

# **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.**