

PRAYER 101

40 Days of Prayer – Part 2

September 20, 2020

I Thessalonians 5:17 – “Always keep on praying.”

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT PRAYER

1. We are _____ to pray.

Genesis 1:26 (Emphasis added) – “Let us make mankind **in our image**, in our likeness. . . .” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them...”

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (Emphasis added) - “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also **set eternity in the human heart.**”

2. We all _____ with prayer.

Romans 8:26 (NCV- Emphasis added) – “The Spirit helps us with our weakness. **We do not know how to pray as we should.** But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us, even begs God for us with deep feelings that words cannot explain.”

Luke 11:1 – “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

3. We have _____ about prayer.

◆ Prayer is not a _____.

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THE PILLARS OF PRAYER

1. God loves to _____ with us.

Psalm 103:13 - "The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who reverence him."

I John 5:14-15 (Emphasis added) – "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: 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 what we asked of him."

◆ Prayer is a _____, not a ceremony.

◆ Prayer is steeped in _____, not ritual.

2. God listens to _____ prayers.

Matthew 6:5-8

Hebrews 10:22 - "Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith."

3. God enjoys _____ prayers.

Matthew 7:7-8 - "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

Jeremiah 33:3 – "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."