

12-A**Questions: Prayer, Part I**

1-3. **MATCH** the Greek or Hebrew words and their English meanings:

Greek	English	Greek	English
aiteo	(n) intercession, prayer	deomai	(n) advocate, helper, counselor
enteuxis	(v) to ask, beg, desire, crave, call for	parakletos	(v) to pray, beseech, request
pistis	(v) to repent	proseuchomai	(n) prayer, place of prayer
metanoeo	(n) faith	proseuche	(v) to pray
entunchano	(v) to ask, beseech, pray, intreat	mathetes	(n) prayer, supplication, request
erotao	(v) to intercede	deesis	(n) disciple

4. Write out a definition for **PRAYER**: *Finding the will of God and agreeing with it. Praying God's own Words (RHEMAS) back to Him. In other words, the ONLY prayers God answers are His own !! Our job in prayer is to listen to the Spirit, perceive His will—His Rhema—and then pray it right back to Him !!*

5-8. Write out each of the **15 PRINCIPLES ON PRAYER**, as found in the handout **Prayer, Part I**:

Principle I. *Prayer is ORDAINED and COMMANDED by God as the means by which we receive from Him. MAT 7:7-8, JAM 4:2,*

Principle II. *Prayer CHANGES US, not God. God often will bring to mind things we must do or change in order to receive the answer for which we are praying. MAR 11:25, MAT 5:23-24,*

Principle III. *All prayer is based on PROMISES in GOD'S WORD. We have NO basis for prayer other than on GOD'S WORD. ISA 55:10-11, JOH 15:7,*

Principle IV. *In general, we are to pray PRIVATELY or IN AGREEMENT with others who are of like faith. MAT 6:5-6, MAT 18:19*

Principle V. *Depend on the HOLY SPIRIT in prayer. ROM 8:26-27, LUK 11:11-13.*

Principle VI. *We are to be SPECIFIC in our requests made in prayer. IJO 3:21-22, MAR 11:22-24*

Principle VII. *We are to pray in JESUS' NAME. JOH 14:12-14, JOH 16:23-26,*

Principle VIII. *We are to EXPECT IN FAITH TO RECEIVE what we have requested from God in prayer AT THE TIME OF PRAYER, despite any apparent evidence in the natural to the contrary. MAR 11:22-24, IJO 5:14-15, HEB 4:16, HEB 11:1, HEB 11:6, MAT 21:19-22,*

Principle IX. *Make sure we have FORGIVEN others for any sin or grievance against us. MAR 11:25-26,*

Principle X. *Other HINDERANCES to answered prayer can include UNCONFESSED SIN, DISOBEDIENCE in some area of our lives, lack of harmony in our FAMILIES, etc. PSA 66:18-19, ISA 59:1-2, JAM 4:2-3, IPE 3:7, IJO 3:21-22, PRO 21:13*

Principle XI. *VAIN REPETITION is not necessary and actually hinders faith in receiving. MAT 6:7-8,*

Principle XII. *Our CONFESSION should reflect our faith that God has answered our prayer. However, this confession is often best kept private to ourselves or to those with whom we are agreeing in faith in prayer. HEB 10:23, JAM 1:5-8, MAR 11:22-24,*

Principle XIII. *We then offer THANKSGIVING, PRAISE & WORSHIP to God for His promised provision. ITH 5:16-18,*

Principle XIV. *Be PERSISTENT in prayer, but in faith. LUK 11:5-10,*

Principle XV. *We then exercise PATIENCE from the time of prayer to the actual manifestation of the answer from God. HEB 10:36, HEB 6:12-15, ECC 11:1, LUK 8:15*

9-10. Write out each of the **8 TYPES OR KINDS OF PRAYER**, as found in the handout **Prayer, Part I**, with one or two scripture references to prove or illustrate each:

Type I. *Prayer of Faith; JAM 1:5-8, HEB 1:6*

Type II. *Prayer of Agreement; MAT 18:19-20, AMO 3:3,*

Type III. *Prayer of Praise & Worship; PSA 100:1-5,*

Type IV. *Prayer of Consecration & Dedication; MAT 26:39, PSA 37:5, JAM 4:15-16,*

