

“Learning to Talk with God”
Week #3: “Praying According to Scripture”
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Acts 4:24-30 (New American Standard)

23 And when they had been released, they went to their own companions, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. **24** And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is Thou who DIDST MAKE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM, **25** who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say, 'WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE, AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS ? **26** THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD, AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST. ' **27** "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, **28** to do whatever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur. **29** "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bond-servants may speak Thy word with all confidence, **30** while Thou dost extend Thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Thy holy servant Jesus."

For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. **Exodus 20:11**

Why are the nations in an uproar, and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed. **Psalms 2:1-2**

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PRAY ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE?

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." **John 13:34-35**

II. WHY SHOULD WE PRAY ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE?

A. It _____ the _____ to _____ with God.

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. **2 Tim 3:16-17**

Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. **John 17:17**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. **Prov 3:5-6**

B. It is a _____ modeled by _____ and _____.

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? "that is," My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? " **Matt 27:46**

My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? **Ps 22:1**

And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit." And having said this, He breathed His last. **Luke 23:46**

Into Thy hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast ransomed me, O LORD , God of truth. **Ps 31:5**

ALSO: Nehemiah- Neh 1:4-11/Lev 26:33, Deut 30:1-4; Simeon- Lk 2:25-32/Is 42:1-7; Jeremiah- Jer 32:17-19/Deut 9:29, Gen 18:14, Ex 34:7

C. It is a _____ of praying according to the _____ of _____.

Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. **Matt 18:19**

Truly, truly, I say to you, if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name. **John 16:23**

and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. **1 John 3:22**

And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. **1 John 5:15**

And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. **John 14:13-14**

D. It allows you to personally _____ God’s Word to

your _____.

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Build a "Bible Promise List"

Reference	Promise	Condition
Phil. 2:13	God works in us to desire and act	That which is His good pleasure
2 Chr. 7:14	God will hear, forgive and heal	If we humble, pray, seek Him and repent
Jer. 33:3	God will answer and show great things	If we call out to Him
Jas. 1:5	God will give us wisdom	I few ask it of Him

PRAYING SCRIPTURE

General Prayer

"Truly, truly, I say to you, if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name."

John 16:23

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you."

John 15:7

"And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

John 14:13-14

"And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."

1 John 5:14-16

Prayer for our Nation

"(If) My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity."

1 Timothy 2:1-2

"Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God."

Romans 13:1

Prayer for the Lost

"No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."

John 6:44

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."

John 14:6

"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Timothy 2:3-4

"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9

Prayer for the Sick

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up."

James 5:14-15

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Prayer for the Church

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 5:21-23

"Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

"And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ."

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