

## QUESTIONS ABOUT PRAYER 2

**SCRIPTURE** - (Mat 6:5-15) "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. {6} "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. {7} "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. {8} "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. {9} "In this manner, therefore, 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 this day our daily bread. {12} And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. {13} And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. {14} "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. {15} "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

### INTRODUCTION

- A. Last week we looked at eight questions about prayer.
  - 1. Do you ask?
  - 2. Are your prayers to the Father?
  - 3. Are you praying to be seen of men?
  - 4. Are you asking in the name of Jesus?
  - 5. Is your prayer rational?
  - 6. Have you done all you can to answer your prayer?
  - 7. Are you asking according to the will of God?
  - 8. Do you believe God has the power to answer your prayer?
- B. We will be looking at more questions someone might ask about prayer and some things we should ask about prayer.

**IX. DO YOU PRAY CONTINUALLY?** - (Luke 18:1-5) Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, {2} saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. {3} "Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' {4} "And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, {5} 'yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'"

**X. ARE YOU STRIVING TO PLEASE GOD?** - (1 John 3:22) And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

**XI. HAVE YOU FORGIVEN THOSE WHO HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU?** - (Mark 11:25-26) "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. {26} "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

**XII. ARE YOU ABIDING IN JESUS?** - (John 15:7) "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**XIII. ARE YOU SELFISH IN YOUR PRAYERS?** - (James 4:2-3) You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. {3} You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

**XIV. DO YOU PRAY FOR YOUR ENEMIES?** - (Mat 5:43-45) "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' {44} "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, {45} "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

**XV. ARE YOU CONCISE IN YOUR PRAYERS?** - (Mat 6:7-8) "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. {8} "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

**XVI. WHAT IF WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY? CAN'T PUT IT INTO WORDS?** - Romans 8:26–27 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. {27} Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

## **CONCLUSION**

- A. Are you a child of God so you can pray to God as your heavenly Father?
- B. Have you kept your prayer connection regular with God?
- C. Has sin in your life interfered with your prayers being answered?