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LESSON 1: What is prayer?



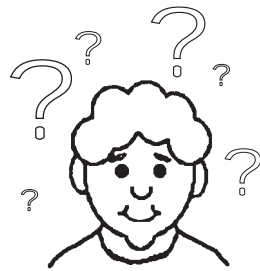
READ:
Psalm 5: 1-8



KEY VERSE:
Psalm 5: 2

A8

Have you ever met someone who is really important? If you ever do, you may not know what to say to that person - you could be 'lost for words!' Prayer is talking to God, who is the most important Person. Sometimes it's difficult because we don't know what to say.



King David, who wrote the Bible Reading, didn't always find prayer easy. This set of lessons is all about prayer, and hopefully they will help you to understand more about talking to God.

Q: The Bible Reading is a prayer. What 3 names or titles did David use for the Person to whom he prayed?



1	_____
2	_____
3	_____

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When we pray we must remember that we are talking to Someone who is very special. Yet even though God is so great, He still wants us to speak to Him! However, sometimes He does not answer.

Q: Look at verses 4 and 5 and write out IN YOUR OWN WORDS what it is that displeases God.

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This shows us that sometimes our prayers aren't answered because we have done things that are wrong.

The Bible Reading also tells us that God is merciful. (see verse 7)

When God does not punish us as we deserve, but acts lovingly towards us, He is showing 'mercy'.

Q: Because of God's mercy, what was David able to do? (See verse 7)

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Q: Answer TRUE or FALSE to the following: -

David prayed in the morning.

David did expect his prayers to be answered.

God takes pleasure in evil.

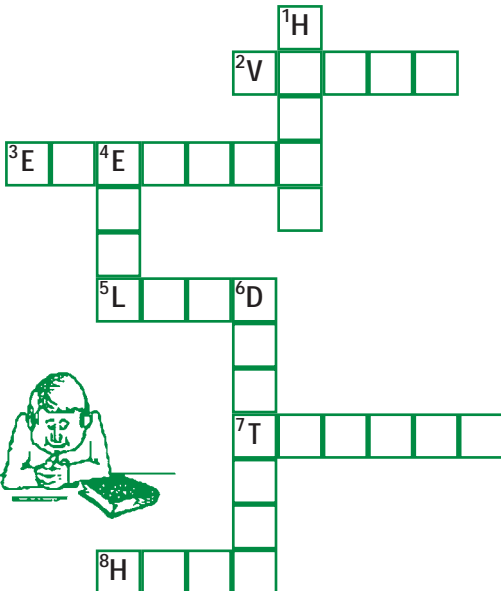
Foolish and proud (or arrogant) people cannot stand in the presence of God.

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Q: Write out the Key Verse which tells us to whom David prayed.

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Q: Using the clues below, complete the Crossword.



Across

- 2. The Lord heard David's _____. (v. 1)
- 3. In verse 8, David had these.
- 5. David asked the Lord to _____ him. (v. 8)
- 7. David worshipped here. (v. 7)
- 8. The place where David worshipped was _____ .(v. 7)

Down

- 1. The Temple was sometimes called God's _____. (v. 7)
- 4. This doesn't please God. (v. 4)
- 6. God will _____ those who lie.

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So, prayer is when we talk to the Almighty God. He wants us to talk to Him!
Why not pray to Him now and ask Him to help you to understand these lessons?

TOTAL:

LESSON 2: Does God hear our prayers?



READ:
Luke 18: 9-14



KEY VERSE:
James 4: 6

Some people love to talk about themselves. They like to tell others what they have and what they do. Here is a story which the Lord Jesus told. It is about two men, one of whom was a very strict and religious Jew called a Pharisee. The other was a tax collector, or publican, who was hated by everyone because he worked for the Romans.

Q: Look at verse 9 and write **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** to whom Jesus told this story or parable.

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Q: Which man was proud of his own goodness?

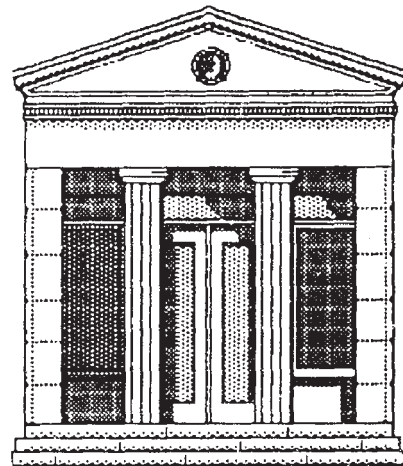
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Q: Which man knew he had done wrong?

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Q: Where did they go to pray?



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In the days of the Lord Jesus, this was the place to which many Jews went to pray. Today many people go to church buildings of all kinds to pray. But it is important to know that we can pray to God ANYWHERE and AT ANY TIME!

