

# **Prayer**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Learning about prayer on God's terms helps to pray more effectively consistently.
- B. God has certain conditions for prayer, most of which are couched in promises.

## II. We must pray in Jesus' name, which means to come before God with Jesus' merit. (John 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:20)

- A. We have no credit before God by ourselves.
- B. We come to God on Jesus' behalf and merit.

## III. We must pray according to God's will. (1 John 5:14-15)

- A. We must take the time to know what God's will is through the Scriptures.
- B. When we do not know God's will, we can come before God and ask with the best of our knowledge. (Matthew 18:19)
- C. We can pray for...

1. Open eyes to see wonderful things in the Bible. (Psalm 119:18)
2. Knowing the love of God and being filled with his fullness. (Ephesians 3:17)
3. Leading a life worthy of Jesus. (Colossians 1:9)
4. Bold utterance for using gifts. (Ephesians 6:19)
5. The resources to do whatever he asks us, such as wisdom. (James 1:5)

## IV. God is not limited to our ability to see how he is going to answer prayer. (2 Kings 7; Jeremiah 32:27; Genesis 18:14; Ephesians 3:20; John 16:24)

**Application questions:**

1. What are God's terms for prayer?

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2. Why is some prayer successful even when it is outside of God's prayers?

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3. What are some things you will pray for more in light of the message? Explain.

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