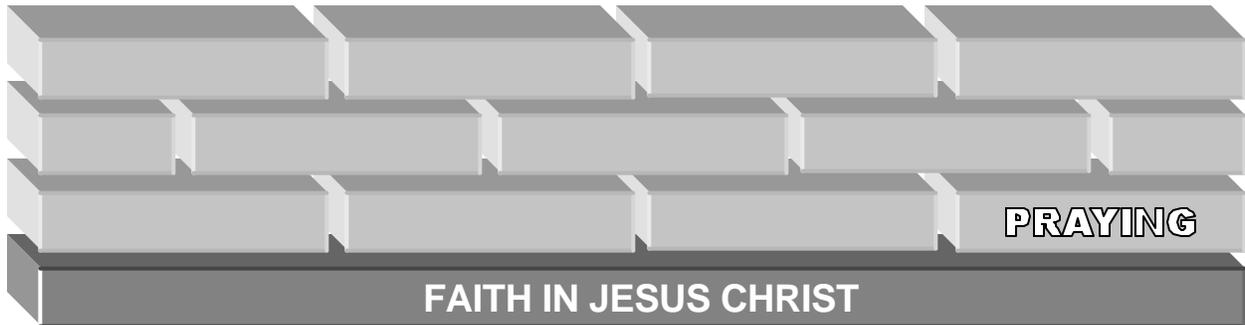


LESSON 4

How to communicate with God



The key to any relationship is communication. The way we communicate to God is through prayer. He communicates back to us through his written word—the Bible. What can we learn from the Bible to help us pray more effectively?

Matthew 6:5-13

- ☞ What does God call people who pray simply to impress others? (vs.5) _____
- ☞ Prayers that are recited without meaning are called? (vs.7) _____
- ☞ We should pray and ask even though our heavenly Father knows what? (vs. 8)

- ☞ The sample prayer in vss. 9-13 is intended to be a pattern for us. We need to include certain elements in our prayers to God. Write the phrase from the verses that best fits the description below. They are not in order.

Confession of sin	
Help during trials	
Request for needs	
Worship and praise to God	

Acts 12:5,12

- ☞ Besides praying privately, what group is meeting in these verses to pray together? _____
- ☞ Is it important to learn to pray with other believers? _____

 Mark 11:24

☞ I must desire the things I pray for, but what else is necessary for God to answer my requests? _____

 1 Thessalonians 5:17

☞ What should be the frequency of our prayers? _____

 Mark 1:35

☞ Jesus is our great example. In your own words, list all the things we can learn from the way Jesus prayed. _____

 Psalm 66:18

☞ What keeps my prayers from being heard? _____

☞ When I sin should I stop praying or confess & forsake my sin? _____

 1 Peter 3:12

☞ What in this verse tells me that God is attentive to my prayers? _____

 1 Timothy 2:5

☞ How many mediators should we pray through? ____ Who is it? _____

 John 16:23; Ephesians 5:20

☞ Which person of the Trinity are we to address our requests? _____

☞ In the name of which person of the Trinity are we to pray? _____

 Romans 8:26

☞ Even when we feel like we do not know how to pray, we are helped by which person of the Trinity? _____

Memorize (John 16:24) “Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”