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GOD

in Open Communication

Luke 11:9-10

God's existence is proven by the fact that He answers our prayers!

Everything we receive from God will only become ours as we ask.



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What is Prayer?

Prayer is simply talking things over with God – having a normal conversation with Him.

Psalms 116:1-2

I love the Lord because He hears and answers my prayers. Because He bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I have breath!

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Luke 11:1

The disciples saw a connection between Jesus and His Father.

A deeply spiritual connection that was born out of the conversations Jesus had with God as He pulled Himself aside to pray in quietness.

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Luke 11:2-4

Jesus says to pray in such a way that really matters and causes change in us and the world around us has to begin with a relationship with God as its core.



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...Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name.

If we try to ignore the implications of the holiness of God in our lives we will not experience the power of God's presence and the satisfaction of an effective prayer life that changes us and the world around us.



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...Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

This is about realignment with God's intention, purpose and mission. If we want to pray in a way that is effective we have to be willing to align our lives and prayers with what God desires and will is.



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... Give us day by day our daily bread.

Jesus didn't seek God for what He could get from Him but for who He was and daily provision was the result of the connection made through spiritual conversation known as prayer.

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... And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

Forgiveness is not an emotion;
it is a decision of the will!

Forgiveness is not an occasional act;
it is a permanent attitude!



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... And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

Psalms 139:23-24 *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

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Matthew 18:21 *Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”*

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Matthew 18:22 *Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.*

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...And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

God desires for us to be aware of our weaknesses and to seek His strength to gain the victory over them instead of falling to them and suffering the consequences.



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...And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Psalms 91:2-3 *This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I trust Him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.*



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Conclusion ...

- So why should we pray?
Because God invites us to and He desires to spend time with us!
- Getting to know God in a meaningful and life changing way 'is' born out of relating with Him through open communication.

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A large, leafy tree stands on a green field under a bright, cloudy sky. The scene is peaceful and open.