

“Teach Us to Pray”

Part 2 of 3

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Prayer

Review last week's lesson

Deuteronomy 9:18 - Moses “Fell down on his face before God”
& fasted 40 days & 40 nights

Exodus 9:33 – Moses “Stood” and “Spread out his hands to heaven”

2 Samuel 7:18 – David “Sat down” before God

2 Chronicles 20:5 & 6 – Jehoshaphat “stood”

2 Chronicles 6:12 & 13 – Solomon “knelt on his knees and spread out his hands”

2 Timothy 2:22 – *“call on the Lord from a pure heart”*

What should our “posture” be?

Psalm 139:1-10 – God knows everything! – Everything about me! – Every word BEFORE I speak one of them! – God is Everywhere!

Read: **Romans 8:26 & 27** –

*“The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words”...
...“according to the will of God”*

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?

Closing Prayer