

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT PRAYER PART I

I. WHAT IS PRAYER?

THE BIBLE SAYS: PSALMS 19:14 10:17

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Prayer is speaking to God with words from the heart. 19:14
2. Prayer is making known our desires to God. 10:17

II. WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?

THE BIBLE SAYS: MATT 7:7 PSA 50:15

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. It is a command of God. Matt 7:7
2. It is God's method of meeting our needs. Psa 50:15

III. WHAT ARE THE QUALITIES OF PRAYER?

THE BIBLE SAYS: MATT 4:10 MATT 6:7 JN 16:23

JA 1:6-7 I JN 5:14 LK 22:42

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Prayer must be addressed to the only true God (not false gods, angels, Virgin Mary, etc.).
Matt 4:10
2. Prayer must be in Jesus name. Jn 16:23
3. Prayer must come from the heart—not mechanical recitation. Matt 6:7
4. Prayer must be offered to God with confidence that He hears us. Jas 1:6-7
5. Prayer must be in harmony with the will of God for our lives. Lk 22:42 I Jn 5:14

IV. DOES GOD ANSWER EVERY TRUE PRAYER?

THE BIBLE SAYS: II COR 12:8-9 JN 2:4 JN 11:6

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. God answers every prayer in His own way. II Cor 12:8-9
2. God answers every prayer in His own time. Jn 2:4; 11:6

V. WHAT ELSE DOES THE SCRIPTURES TEACH ABOUT PRAYER?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I TIM 2:1 MATT 5:44 I TIM 2:8

MATT 6:6 PSA 26:12 I THESS 5:17 PSA 50:15

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. We should pray for everyone. I Tim 2:1
2. We should pray for our enemies. Matt 5:44
3. We should pray when we are alone. Matt 6:6
4. We should pray everywhere. I Tim 2:8
5. We should pray before others. Psa 26:12
6. We should pray when troubled. Psa 50:15
7. We should pray unceasingly. I Thess 5:17