



The Holy Spirit, *the Word*, and Prayer

Main Text For The Week: *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God"* ([Romans 8:26, 27](#), KJV).

Read and Meditate on these Texts:

John 15:7; Matthew 7:7; Psalm 66:18; James 1:6-8; 1 John 5:14, 15; Acts 2:38.

Main Thought For The Week: Let us think of the *Word of God* as a *Lamp* (Psalm 119:105); the **Holy Spirit** is symbolized by the **Oil** ([Hebrews 1:9](#)); and the *Wick* represents *Prayer* which connects us to the *Oil*, to *Christ the Living Word* so that we can produce *Light* to shine and dispel the darkness of sin and evil. The *Word of God (Bible)* and *Prayer* are two powerful weapons in the Christian's armory that, through the divine power of the *Holy Spirit*, enable us to fight the victorious fight of **Faith**.



Prayer That Is Pleasing To God

Sunday Summary: March 5:

The Prayer that is pleasing to God is that prayer which comes from a heart that is surrendered to Jesus Christ, mingled with the savoring influence of the Holy Spirit's workings in the life, and uttered from lips and tongue purged with/by the Word of Truth(Isaiah 6:6-9).

1. What are the 2 pre-requisites which guarantee that our prayers meet God's approval?

(John 15:7)

a. _____

b. _____

2. What gives us the confidence that our petitions will be heard? (1 John 5:14-15)

3. **Discussion:** One inspired Author says: *"Prayer is the key in the hand of Faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence."* (*Steps to Christ*). Explain what you understand by this:

PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS: Are you satisfied with your personal Prayer Life?

What can you do to improve it? _____

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Foundation of Biblical Prayer: Ask God

Monday Summary: March 6:

1. What do the following texts say about our Prayer requests to God?

a. Matthew 21:22 _____

b. Mark 11:24 _____

c. John 15:7 _____

d. 1 John 5:14-15 _____

2. Why is asking God important and what does it reveal? (Matthew 7:7)

3. What does the Bible give as another reason for assurance that we will receive the requests to our prayers? (1 John 3:22)

4. **Discussion:** The Bible assures us that when we make our earnest and sincere Prayers to God, He will hear and answer us. Why is obedience an important condition to answered prayers?

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Foundation of Biblical Prayer: Believe

Tuesday Summary: March 7:

1. In addition to making our prayer requests (asking) of God, what else do we need to do? (Mark 11:24; James 1:6)

2. What does the Bible tell us is possible to one who believes? (Mark 9:23)

3. What does James say concerning the person who lacks Faith? (James 1:6-8)

4. **Discussion:** What exactly is Faith and why is it important to the Christian?

Please explain and give bible reference for your answer.

PERSONAL STUDY QUESTION: If you were to grade yourself on a *faith-scale* of 1 -10 (10 being the highest), what number would you get? _____. *Will you just pause and pray now, that the Holy Spirit will activate and enlarge your appetite for God's Holy Word, so that your Faith may increase and be strengthened (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6)*

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Foundation of Biblical Prayer: Claim God's Promises.

Wednesday Summary: March 8:

1. Name one important condition for claiming God's Promises when we pray
(1 John 5:14-15) _____

2. Did Jesus ever claim the promises of God in His prayer? (John 11:41-42)

3. What are some examples of people claiming Jesus' promises?

a. (Matthew 8:8,10,13) _____

b. (Matthew 15:25-28) _____

4. Is it possible to prevent God from answering our prayers? (Matthew 13:58; 17:19-20)

THOUGHT: Whenever we live in harmony with God's Word, and we Pray submitting to His Will, we may Claim in confidence His Precious Promises.

PERSONAL NOTES _____



Praying For the Holy Spirit

Thursday Summary: March 9:

1. What was Paul's prayer for the believers? (Ephesians 3:14,16)

2. What were the disciples praying for in the upper room? (Luke 24:49; Acts 2:38)

3. **Discussion:** If there was **one** and **only one** thing that you were allowed to pray for, in order for you to be well-rounded and complete Christian, what would that be and why? (John 16:13; Luke 11:13)

THOUGHT: Praying for the Gift of the Holy Spirit is the single most important privilege that the Christian is entitled to. When we have the Spirit of the Living God, every other gift will be at our disposal. Will you make a commitment right now, to start pleading to God for a fresh and full outpouring of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 1:8; Luke 11:11-13)

PERSONAL NOTES: _____



The Holy Spirit, the Word and Prayer

Friday Summary: March 10:

THOUGHT: Without prayer, we would have no spiritual power in our lives (Acts 1:8). It is through prayer that we connect to the supreme source of Spiritual Power. It therefore means that without prayer, we would have no vital link to God.

1. How would you advise a new believer, from the Bible, who asks you to explain how prayer works? (Matthew 6:5-13) _____

2. Satan tempts us through our senses. Can we trust our senses, or is there something else we should trust? (Hebrews 4:12)

3. Do you think that God would give someone who practices secret sin, the gift of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 2:38; Psalm 66:18). _____

PERSONAL STUDY QUESTION: What is the most important point you gained from this week's study? _____
