

God-The Ultimate Humanitarian

Chapter 17: A Humanitarian by Giving Us Prayer

Prayer is a very important part of the faith life of a Christian. Even though so many people talk about prayer, very few people actually understand the gift of prayer the way that God reveals it to us in his Word.

Today we will look at the great blessing and privilege God gives to us in prayer.

.....What did you learn from chapter 17?

1. What do these passages teach us about prayer?

✦ Psalm 19:14. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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✦ Philippians 4:6. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

#2 _____

✦ 1 Thessalonians 5:18. ¹⁷Pray continually.

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2. Comment on these statements:

a. God has given us *direct* access to him in prayer.

b. God has given us *unlimited* access to him in prayer.

c. God wants us to make *frequent* use of prayer.

d. God promises to *answer all* of our prayers.

3. What are the qualities of true prayer?

✦ Matthew 4:10. ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

#1 _____

✦ John 16:23. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

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✦ Matthew 6:7. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

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✦ 1 John 5:14. ¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

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✦ Luke 22:42. “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

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4. Is there a proper form, or way to pray? Why or why not?

5. Why should we pray often?

✦ Matthew 7:7. “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

✦ Psalm 50:15. Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

6. How does God answer every true prayer?

⌘ Mark 1:40-41. ⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”

⁴¹ Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!”

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⌘ John 2:4. ⁴ “Dear woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My time has not yet come.”

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⌘ 2 Corinthians 12:8-9. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

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7. What else does the Bible teach us about prayer?

⌘ 1 Timothy 2:1. I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.

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⌘ 1 Timothy 2:8. I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

#2 _____

⌘ Psalm 26:12. My feet stand on level ground; in the great assembly I will praise the LORD.

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⌘ Matthew 6:6. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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8. How did Jesus teach us to pray?

✦ Matthew 6:9-13. “This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹²Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ ”

✦ Luke 11:2-4. ² He said to them, “When you pray, say: “ ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

9. Agree or Disagree: Only true believers in Jesus really pray.

10. How does God demonstrate himself to be the Ultimate Humanitarian by giving us prayer?

Assignment: Please read Chapter 18 of *God-The Ultimate Humanitarian*