

SERMON NOTES –07/02/16

“Acceptable Praying!”

A well known Prayer

On Praying

- The assumption

- The priority – the praise of God

- Getting God to hear (I Kings 18:25ff)

- We should pray because ...

The Lord’s Prayer

- Who we pray to

- Requests
 - God’s reign

 - God’s will

 - God’s provision

 - God’s forgiveness

 - God’s protection

- Adoration of God

To Ponder In A Quiet Moment Or Over a Cuppa With A Friend:

What should our priority be in prayer?
Why pray when God already knows what you need?
What are the consequences of not forgiving?

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS 07/02/16

Matthew 6:5-15

“Acceptable Praying!”

1. What is prayer?

2. How were the religious leaders of Jesus’ day praying? How should we not pray? What is a hypocrite?

3. When we pray where does Jesus tell us to go? Why? Do you have a place you can go to and pray? Tell us about it!

4. What does Jesus illustrate using the example of the pagans who babble on or are longwinded? Could we be accused of the same thing when we mouth the words of the Lord’s Prayer?

5. For a sense of God’s humour read I Kings 18:25ff. What does this say about false gods? Is the one true God hard of hearing?

6. If a friend asked you, “If God knows what you need before you ask Him, why bother praying?” What would you say in response?

7. How would you outline the Lord’s Prayer? What do the opening lines of the Lord’s Prayer tell us about God?

8. What are we asking for when we ask for God’s kingdom to come? What will be some of the implications of this? Are we ready for the coming of God’s kingdom?

9. What does it mean to ask for the Lord’s will to be done in our life? In our family? In our community? In our world?

10. What is our daily bread? Have you a time where God has provided?

11. If we refuse to forgive what are the consequences?

12. What temptations do you face? What areas do you need protection so that others can pray for you?

13. What have you learnt regarding prayer from these verses? How will you put it into practice?