Type V. *Prayer of Intercession; EZE 22:30-31, ACT 2:46-47, ROM 8:34, GAL 4:19,*

Type VI. *Prayer of Binding & Loosening; MAT 16:18-19,*

Type VII. *Corporate (United) Prayer; ACT 4:24, ACT 12:5,*

Type VIII. *Prayer in the Spirit; EPH 6:18, 1CO 14:14-15, ROM 8:26-27*

11. Write out **IJO 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. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

12. **How** do we know if we are asking or praying according to God's will? God's will is His WORD; all prayer must, therefore, be in accordance with God's word, especially His RHEMA (The Logos quickened by the Spirit).
13. **Does** this give you confidence in prayer, **KNOWING** for certain you are asking His will? See Q 12. **YES !!** When we have 'heard from God, through His Rhema, there is a confidence or knowing that we are in His will.
14. Write out **1CO 14:15-16**: What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. 16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?
15. **How** do we pray **with (in) the Spirit** and also **in the understanding**? God only answers HIS prayers, those birthed by His Spirit, and given into our spirit as Rhemas – Words of God from the Spirit – which we then pray in the understanding. The Rhemas may come while praying in tongues.
Write out **JOH 15:7-8**: "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. **What** are the **two** prerequisites mentioned here which result in answered prayer? First, that we abide in Him. Second, that His Word (RHEMA) abides in us. THEN we can ask what we desire, and it shall be done. In the Process, we bear fruit and become His true disciples.
16. Write out **1JO 3:21-22**: Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.
Look at the context of this verse. **What** might cause our hearts condemn us? **Could** this hinder our prayers? Does this have anything to do with v 22? **Explain.** The main cause of condemnation in our hearts is unconfessed sin. Others could include unforgiveness of others, friction with spouse, lack of prayer, lack of reading the Word, lack of fellowship with God, etc.
17. Write out **GAL 4:19**: My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, **Which** type of prayer is this? Intercession **Why** is Paul praying this? Paul first prayed by intercession for the New Birth of the Galatians. Now he is in the labor of intercession for Christ to be fully formed in them.
18. **JOH 14:12** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 "And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 "If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. (NKJ)
19. **JOH 16:23** "Ad in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name He will give you. 24 "Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. 25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 "In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; 27 "for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. (NKJ)
20. Carefully study **JOH 14:12-13** and **JOH 16:23-27**. They might seem to contradict on another. **Why** does Jesus first say **He** will do what we ask in His name, then later state that the **Father** will do whatever we ask in His name? Look at the context of each statement. **What** do you think is the difference? In JOH 14, Jesus is saying that WE who believe in Him as messiah will do the same and even greater works, after Jesus ascends to the Father and sends the Holy Spirit power. When Jesus
21. **What** does it mean to have '**power of attorney**' for someone? A legal document giving the right for one individual, as agent, to act on behalf of another, according to the terms of the document. The agent, in essence, acts as though he / she IS that individual. **Explain** how this relates to prayer: In giving us His name to use in prayer and performing His works, we are acting as His agents. He has given us 'power of attorney' to act on His behalf in the earth, as though He Himself were doing the works or the praying !!
22. **Someone** has said, that when we pray in **Jesus' name**, it is just as though Jesus Himself were doing the praying. Is this true? **Would** such a prayer be answered? **Explain.** God always answered Jesus' prayers, since He only prayed the will of the Father.
It has also been said that just as Satan works only through people, so also God works only through people. John Wesley once said, "**It seems that God can do nothing in the earth, except that someone first ask Him.**" How do we partner with God in accomplishing His will in the earth? God has apparently limited both Himself as well as Satan, such that neither can work in the earth except through people. Jesus said, 'Evil

must come, but woe to him through whom it comes.' God works through those who yield to Him; Satan works through those who yield to him. When we ask in line with God's will, God can work through us to accomplish His purposes in the earth, such that 'thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'

23. **Do you** spend time praying and reading God's Word each day? _____ What is **prayer--reading** of God's Word? **Explain.** *Praying God's Word back to Him as we read it. He (by the Spirit) quickens the Logos into Rhemas, which are prayed back to God. THESE are the seed for the sower and the bread for the eater that do not return void without accomplishing and prospering in accomplishing God's will.*

Make a **Prayer Commitment** for yourself & encourage your spouse & other family members to do so.

24. **How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to **YOUR** life? _____ *Answer for yourself.*