

"JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS"

Lesson 2, Part 2 - Sunday, May 14, 2023

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"WHAT IS PRAYER"

I. Definitions of Prayer

Word Definitions:

Prayer:

- 1) An address or petition to God or gods in word or thought; an earnest request or wish.
- 2) a devout petition to God
- 3) spiritual communion/communication with God
- 4) praise or adoration
- 5) thanksgiving
- 6) confession
- 7) a solemn or humble request
- 8) an address to God

Old Testament

New Testament

St. Mark 14:36
 Romans 8:15
 Galatians 4:6
 Hebrews 4:16

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II. Kinds of Prayer

- 1) **Supplication:** To ask humbly and earnestly; an entreaty; to kneel; to seek or ask for by humble entreaty; to submissively pray.

Daniel 9:3-4

Ephesians 6:18

Philippians 4:6

I Timothy 2:1

Hebrews 5:7

- 2) **Prayer (proseuche):** Prayer in general; to request; to ask;

I Thess. 5:17

Colossians 4:2

- 3) **Prayer (deesis/supplication):** A much stronger word, which stresses a need; a sense of urgency; shows agony;

II Kings 20:2-3

St. Matthew 26:36-38

St. Luke 22:41-45

- 4) **Intercession:** A petition on behalf of others; meeting with God to offer a plea for another.

Numbers 14:13-20

Acts 12:5

Acts 12:12

Romans 8:26-27

Romans 10:1

- 5) **Gratitude:** Giving of thanks; thankfulness; this is a prayer of thanksgiving, and not to request or ask for anything from God. Strictly - "God, I THANK You."

St. Luke 2:38

Philippians 4:6

II Cor. 9:11-12

Ephesians 5:4

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III. Biblical Background (Various forms and usages of the word "Pray")

A. PRAY (PALAL):

- 1) to ask earnestly, humbly or supplicatingly; to beseech; to make a devout petition to God or man;
- 2) to enter into spiritual communion with God; to give praise and thanks;
- 3) to ask or request; an early word used as a request or to beseech;

Petition to man

Genesis 12:13
 Genesis 13:8-9
 Genesis 16:2
 Genesis 19:2
 Genesis 19:7

Petition to God (The first usage of this word PALAL as communication with God is in Genesis 20:7)

Genesis 20:7

Petition to man

St. Luke 14:18-19

St. Matthew 9:38

Pray: Communion with God - Vertical Relationship

St. Matthew 9:38

St. John 14:16

Acts 8:22

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B. PRAYS/PRAYING

(The word "prays" is not found in the Bible; however, the present perfect tense "praying" is.) The meaning of this word is "supplication or entreaty."

I Samuel 1:12

St. Mark 11:25

C. PRAYED (PALAL)

(This word is the past perfect tense of the word (palal)).

Genesis 20:17

Numbers 11:2

I Samuel 1:10-22

St. Matthew 26:39

D. PRAYER (When used as a noun)

Hebrew: T'PHILLAH (Old Testament)

Greek: PROSEUCHE (New Testament)

The meaning of both of these words is "intercession or hymn." The most common usage of "T'PHILLAH" in the Old Testament is "intercession":

II Chronicles 7:15

Psalms 72:15

Psalms 109:4

Proverbs 15:8

In the New Testament, the most common usage is "PROSEUCHE" and it has four meanings:

- 1) An address to God
- 2) To pray earnestly
- 3) A place set apart for the offering of prayer
- 4) A set order of words to be prayed

St. Matthew 21:13 shows the usage of #3:

Other meanings:

St. Matthew 21:22: #2

St. Luke 6:12: #3 and #2

Acts 16:13: #3

PRAYER (DE-ESIS): Another usage of the word "prayer" in the New Testament.

- 1) need
- 2) want
- 3) penury (extreme poverty)
- 4) indigence (needy, impoverished)

This word is used four times:

St. Luke 1:13
 Romans 10:1
 II Corinthians 1:11
 II Corinthians 9:14

PRAYER (EUCHE): a vow or prayer:

Acts 21:23 (vow/euche)
 James 5:15 (prayer/euche))
 I Peter 4:7 (prayer/euche)

(I Peter 4:7 is the last mention of the word "prayer")

E. PRAYERS (plural)

Hebrew: "T'PHILLAH" (Old Testament)

Psalms 7:20
 Isaiah 1:15

Greek: "PROSEUCHOMAI" (New Testament)

St. Mark 12:40	St. Luke 5:33
I Timothy 2:1	I Timothy 5:5
Philemon 4, 22	Hebrews 5:7
I Peter 3:7	Revelation 5:8
Revelation 8:4	

Review of the words and number of times used in Scripture:

Pray (various usages and meanings).....	307
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Write your own personal reflections with regard to the lesson and discuss in your breakout sessions.

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