Q: What three 'good' things did the Pharisee say about himself?

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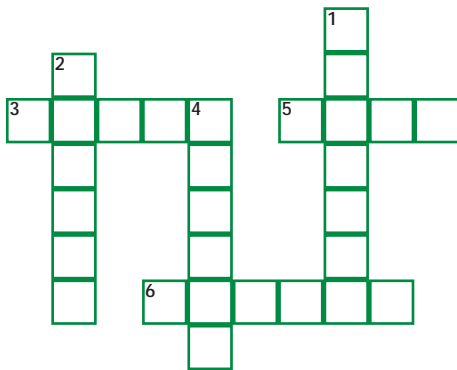
There was nothing wrong with the Pharisee doing these things, but he should not have tried to tell God how 'good' he was!

Q: To find out what is the right way to pray to God, write out the the Key Verse.

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The tax collector's prayer was short and honest. He knew that he had done many things wrong. He was very sorry and asked God to have mercy on him.

Q: Crossword.



Across

- 3. Who told this story?
- 5. The two men went to the Temple to _____ .
- 6. The tax-collector wouldn't even look up to _____ .

Down

- 1. This story is also called a _____ .
- 2. The building to which they went.
- 4. The tax collector called himself a _____ .

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After praying, both of the men went home. However, the Lord Jesus said that only one was 'right with God' (justified). This means he had confessed his sins and had been forgiven. He went home, knowing that things had been put right between him and God.

Q: Which man went home 'right with God'?

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Q: Look at verse 14 and draw a line from each box to the man it suits best.



The humble man

God will make him great.

God will humble him.



The proud man

God listens to humble, honest prayer. He will not answer those who are proud or boastful. Pray now and ask Him to forgive you for the wrong you've done. Then thank Him for sending the Lord Jesus into the world to die for you. When you do this, things are put right between you and God.

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LESSON 3: How should we pray?



READ:
Matthew 6: 5-15

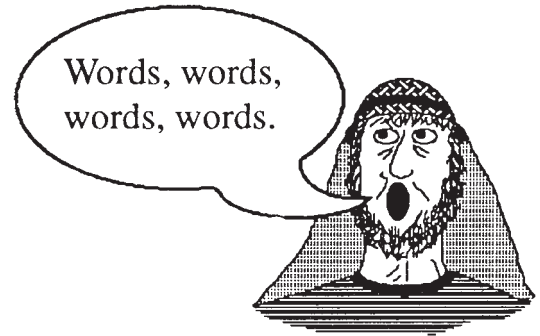


KEY VERSE:
Matthew 6: 8

Most people have prayed at some time during their lives. Perhaps when a relative was very ill, or when they needed something.

However, God wants us to pray regularly, not just when things go wrong. The Lord Jesus showed His disciples how they should pray regularly.

In the days of the Lord Jesus, some people used to stand on the street corners and pray long prayers, using big words, so that they would be seen and heard by everyone.



Q: Underline the correct words in the following sentences to discover what the Lord Jesus said about prayer.

The Lord Jesus said our praying must be in (PUBLIC) (PRIVATE or SECRET).

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Then our Father, who is unseen, will (REWARD) (PUNISH) us openly.

Q: Write out the Key Verse which reminds us that our Father knows what we are going to pray for.

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Q: Word Puzzle

T	E	M	P	T	A	T	I	O	N
A	B	N	E	G	E	L	A	E	O
I	K	V	V	O	R	K	V	E	I
T	I	H	I	R	M	A	I	K	T
E	N	G	G	E	E	I	R	D	B
O	G	N	R	H	L	O	S	R	T
A	D	K	O	T	A	T	E	E	P
J	O	E	F	A	N	A	N	Y	M
B	M	O	B	F	D	I	V	T	E

Circle the following words in the Puzzle. They may be hidden up, down, across, backwards or diagonally.

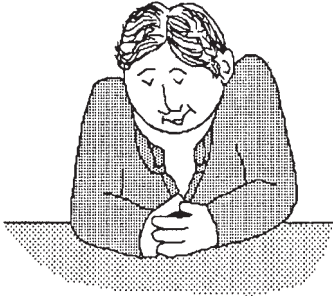
- HEAVEN
- FATHER
- KINGDOM
- BREAD
- FORGIVE
- TEMPTATION

You will find these or similar words in the prayer which the Lord Jesus taught His disciples.

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The Lord Jesus doesn't want us just to repeat this prayer, but to use it as a pattern when we pray.

Q: Look at the prayer in verses 9 to 13 and put the following in the correct order by relating them to the verse number. Number the boxes from 1 to 5.



Asking for forgiveness.

Calling God by name and worshipping Him.

Forgiving others.

Help with temptation.

Asking for food for each day.

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Q: What are the first two words of the prayer in verse 9?

