



Pray, Praise and Give Thanks

Lesson 9: Pray, Praise and Give Thanks

Introduction: When you are given a gift, what do you want to do?

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie or deceive, or use it superstitiously, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

1. PRAY

Whose prayers does God hear?

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

John 14:13-14 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

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What does it mean to pray "in Jesus name"?= _____

Prayer is a natural RESPONSE of faith.

HOW should we pray?

James 1:5-7 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord;

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Matthew 6:9-13 "This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

DISCUSS: *When and where should a person pray?*

II. PRAISE AND GIVE THANKS



Definitions: JUSTIFICATION: _____

SANCTIFICATION: _____

Written... that you may have life.

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Help for a "balanced" prayers:

Praise

Repentance

Ask for specifics

Thank **Y**ou, God!

Acknowledge

Confess

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Five Finger Prayer

Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Ephesians 4:22-24 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

FOR CHRISTIANS, THE LAW IS USED AS A GUIDE FOR THANKFUL LIVING!

Does this mean that we can live this life without sinning from now on?

Written...

Romans 7:18-25 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. 21 So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Why does a Christian want to live a "Christ-like" life?

Written...

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

How can a Christian become more "sanctified" in his living?

Written...

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.> _____

For discussion:

Evaluate this statement: *"I don't go to church because there are too many hypocrites there. Christians talk about living good lives, but I see them doing the same things that everyone else is doing!"*

What might you say to a fellow Christian who says this to you?: *"When I look at how I continue to sin, I just can't see how God could love me."*

Matthew 6:9-13 This, then, is how you should pray:

The Address — Our Father in heaven

1st Petition —Hallowed be your name

2nd Petition — Your kingdom come

3rd Petition —Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

4th Petition —Give us today our daily bread

5th Petition —Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

6th Petition —And lead us not into temptation

7th Petition —But deliver us from the evil one

Doxology —For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.