

## Part 3 - Acts of Prayer

### Intro/Review

Prayer is about \_\_\_\_\_, not us. The point is to connect with God  
and what He is doing.

Prayer should focus on God's \_\_\_\_\_, not our will

God does not always listen to prayers

If you are \_\_\_\_\_ to God, He will be unresponsive to you

We must approach God with Humility

What are the Mechanics of prayer? How does this thing work?

### Posture of Prayer

Does the \_\_\_\_\_ in which you pray matter?

Duet. 9:25 - Moses lays prostrate

1 Sam. 1:13 - Hannah prays \_\_\_\_\_

1 Tim. 2:8 - Lifting holy hands

There are many styles of prayer for various \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer is not about observing a \_\_\_\_\_; it is about  
connecting and communicating with God!

### Pleading Prayer

Matthew 6:5-8

"Closet": Only room in most homes with door, \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_ or fake prayers to look spiritual

The motive is to focus on getting through to God

Your public spiritual life reflects your \_\_\_\_\_ prayer life

Vain repetition is what happens when we pray without \_\_\_\_\_ about it

Prayer should be \_\_\_\_\_, gut level sharing with God.

Exodus 33:7-21

Moses had a \_\_\_\_\_ to go to and \_\_\_\_\_ with God

Vs. 13, 18 - "Naw": Pleading, please, I \_\_\_\_\_ you!

Moses is saying "God, I can't do this without you!"

We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ for God to work! God answers desperate prayers (Vs. 19-23)

When is the last time you \_\_\_\_\_ with God in prayer?

### **Pattern of Prayer**

1 Thess. 5:17

Pray "uninterruptedly"

Desiring \_\_\_\_\_ communion with the Lord

- Specific times
- Specific \_\_\_\_\_
- Constant contact

Relating to God \_\_\_\_\_ in every situation

If we aren't asking God for anything, we won't see Him at work!

### **Application**

There is no specific \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer that is the "right way"

Not about a religious practice, but \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

The focus is on keeping it \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

We should be \_\_\_\_\_ for God in prayer, desiring constant \_\_\_\_\_ with our father and friend!

1. What was Eli's reaction when he saw Hannah praying?

2. Why do we tend to make prayer into a religious ritual?

3. Why does your public life reflect your private spiritual life?

4. What is a good example of "vain repetition"?

5. Why does God want us to be desperate for Him?