



THE SURE WORD

Lesson 04: YOU CAN BE GOD'S FRIEND

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"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?" Matthew. 7:7-11.

1. How was Enoch's relationship with God described? Genesis 5:22, 24.

"And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:"

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

2. What about Noah's? Genesis 6:9.

"These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."

3. What was Abraham called? James 2:23.

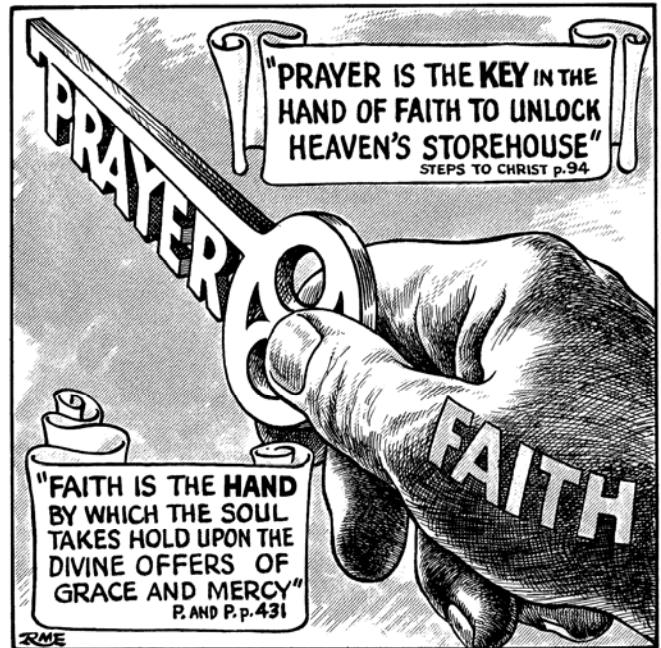
"And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God."

4. How did the Lord talk with Moses? Exodus 33:11.

"And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle."

5. Was this kind of relationship only for them? Joshua 1:5.

"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."



6. What is it like to be close to God? Psalm 16:11.

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

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"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18.

7. When we behold God's glory what happens to us? 2 Corinthians 3:18.

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

8. What time of day did David set aside for prayer? Psalm 5:3.

"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up."

9. Did David pray only in the morning? Psalm 55:17.

"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice."

10. What was Daniel's consistent practice? Daniel 6:10.

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

11. What example did Jesus set for us? Mark 1:35.

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

12. What did He often do in the evening? Matthew 14:23.

"And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone."

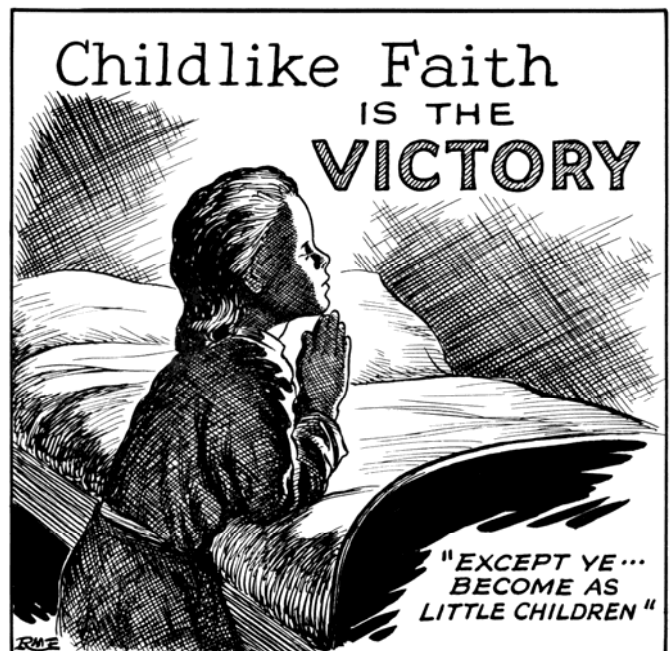
13. Prayer may be important, but are we to pray that often? 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

"Pray without ceasing."

"Men ought always to pray." Luke 18:1.

14. How close may we be to Jesus? John 15:7.

"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."



"I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4.

15. What reason did Jesus give for His trust in His Father's presence? John 8:29.

"And He that sent Me is with Me: the Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him."

16. On what grounds does God fulfill our requests? 1 John 3:22.

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

Biblical Guidelines for Prayer:

a. We are pray to God the Father in Jesus' name (John 16:23).

"And in that day ye shall ask Me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you."

b. We come to God in faith, believing that He hears and will answer our prayer Matthew 21:22; Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6.

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."



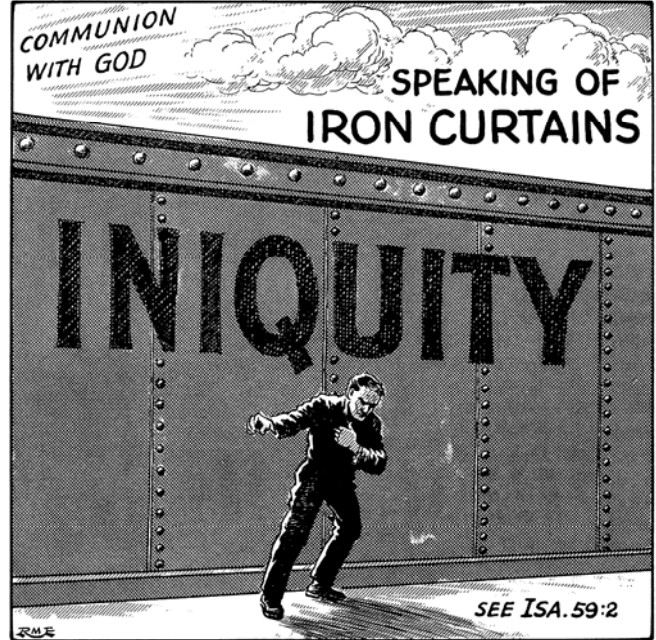
c. We trust Him to answer our prayers according to His will (1 John 5:14).

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us:"

d. We are to understand that vain repetition in prayer has no value (Matthew 6:7).

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

e. The purpose of our prayers should be to bring glory to God (John 14:13).



"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

17. What can't I do and expect God to hear me? Psalm 66:18.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:"

In order to pray acceptably we need to make things right with anyone we have harmed (Matthew 5:23, 24), and put away any grudges we may be holding against others (Mark 11:25, 26).

18. Who should we pray for? Should we pray just for ourselves? James 5:16.

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"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." 1 Peter 3:12.

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20. Why does God sometimes deny our requests? James 4:3.

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

21. What phrase did Jesus add to His prayer? Luke 22:42.

"Saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done."

22. How necessary is it that we know God? John 17:3.

"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

Knowing God is more valuable than wisdom, might, and riches (Jeremiah 9:23, 24).

23 "Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD."

23. What is the secret of spiritual success? Psalm 119:11.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

God's words "shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:6, 7.

Considering God's Sure Word...

Do you desire to walk closely with God?

Will you choose to spend time every day in prayer and make it priority?

Do you desire to make the Word of God prominent in your life and in your home?

