THE GOSPELOF



Prayer is conversation with God.



Prayer is personal communication with God.



Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.



pray without ceasing



Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving

Isalah 14:26-27 This is the plan determined for the whole world: this is the hand stretched out over

This is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations. For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?

Now the people became like those who

complain of adversity in the hearing of the LORD; and when the LORD heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. The people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD

2 Kings 6:18

And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha



...You do not have, because you do not ask



Prayer is surrender-surrender to the will of God and cooperation with that will. If I throw out a boat hook from the boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God



Prayer is not a convenient device for imposing our will upon God, or bending his will to ours, but the prescribed way of subordinating our will to His.

Our Praying Should...

- 1. Communicate Dependence
- 2. Be Bold & Persistent
- 3. Be Confident in the Character of God

LUKE 111:5-6

And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'

and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you,

though he will not get up and give him

anything because he is his friend, yet

because of his impudence he will rise

and give him whatever he needs



The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

MOBBIS

We must not play at prayer, but must show persistence if we do not receive the answer immediately. It is not that God is unwilling and must be pressed into answering. The whole context makes it clear that He is eager to give...



...But if we do not want what we are asking for enough to be persistent, we do not want it very much.

LUKE 11.9-10

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.



You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.



You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions

Daniel 10.12

Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a

serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

