

Title: "Prayer"
Series: "First Steps"

Sun School
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1. Introduction
 - a. Our Great Salvation
 - born again - 2nd birth (spiritual)
 - b. Eternal security -
 - you cannot lose your salvation
 - God always holds you in His hands (Jm 10:27-28)
 - c. Scriptures (God's Word, Bible) teaches Christian to know truth from error
 - personal Bible study
 - preaching in church
 - fellowship & group Bible study

2. What is Prayer
 - a. Asking God to supply answers
 - b. Thanking God
 - c. Asking, seeking, finding (~~Mt 7:7-8~~ Mt 7:7-8)
 - asking (Heb 4:16) come boldly to God's throne of grace
 - * grace: unearned favor
 - * mercy: God gives mercy
 - Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:9-13)
 - d. Pray without stopping (1 Thess 5:17)
 - worry? Pray

3. How to Pray
 - a. Pray everywhere without doubting (1 Tim 2:8)
 - b. Who? holy people lifting up holy hands (1 Tim 2:8)
 - c. Who receives Christian prayer?
 - our Father who lives in heaven (Mt 6:9)
 - God's name is holy
 - God's kingdom comes (Mt 6:10)
 - God's will be done on earth & in heaven
 - * God's concerns first
 - * Christian necessities 2nd

3c. Lord's Prayer (cont)

- Christian's daily food (Mt 6:11)
- Christian's debts owing others (Mt 6:12)
- Lead Christians away from temptation
 - * Deliver us from Satan & evil (Mt 6:13)

4. Jesus prayed often

a. Jesus prayed before feeding 5000 (Jn 6:23)

b. Jesus prayed on mountain before choosing disciples (12) - Lk 6:12-13

c. Jesus example of also praying in private

- Mt 6:6-7 pray in private place
 - * not with vain (empty) repetitions
 - * pray with your sane ~~ken~~ knowing mind
 - * not with chants to go into trance

d. Prayer often combined with fasting

- Mt 6:16-18 when fasting, in private
- Acts 14:23 when ordaining elders
- Joel 2:12 turning to God
- Mk 9:29 cry out to God-demonics
- Joel 1:14 cry out to God