

PRAYER *Talking with GOD*

The Who of prayer

Prayer is a family thing: Lu.11:2, Jn.1:12, Rom.8:14

How does GOD treat the prayers of the righteous? Prov.15:29

He is always listening to the prayers of His own.

How, then, does he treat the prayers of the wicked?

He is far from them. That is, He does not hear their prayers.

Why is HE far from the wicked? Ps.7:11

He is angry with them all the time.

Why is this so? Isn't HE a loving and gracious GOD? Heb.12:29

He is also Holy and righteous and offended by sin.

So what is the most important prayer for an unsaved person? Lu.18:9-14

The humble, repentant prayer, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner...'

The prayer for salvation: The Roman Road: Rom.3:10, 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 10:13

What is the first truth in the road to salvation? Rom.3:10

Everyone is a sinner. God's standard is absolute perfection!

Who is left out in 3:10?

No one, no not one! There are no exceptions. All means all.

And why is this true? Rom.3:23

Because we are all sinners, by nature and then by practice.

What does SIN mean?

Sin means literally, 'to miss the mark', that is the mark of perfection.

When we DO SIN, what is the result? Rom.6:23a

God pays us for our 'work', with death. That's the appropriate wages.

BUT, what has GOD made available to each of us? Rom.6:23b

A free gift of eternal life (in Christ), instead of death (in our sins).

And how does this gift come to us? Rom.6:23b

Through (the death of) Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is only through Him.

If JESUS is sinless, and the wages for sin is death, why did HE die? Rom.5:8

He died in our place. He died my death so that I can live!

How then do I actually take GOD's free gift of salvation in CHRIST? Rom.10:9

By confessing Jesus is Lord, resurrected for me. He is my Lord and Savior.

And what is another way of saying this? Rom.10:13

We need to call to Him to save us. And He will! If/when we call...

How was that demonstrated in Lu.18:13

By acknowledging sin, repenting, asking to be saved.

Why then, is this often called the sinners prayer?

It encapsulates our need to God. Repentant of sin, begging for salvation.
