

Slides for Sunday Sept. 4, 2022

Title of Message: What is the purpose of prayer?

Base Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

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116.Q. Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness which God requires of us. <sup>1</sup>Moreover, God will give his grace and the Holy Spirit only to those who constantly and with heartfelt longing ask him for these gifts and thank him for them. <sup>2</sup>

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117.Q. What belongs to a prayer which pleases God and is heard by him?

A. First, we must from the heart call upon the one true God only, who has revealed himself in his Word, or all that he has commanded us to pray. <sup>1</sup> Second, we must thoroughly know our need and misery, so that we may humble ourselves before God. <sup>2</sup> Third, we must rest on this firm foundation that, although we do not deserve it, God will certainly hear our prayer for the sake of Christ our Lord, as he has promised us in his Word. <sup>3</sup>

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118.Q. What has God commanded us to ask of him?

A All the things we need for body and soul, <sup>1</sup>as included in the prayer which Christ our Lord himself taught us.

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Real Questions-Biblical Answers

“If God knows what we need, why do we pray?”

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English Bible Teacher/Theologian- A.W. Pink (1886-1952) said, “Prayer is not designed for the furnishing of God with the knowledge of what we need, but it is designed as a confession to Him of our sense of need.”

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Positional:

Add 3 points:

1. Obedience -Matt. 26:41
2. Humility – Phil. 2:5-8
3. Desolate -Psalm 27

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Transformational:

Add 2 main points:

1. Effective
2. Powerful

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Luke 22:39-46