

PRAYER *Talking with GOD*

The how-to of prayer

Approaching the HOLY ONE

Read Ps.139:1-16. What are we before HIM? Ps.8:3-4

Seemingly insignificant and brief, James 4:14. Just like a vapor.

How can we possibly hope to stand/pray before HIM? Rom.8:26-31

Except God be for us, no one could! But He is for us! We are his children.

And what is one thing HE has done to help us pray? Rom.8:26-27

He gives us the Holy Spirit to intercede for us. He knows the mind of God, and us.

And what is another thing HE has done to help us pray? 1Tim.2:5

He provided (only) one Mediator, Jesus Christ, our savior. We are His!

So even though we're unworthy and inept what must we do? Heb.4:16...

We must come confidently (boldly) to Him in prayer. He is listening for us.

Instruction on prayer from our MEDIATOR ...Luke 11:1-4, Mt.6:9-13

Since Jesus is our *only* mediator, where would we go for instruction on prayer?

Obviously we would go to Him. And that is what Luke 11 (Lord's prayer) is addressing.

Our FATHER which art in heaven. What is the basis for our prayers?

Our foundation for prayer is our relationship with Him. He has adopted us. His work!

Hallowed be Thy name. What is this first element of prayer?

First is worship! May Your Name be holy, sacred, honored. See Exodus 20:7.

Why do you think prayer should begin in this way?

Thy kingdom come. What is this really asking for? Col.1:13

The fullness of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, the dear Son. And it will come!

How will that happen? What is the sequence of events? 1Cor.15:20-28

Resurrection of the saved at His coming, then Christ hands over the kingdom to Father.

Why should an unbeliever never pray such a prayer? Rev.20:11-15

Part of establishing the kingdom is judgment and hell for unbelievers!

Are we really praying this to have it happen now? Lu.11:2b

Perhaps. But also, Thy will be done. Longing but submissive to His perfect will.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. What does this plainly teach?

That His perfect will is not always done on earth! This is a mystery...

Give an example of this truth. James 1:13; 1Jn.1:8-9

It's never His will that we sin. But He will always forgive and restore.
