PRAYER

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LESSON 1: WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU PRAY

I THESSELONIANS 5:16-18
Rejoice evermore.
Pray without ceasing.
In every thing give thanks: for ***this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.***

PSALM 65:2, 4
O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come... **Blessed is the man** whom thou choosest, and **causest to approach** unto thee...

TWO TRUTHS TO REMEMBER:
1. Jesus *expects* Christians to pray.
2. Jesus *moves* on His people to pray.

THE JESUS MODEL OF PRAYER: Matthew 6:5-13

POINT #1: MOTIVATION MATTERS
Pray for the sake of prayer, don't pray for the sake of being associated with prayer.

POINT #2: PRAY ON PURPOSE
Mindlessly rambling the same things over and over disconnects your mind and heart from the words.

POINT #3: THERE IS A STRUCTURE TO PRAYER
Jesus said to pray in this ***manner***.

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THE JESUS MODEL:

1. **Praise**
2. Petition
3. Repentance
4. Intercession
5. **Praise**

Philippians 5:7 *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."*

THE TWO TYPES OF PRAYER:

THE CURRENT, TIMELY PRAYER
This is a prayer that will be answered ***now*** - no waiting.

THE MEMORIAL PRAYER
This is a prayer that continues until the answer eventually comes.

James mentions both of these types of prayers in the same passage of chapter five:

James 5:13 *"Is any among you afflicted? let him pray."*
- Memorial.

James 5:14-15 *"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up..."*
- Right Now.

*"Thy **prayers** and thine alms are come up for a **memorial** before God."*

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CURRENT PRAYER:
Acts 3:6 *"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as Ihave give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."*

MEMORIAL PRAYER
Acts 10:1-6 - Cornelius the Gentile.

Pray expecting results now. If they don't come, realize this is a memorial prayer that will require the prayer of faith until, eventually, it is answered.

Psalm 56:8 *"Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?"*

DISCUSSION

Why does God answer some prayers instantly, but not others?