

Praying Scripture

Philippians 1:9-11

Psalm 51:1-4

Two Practical Suggestions:

- 1) Read through a Psalm a day.
- 2) Use Scripture to pray for other members of the church.

Meeting with God Core Seminar Schedule

Week 1: Introduction: The What, Why and How of Meeting with God

Week 2: Meeting with God in His Word: Hearing and Reading

Week 3: Meeting with God in His Word: Studying, Meditating and Memorizing

Week 4: Meeting with God through Prayer

Week 5: Prayer, Hindrances and Practicalities

Week 6: Panel

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Sunday Seminars—Meeting with God **Class 4: Meeting with God in Prayer**



A quiet time is the part of the day that we set aside for the worship of God, for the reading of the Word of God and for fellowship with God so that we would know Him more, know ourselves in light of Him, and know the world according to His perspective.

Prayer is the Spirit-given, Word-saturated response, through communication, to dwelling on God.

A – Adoration

C – Confession

T – Thanksgiving

S – Supplication

Psalm 51

I. Prayer: A Trinitarian Framework

It is God's attribute to be a relational and communicative God.

John 17:24

A. The Basis of All Prayer: The Sonship of Jesus

Hebrews 4:14-16

Three reasons to have confidence that we can draw near to God:

- 1) Jesus is our high priest.
- 2) The acceptance that Jesus has with the Father is the acceptance that we now have in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- 3) If God hears the prayers of Jesus, He will also hear our prayers through Jesus.

Romans 8:34 – Jesus intercedes for us

John 14:13 – Praying in the name of Jesus

B. The Source of All Prayer: The Fatherhood of God

“When you pray, say ‘Father, hallowed be your name...’” - Luke 11:2

God the Father gives good gifts

Luke 11:11-13

James 1:17

C. The Enabling of All Prayer: The Power of the Holy Spirit

- 1) The Holy Spirit draws us to a saving faith in Christ.

John 3:5-6

John 16:7-11

- 2) The Holy Spirit assures us of our adoption in Christ.

Romans 8:16

Ephesians 1:13-14

- 3) The Holy Spirit intercedes for us before the Father.

Romans 8:26-27

II. The Word of God and Prayer

Why isn't prayer alone enough to sustain our fellowship with God?

“If prayer is not addressed to God in terms of what is real, it is a fantasy. The prior word of God is established from the outset as the ground for any human understanding of reality.” - Graeme Goldsworthy

A. Reading God's Word makes us God-centered in our prayers

B. Reading God's Word helps us to pray according to His will.

Jesus, Our Example

“Now Jesus was praying in a certain place and when He finished, one of His disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’” - Luke 11:1

The Example of George Mueller

“And yet now, since God has taught me this point, it is as plain to me as anything that the first thing the child of God has to do morning by morning is to obtain food for his inner man. Now what is food for the inner man? Not prayer, but the Word of God; and here again, not the simple reading of the Word of God, so that it only passes through our minds, just as water passes through a piper, but considering what we read, pondering over it and applying it to our hearts.” - George Mueller