

Building a Good Prayer Life

The Foundation – God Hears

Points to Consider

1. God Wants a Relationship with His People
2. God Invites us to Pray
3. God Promises to Listen

God Wants a Relationship with His People!

Gen 3:8-10

God _____ in the garden and _____ directly to Adam.

Gen 4:6-7

God _____ to Cain and tried to encourage him to rule over sin.

Gen 6:5-7

When the relationship God shared with His creation was broken, He was _____ in His heart.

Gen 15:1-6 NKJV

God's relationship with Abraham was very _____. They loved each other!

God's relationship with Abraham was so important to Him that He was _____ with Abraham when He was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah.

God had a very special relationship with Moses.

God wanted a tabernacle built so he could dwell among His people.

Why?

Ps 8

God Invites Us to Pray

Jer 33:1-3 Moreover the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying, 2 "Thus says the Lord who made it, the Lord who formed it to establish it (the Lord is His name): 3 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.' NKJV

God implores us to call to Him during very _____ situations.

Prov 15:8 *The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.* NKJV

Matt 7:7-9 *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.* NKJV

Matt 21:21-22 *So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. 22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."* NKJV

To receive blessings from God we must _____ and believe.

God Promises to Listen

2 Chron 6:36-42; 2 Chron 7:12-16

During the great celebration at the dedication of the temple, Solomon's most pressing concern was that God would listen to His people. God agrees to do so, yet with significant conditions. They are:

1. His people must _____ themselves.
2. His people must _____ and _____ His face.
3. His people must _____ from their wicked ways.

1 John 5:14-15 *Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.* NKJV

John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, assures us that if we ask anything according to His _____, He will hear us.

1 Peter 3:8-12 *Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."* NKJV

The Lord's ears are open to the prayers of the _____.

Ps 66:18-20 *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear. 19 But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His mercy from me!* NKJV

A man who regards _____ in his heart will have his prayers turned away by God.

Luke 18:9-14

Matt 6:5-7 *"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. NKJV*

A good prayer life sometimes is difficult to ascertain.

Summary

God wants a relationship with us.

God invites us to talk to Him.

God promises to listen if:

- We are His children.
- We are _____.
- We seek His face.
- We turn from our sins.
- We pray according to His will.
- We don't _____ to be seen by men.