

G R E A T B I B L E W O R D S

Prayer

Introduction: It is such a blessing to communicate with God through prayer! If my math is correct the word prayer is used in 109 verses, the word pray is used in 310 verses, and the word praying is used 20 verses. There is no doubt that Bible puts a lot of emphasis on prayer. I want us to consider three things that can help us understand prayer. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Praying Like Elijah (I Kings 18:41-46, James 5:16-18)

- A. A focused prayer from a prophet (**I Kings 18:1, James 5:16**).
- B. A powerful prayer from a man (**I Kings 18:41-45, James 5:17-18**).
- C. A righteous prayer from a believer (**James 1:6, James 5:15**).
- D. An answered prayer from a servant (**I Kings 17:1, James 5:17**).

II. Praying Like Jesus (Matthew 6:5-15, John 17)

- A. Jesus identifies the pretense of prayer (**Matthew 6:5-7**).
- B. Jesus identifies the power of prayer (**Matthew 6:8**).
- C. Jesus identifies the passion of prayer (**Matthew 6:9**).
- D. Jesus identifies the path of prayer (**Matthew 6:9**).
- E. Jesus identifies the purpose of prayer (**Matthew 6:10**).
- F. Jesus identifies the provision of prayer (**Matthew 6:11**).
- G. Jesus identifies the pardon of prayer (**Matthew 6:12**).
- H. Jesus identifies the protection of prayer (**Matthew 6:13**).
- I. Jesus identifies the praise of prayer (**Matthew 6:13**).
- J. Jesus identifies the persuasion of prayer (**Matthew 6:14-15**).

III. Praying Like Paul (I Thessalonians 5:16-17, II Corinthians 13:7-10)

- A. Take time to pray for yourself (**Colossians 1:9-12**).
- B. Take time to pray for your family (**Ephesians 5:21-6:4**).
- C. Take time to pray for your community (**Romans 14:19**).
- D. Take time to pray for your church family (**Philippians 1:9-11**).
- E. Take time to pray for your nation (**I Timothy 2:2**).
- F. Take time to pray for those who are sick and shut-in (**Ephesians 6:10-20**).
- G. Take time to pray for those who are poor and oppressed (**Galatians 2:10**).
- H. Take time to pray for those who are outside of Christ (**Romans 10:1**).

Conclusion: What is your relationship with God? Do you have a right to say, "Abba, Father"? (**Galatians 3:26-27, John 3:3-5**). If you are already a child of God, are you a faithful child of God (**John 3:31, Psalms 66:18**)? Have you asked others to pray for you? Are you ready to pray for others? Let's share this wonderful word with others!