-29**



God's grace and prayer

- Note again, **Hebrews 4:16**, “the throne of His grace”.
- God has opened this “line of communication” to us!
(**1 Peter 3:12**)
- **1 Peter 5:7** - He WANTS us to pray to Him!



God's grace and prayer

- In our last theme we studied God's grace in depth (3/20-5/8/22)
- Grace is “unmerited favor”. It is God's part in our salvation that makes our part possible.
- **Ephesians 2:1-10** – what we were and are because of His grace!



God's grace and prayer

- God's grace is seen:
- As He answers our prayers –
cf. Matthew 7:7-11
- HOW He answers our prayers –
1 John 5:14-15,
cf. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, “My grace
is sufficient...”



God's grace and prayer

- God's grace is seen:
- **James 1:5** – as we ask for wisdom (cf. **2 Peter 1:3** – all things that pertain to life and godliness)
- **Romans 8:26-27** – the work of the Holy Spirit (He also makes intercession) ensuring we “pray as we ought”.



Do you pray to God as you
ought to?





Let us pray!