

“Teach Us to Pray”

Part 1 of 2

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Read: **Luke 11:1**

Talk about how the idea of prayer came to me.

Hosp. – my prayer Monday evening

Reading in the Psalms

Prayer

Posture

Deuteronomy 9:18

List what things Moses did in this account of prayer

“I fell down” - Hebrew: naphal (naw-fal') – *Cast oneself down, Die, lay down, etc.*

Exodus 9:33

What posture did Moses have this time?

Stood, spread out his hands

2 Samuel 7:18

What was David’s posture?

“sat down” – Hebrew: yashab (yaw-shab'); a primitive root; properly, to sit down (specifically as judge. in ambush, in quiet); by implication, to dwell, to remain

2 Chronicles 20:5 & 6

What was Jehoshaphat’s posture?

“stood” – Hebrew: `amad (aw-mad'); a primitive root; to stand, in various relations

2 Chronicles 6:12 & 13

What was Solomon’s posture?

“knelt on his knees” – Hebrew: barak (baw-rak'); a primitive root; to kneel; by implication to bless God

Do you think it matters what our posture is when we pray to God?

2 Timothy 2:22

What should our “posture” be?

Psalms 139:1-10

Romans 8:26 & 27

What do we learn about God from these two passages?

Does God need our prayers?

Why do you think He wants us to pray?

James 4:1-3 & Romans 8:27 (“according to the will of God”)

Discuss how:

Moses interceded for the people more than once, and God listened

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All the passages that we read the first week of class that God DOES NOT change his mind!

God is teaching us how to look for His will and what He is doing and then come along side Him in our prayers!

He wants us to be involved in what He is doing!!

Now let's look at some examples of different types of prayers in the Old Testament and see what we can learn about God from them

Petition

1 Samuel Chapter 1

-We really don't have much of Hannah's actual prayer recorded for us.

-She LEFT Samuel there!

What do you think was Hannah's attitude?

Do you think this was the first time Hannah requested of the Lord a son?

(Verse 7) – This had been going on for YEARS!

How did God respond to her petition?

Does this mean that God was waiting for Hannah to pray just the right prayer?

(Use just the right words) – What did Jesus say about that?

What do we learn about God's timing from this?

Do you think God was teaching Hannah anything during these years?

Do you think things would have turned out different if God had answered her prayer the very first time?

What can we learn about God from this story?

What can we learn about prayer from this story?

Next week:

Petition, Repentance & Praise

Closing Prayer