

📖 Hebrews 7:25. **Q.** For what does Christ *ever live*?

We should pray to the God who hears and answers prayer because the great work of Jesus Christ at this moment is the work of intercession for us. Christ's work when he walked this earth, was the work of Redemption, now, on the right hand of the Father, his heavenly work is that of Intercession.

To intercede on ones behalf is to do for them what they could not do on their own, especially to reconcile differences between two parties. Christ intercedes for us, doing for us what we cannot do. He reconciles us to the Father.

📖 1 Timothy 2:5 **Q.** What role does Jesus now serve?

The great work of prayer does not stop when our words cease. Jesus Christ himself takes our requests to God the Father. The Lord Jesus himself is waiting to hear from you, that he might bring your petitions before God. What a great privilege that we fail to avail ourselves to!

May God work in our lives until we get to the place where there are no options, only prayer. Something might happen in your marriage or with one of your children. You may lose your job or your health. God works in the lives of His children to the point where we have no options. We can only pray. If we see things the way God sees them, there *are* no options. The only way to have victory is to pray in faith. Set aside a time right now that you will faithfully pray and read the Bible, preferably in the morning. Write it down and strive to stick to it!

Tuesday – Self Check!

1. What are God's inseparable tools for victory?
2. What should you do when you sin?
3. According to James, what 2 things hinder prayer?
4. What is Jesus' full title?
5. What is Jesus doing for us now?



10 God Hears and Answers Prayer

Thursday

We Ought to Pray

The Bible says that God hears and answers the prayers of His children. 📖 Jeremiah 3:3

Q. According to this verse what must we do before he will answer and show us great and mighty things?

📖 Hebrews 11:6. **Q.** Who is God a rewarder of?

The Christian's life ought to be characterized by prayer. There are blessings and answers from God that can only be unlocked by the earnest exercise of prayer.

At times our prayers go unanswered because we have not met God's conditions for answering our prayers. What are some of the conditions found in these verses?

📖 Matt 6:5 _____

📖 Matt 6:7 _____

📖 James 4:3 _____

There will be no victory in your Christian life if you are not a praying Christian. God has given us 2 inseparable tools for victorious living – the word of God, and prayer. These two tools are necessary and interdependent. A day that begins with prayer but no Bible will result in spiritual defeat, just as a day which begins with the Bible but without prayer. Through the Bible, God speaks to us, and through Prayer, we speak to God. The word of God prepares our heart to earnestly seek God in prayer. It instructs us in how to pray, and what to pray for. We ought to begin each day with a sincere reading of the word of God, and a time of heart felt prayer. Robert Murray McCheyne said **“I will see no man’s face until I see the face of God”**

Friday

Why We Must Pray

We must pray because the Devil is Real

We can win the victory against Satan through Prayer.

📖 Eph 6:10-12,18. The Devil is our enemy who seeks to destroy us. We must depend wholly upon the Lord. When we do not pray, we leave the door open for the Devil to enter.

We must pray to Confess our Sin. 📖 1 John 1:8,9.

Q. What promise is contained in these verses?

Q. What is the condition for this promise? *“If...”*

To “confess” means to say the same thing about our sins that God says. We should not harbor unconfessed sin in our lives. It is absolutely possible and expected that our lives be lived with no unconfessed sin. If you sin, confess that sin immediately so that your fellowship with God will remain unbroken.

Pray to Receive Things from God. 📖 James 4:2, 3

Q. For what two reasons do we lack answers from God?

God has everything we need, desires to provide everything we need, and knows exactly what we need! If we do not receive from God those things which we need, it is not because He is unable, or unwilling, but that we are not asking, or asking amiss.

Pray to Deal with Worries and Cares 📖 Phil 4:5-7

Q. What should we do instead of being “full of care”?

When we cast our cares upon Him, we have the assurance that He is in control. Oftentimes our anxiety is caused by our prayerlessness. We worry about the things of this life because we have not surrendered them to his control. 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to “cast our cares upon Him; for he careth for you.”

Saturday *Pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ*

📖 John 16:23-26. We are instructed to pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This not only means that we must pray for those things which Christ approves of, but it also means that when we pray in His name, we are praying with the power of His authority.

It is because he is Lord of all, that he can say “Whatsoever ye shall ask *in my name*, he will give it you.”

📖 Hebrews 4:14-16.

Q. v14 Who is our high priest?... _____.

Q. v16 What can we do therefore? _____.

We do not have to be timid when we approach God in prayer. There is power and authority in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We would do well to refer to Jesus by his full title – the Lord Jesus Christ.

📖 John 13:13 **Q.** What was Jesus’ response to being called Lord and Master?

Don’t think that you will receive anything from God, if you are unwilling to make Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Master. This is His rightful position (Hebrews 2:8). When you got saved you did not only receive a new life, but a new Lord.

📖 Philippians 2:8-11

Q. v9 What has God given Jesus?

Q. v10 At what shall every knee bow?

Q. v11 What should every tongue confess?

Jesus Christ is the Lord of all. It is in his powerful name that we must pray. It is only through Him that we have boldness and authority to approach God’s throne in prayer. Jesus told us that if we confess Him before men, then he will confess us before the Father. Be sure that he is your personal Lord and Saviour!