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We must understand that we can only speak to God as our Father when our sins have been forgiven.

Is God your Father? Are you a member of His family? This only happens when we ask the Lord Jesus to forgive us our sins and be our Lord and Saviour.

There are many different kinds of prayers.

Q: Unjumble the following words to discover three different kinds.

1. Prayers that say (nhatk uyo) _ _ _ _ _ .

2. Prayers that (sowrhpi) _ _ _ _ _ .

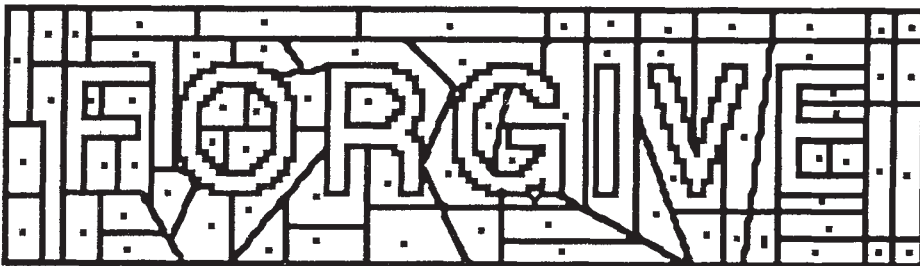
3. Prayers that (kas) _ _ _ God for what we need.



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When we ask the Lord Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Saviour, God forgives us. What is our duty then to those who sin against us?

Q: Colour or shade in each shape that contains a dot to reveal what God expects us to do.



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The Lord Jesus was teaching His disciples that when they prayed, they must be prepared to put their prayers into action.

TOTAL:

LESSON 4: Does God answer prayer?



READ:
1 Samuel 1: 1-20



KEY VERSE:
1 Samuel 1: 20

God doesn't always answer our prayers in the way we want Him to. Sometimes He doesn't answer our prayers as quickly as we would like. However, His answers and His plans are always the best!

In the Bible Reading we see that Hannah didn't have any children. This caused her great sadness. The other members of the family didn't understand how she felt.

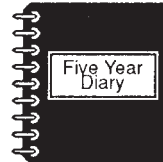
Q: What did Peninnah do to Hannah? (See verse 6)

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Q: Circle the picture which best describes how long Hannah had to put up with Peninnah.



For a few hours



For a few days

For a few hours

For years

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Q: What were the first words Elkanah said to Hannah? (See verse 8)

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Hannah stopped eating food because she was so upset. We don't have to wait until things get as bad as this before we pray to God. He will listen to our prayers at any time.

Q: Put the correct words from the list into the next part of the story.

- PRAYED PROMISE SON CRIED

Hannah _____ and _____ to the Lord. She made a _____ to God that she would let her _____ serve the Lord all his life.

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When we ask for things in prayer, we must also be prepared to let God have His way, and not just pray to please ourselves.

Q: Answer TRUE or FALSE to the following:-

Hannah prayed out loud.

Eli, the priest, thought Hannah was drunk.

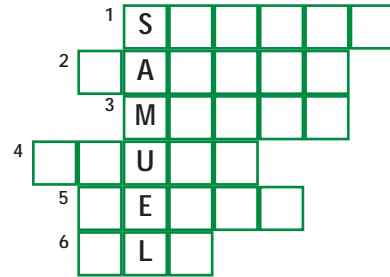
Eli said to Hannah, "Go in peace".

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Level 3

Q: Put the answers to the following clues in the correct positions on the grid.

- 1) The place where they worshipped.
- 2) The woman who prayed.
- 3) The priest watched her _____ while she was praying.
- 4) The priest thought she was _____.
- 5) She was praying from her _____.
- 6) The name of the priest.



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What a difference came over Hannah after she had prayed! Even though her prayer had not yet been answered, she started to eat and no longer looked sad. Hannah believed that God would answer her prayer for a son. **This is praying in faith.**

Q: Write out the last part of the Key Verse to discover why Hannah called her son Samuel.

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The Bible tells us that God answers prayer when we ask in faith. This means trusting Him to give us what He knows is best.

Q: Find out what the Lord Jesus said about prayer by solving the Word Code Puzzle.

(For example, 'A2' is 'ask', found by following the 'A' across and '2' down.)
Write each word in the correct box below.)

	1	2	3	4
A	find	ask	it	unto
B	and	opened	given	you
C	seek	be	shall	knock

A2	B1	A3	C3	C2
B3	B4	C1	B1	B4
C3	A1	C4	B1	A3
C3	C2	B2	A4	B4

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Hannah's prayer was answered when Samuel was born. As she had promised, Hannah gave him to the Lord. However, God didn't forget Hannah. He gave her five more children! (See 1 Samuel 2: 21) Sometimes God answers our prayers in the most wonderful ways. Have you had any answers to your prayers? If so, why not thank Him now?

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