

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1294: How Can I Transform My Prayer Life? (Part I)

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See:



1. **God's Listening and Responding Qualifications:**
 - a. What startling and beautiful contrast exists in Isaiah 57:15?
 - b. What is the difference between being “good” and “pursuing” righteousness? (Proverbs 15:7-9)
What does “*a man’s way is not in himself*” mean? Explain Jeremiah 10:23-24.
 - c. What is required of us for God to “hear” our prayers? (Proverbs 15:28-29)
 - d. What do we need to eliminate when we petition our Lord? How do we reframe ourselves? (James 4:6-10)
What are we looking to receive from prayer?
 - e. How can we be appropriately humble? What is our proper place before God? (Psalms 86:1-7)
 - f. What is the danger in demanding God comply with our wishes? (Proverbs 28:9)
2. **What are some of the reasons why God might say no to our prayers?**
 - a. *King David*: What was David’s plea to God? Explain the situation. (2 Samuel 12:13-23)
Was David’s prayer valid? Why might God have chosen not to save the child?
How do you think David felt when his first child with Bathsheba finally died?
 - b. *Apostle Paul*: What was Paul’s petition to God? (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
What reaction does Paul have when God said “no” the third time?
Was Paul’s prayer valid? What was the result of this trial continuing in Paul’s life?
 - c. *Jesus*: What was Jesus’ cry to his Father? (Matthew 26:38-46; Hebrews 5:7)
What might have been the “cup” Jesus asked to be removed?
How was Jesus’ prayer a beautiful example for us? Why did God say no to this valid request?
3. **Should we ever stop praying?**
 - a. *Moses and Israel*: What was the situation? (Exodus 14:11-16)
What did God urge Moses (and Israel) to do?
Have you ever hidden behind prayer when action was needed?
 - b. *Joshua and Achan*: What was the situation? (Joshua 7:6-12)
What did the Lord direct in verses 10-12?
What is the lesson for us?
 - c. *Jesus*: What did Jesus tell us about the outward vs the inward man? (Matthew 5:23-24)
Are you struggling with an unresolved issue with someone in your fellowship?
4. **What does a really good prayer look like? What five steps does the Lord’s Prayer contain? (Matthew 6:9-15)**
 - a. What should our approach to God be? (Romans 8:15, Isaiah 64:8)
 - b. Why is it necessary for us to pray for God’s kingdom? What needs to happen for it to be set up? (Daniel 2:44)
 - c. How should we pray for our basic needs? (Matthew 4:4, 1 Timothy 6:8)
 - d. What enables and compels us to forgive those who have harmed us? (Luke 11:4, Ephesians 1:7, Matthew 18:21-22)
 - e. How does God deliver us from temptation and other evils? (1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Peter 2:9, Romans 12:12)
5. **How will the substance of your prayers change from this study on prayer?**