

God's Will and Prayer

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I. Luke 11:1-13. Jesus' prayer was different...Would you teach us to do that?

- A. Confident of the Father's _____.
- B. Focused on the Father's _____. (Matt.6:10)
- C. Dependent on the Father's _____.
- D. Seeking the Father's _____
- E. Praying for the Father's _____.
- F. Note: Jesus' pattern of prayer assumes that the person praying is already _____

II. Review: Three things to remember regarding Trinitarian Christian Prayer.

- A. Jesus _____ within the Trinitarian reality. Jn.11:41; 17:1
- B. Which is why prayer is _____ of Trinitarian faith. 2 Cor.5:7
 - 1. Heb.11:1-3. Faith is not the absence of evidence or knowledge, but the presence of confidence in what God has said over what we can see or deduce on our own. It is therefore a true knowledge category. Rom.4:20-22.
- C. And why prayer brings us into _____ of God's Trinitarian Life. Matt.28:18-20; Gal.4:19; John 17:21.

III. **Review: Prayer in God's will. 1 Jn.5:13-15.** The authority and privilege to pray effectively comes when *our words to God* (John 14:12-14) are shaped by *his words in us* (Jn.15:7) and conveyed by *his Spirit in and among us* (Jn. 14:25-26; Rom.8:26-27; Gal.4:19) in order to accomplish *his ordained will* in this age—bringing his kingdom into the material realm through proclaiming and living out the gospel (Matt.6:10; 33; Eph.6:18-20).

A. _____. Vocal expression of intimacy, confidence, and request. Jn.14:12-14

B. _____. Meditation on His Word to receive His mind. Jn.15:7.

C. _____. Relying on the Spirit of Christ within us. Jn.14:23-26; Rom.8:26-28

D. _____. What is right for God's kingdom plan today? Eph.6:18-20; Matt.6:10, 33; 9:35-38.

E. So, praying according to God's will means praying in Christ's new covenant, seeking his mind and will, relying on his Spirit to translate and do what is best in the situation in light of the kingdom. And we can do it with utter confidence because we are praying in Christ's name rather than ours.

IV. Praying in God's Will grows out of _____.

A. There are basically only three ways to goof up your Christian prayer life. Heb.12

1. _____: Jas.1:5-8

a) _____. Matt.6:24

b) _____. 1 Jn.3:9; Heb.12

2. _____. Jas.3:13-4:3

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b) _____. Matt.5:23-24 (18:21-35) Mk.11:25

c) _____. 1 Pet.3:7

d) In these cases we are _____

3. _____. Lk.18:1-8