

Learning About Prayer (From the *Book of Psalms*)

- What do we know about God that would encourage us to pray to Him?
 - His great power. 33:6-9.
 - His infinite knowledge and understanding. 147:5.
 - His knowledge of every single individual. 33:13-15.
 - His great compassion and lovingkindness. 36:7; 86:15.
 - His righteousness. 143:1.
 - His faithfulness. 143:1; 121:1-8.
- Does God hear and answer prayer? YES.
 - 6:6-9; 18:4-6, 16-19; 116:1-2.
 - 1 John 5:14-15.
- Does God answer the prayers of everyone? NO.
 - 18:20-24, 41; 34:15-18; 66:18.
 - 1 Pet. 3:12; Jam. 5:16.
- How often should we pray? DAILY, SEVERAL TIMES A DAY.
 - 88:9, 1; 55:16-17.
 - 1 Thess. 5:17; 2 Tim. 1:3.
- Under what circumstances should we pray?
 - When we desire to give thanks. 107:8; 68:19; Eph. 5:20.
 - When we desire to praise God. 36:5-9; Heb. 13:15.
 - When we have sinned. 32:1-5; 51:1-17; Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:8-10.
 - When we are in need of boldness. 138:3; Eph. 6:19-20.
 - When we are being persecuted. 142:5-6; 109:1-4; 1 Pet. 5:6-9.
 - When our hearts are overwhelmed. 61:1-4; 94:19; Phil. 4:6-7.
 - When we need help in understanding and doing God's will. 119:73, 125; 143:10; Col. 1:9.
 - When in need of guidance and direction. 31:3; 48:14.