

## Prayer – Praying According to God’s Word - Nehemiah 1 - Biblical Discussion

What is prayer?

How do you pray?

Where and when do you pray?

What do you do when you pray?



### Nehemiah’s Prayer

**1** The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah:

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, <sup>2</sup> Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.” <sup>4</sup> When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Then I said: “LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup> let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s family, have committed against you. <sup>7</sup> We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, <sup>9</sup> but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’” <sup>10</sup> “They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand.” <sup>11</sup> Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.” I was cupbearer to the king.

**Just like in any other relationship, if we don’t communicate, the relationship is strained. When we don’t communicate with God, our relationship with Him is also strained.**

Praying in Spirit and in Truth - **John 4:23** | Teaching Us How to Pray - **Matthew 6:9**

Receiving What We Ask For - **Matthew 7:7-8** | Boldness in Prayer - **Luke 11:8**

Praying for Laborers - **Luke 10:2** | Praying Specifically - **Mark 10:51**

Prayer and Love - **Mark 11:25** | Prayer in Harmony with God - **John 11:41-42**

Power for Prayer and Working - **John 14:12-14** | Abiding in God in Prayer - **John 15:7**

The Prayer of Corporate Repentance - **Daniel 9:3-4** | Obedience and Prayer - **John 15:16**

What’s in a Name? - **John 14-16, 14:13-14, 15:16, 16:23-24, 16:26**

Christ the High Priest - **John 17:9** | Christ the Sacrifice - **Mark 14:36**

A Life of Prayer - **1 Thessalonians 5:16**



### Spiritual Maturity - I Corinthians 3

1. In order to grow we need to eat—**The Bible** | 2. In order to grow we need to breathe—**Prayer** | 3. In order to grow we need good spiritual hygiene—**Confession of sin** | 4. In order to grow we need a caring family—**Fellowship** | 5. In order to grow we need regular exercise—**Service** | 6. In order to grow we need protection—**Temptation** | 7. In order to grow we need to give—**Stewardship**

### The Habit of Prayer

“Base your happiness on your hope in Christ. When trials come, endure them patiently; steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer.” **Romans 12:12**