

PRAYER *Talking with GOD*

The how-to of prayer

Continued instruction on prayer ...Luke 11:1-4, Mt.6:9-13

Give us day by day our daily bread. Paraphrase this next element.

Please provide today what we need to live, today. This is about our needs...

What's different about this instruction and what we usually pray? James 4:3

We usually go far beyond needs! We're deeply into our wants. Need to be careful here.

According to this model prayer, what did JESUS authorize us to pray for?

He approves us asking for our daily needs! We should examine our hearts on this.

And now to how we live our lives... Luke 11:4

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Comment on this relative to Jesus.

He would never pray this! He was sinless. Do we really want Him to forgive us like..?

But, what if we just haven't sinned? IJn.1:8, 10

Never true!! As believers we should sin less, but we're not sinless. Note the conclusion!

What happens when we confess our sins? IJn.1:9

He is the faithful forgiver and cleanser. Our fellowship with Him is restored.

If we do not confess our sins, do we lose our salvation? Rom.8:1,35-39

Absolutely not! But we do lose our fellowship (intimacy) and our walk with Him.

But when we DO confess, in what way do we ask him to forgive? Lu.4:11

In the same way we forgive others! Understanding this makes us very forgiving of others.

Why can HE with perfect Justice treat us this way? Mt.18:21-35

It's in our power to forgive others. Should be in our nature. Recall what He forgave you.

Lead us not into temptation... What does God *never* do? James 1:12-15

God cannot solicit us to do evil, i.e. sin. Never, Never, Never. It's against His being.

What then does "lead not..." mean?

Recognizing we are prone to sin in certain areas, asking God to keep us from them.

and deliver us from (the) evil (one). (Absent early ms). Who is the evil one?

Satan is the evil one. He is the father of all that is evil. Keep us from his deception.

for thine is the kingdom, power, and glory forever. AMEN. Benediction, absent some ms.

Did JESUS intend for this prayer to be recited verbatim? Mt.6:7-9

No! He just rebuked vain repetition! Use this prayer as a model, a template.

How can I do this? What should I do to include these prayer elements?
