

"JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS"

Lesson 2 - Sunday, March 26, 2023

"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

Notes:

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
Praying	20
Prayed	65
Prayer	107
Prayers	24

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Questions for consideration

1. What is the basis for prayer? Discuss why this is crucial.
2. Can a person "pray" and not be praying to God?
3. How can you always have an attitude of prayer? And why should you?
4. Talk about why a Prayer of Gratitude is necessary in the life of the believer.
5. How do you think God sees the Prayer of Gratitude and what do you think it means to God for His children to have this attitude.
6. Are a Prayer of Gratitude and a Prayer of Thanksgiving the same?
7. Explain how a "vow" and a "prayer" are related.
8. Discuss what prayer does for you, and why prayer is so necessary in your life.

Write your own personal reflections with regard to the lesson and discuss in your breakout sessions.

My Personal SisStarly Reflections

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