

25 Jesus Prays

The Prayer of Jesus

Chapter

John 17:1–25

Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that Jesus did everything in this world in the midst of prayer.
2. To understand that we are weak and must pray so that we will be able to live a victorious life in this world.

Open Your Heart



Here are two people who are praying.

One person is a weak and naive child, and the other person is a fully mature adult—and yet both are praying. Why are they both praying in the same manner?



Understanding Today's Lesson

Prayer encompasses all the words and actions a born again Christian does to communicate with God. Prayer is the conversation that we, as the creation, have with God our Creator, and it is also the special right and privilege of born again Christians. In order for us to praise our Lord with gratitude, to partake in the fulfillment of the will of God upon this world, to entrust our needs to Him, and to receive the forgiveness of our sins after salvation, we must always rely upon the Lord and pray for the needs of others. It is Jesus who first provided the example of prayer.

Every single aspect of Jesus' life revolved around prayer. Jesus raised up His desires to God with earnest wailing and tears. Jesus began His public life of ministry with prayer, and He continued in prayer while performing many signs and miracles. Even when His work continued until late in the evening, and His ministry increased His reputation throughout the land, Jesus did not neglect praying in a quiet place at dawn. And the night before He selected His disciples, Jesus prayed all night. The public life of Jesus was a continuation of prayer. John 17 in its entirety is the prayer that Jesus gave the night before He was crucified. When Jesus was praying in Gethsemane, He prayed so earnestly He began to sweat blood. Even when He was in the midst of suffering on the cross, Jesus prayed. And after His resurrection and subsequent ascension into heaven, Jesus is at this very moment at the right-hand side of God, praying on our behalf. If Jesus prayed in such a manner, then how much more must we pray ourselves?

Notes:



Memorizing Bible Verses

who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,

(Hebrews 5:7)



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Mark 1:35)

(Luke 5:15–16)

(Luke 23:46)



Changing

Directions

Read Hebrews 4:12–16 and answer the following questions below.

1. The Word of God is living and powerful. What happens when the Word of God discerns the thoughts and intents of my heart? Read verse 13 and summarize.

2. Why is it that we can stand boldly before the holy God even when the Word of God reveals our sins and trespasses? Read verse 14 and write down the answer.

3. Why is it that Christ, who is the express image of God, sympathized with us who are weak and sinful? Read Hebrews 4:15 and 5:7 and write down your thoughts below.

4. What can we obtain when we boldly bring ourselves before the throne of grace? Read verse 16 and write down the answer below.

5. What does it mean to "come boldly to the throne of grace"?



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

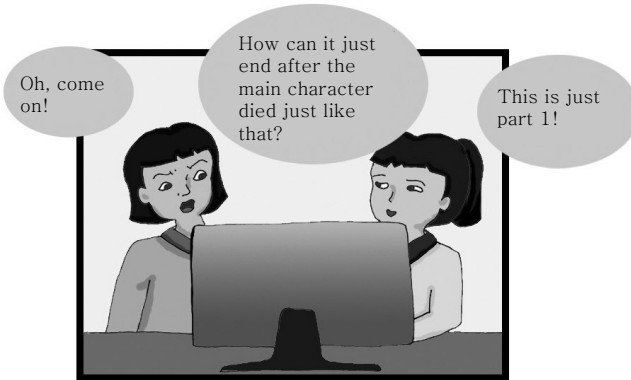
To Live According to the Word

Let us confess that we are so weak that without the help of God, we would continually be falling in our life. Let us also pray so that we can determine ourselves to come forth to the living Jesus who always helps and provides us our necessary grace.



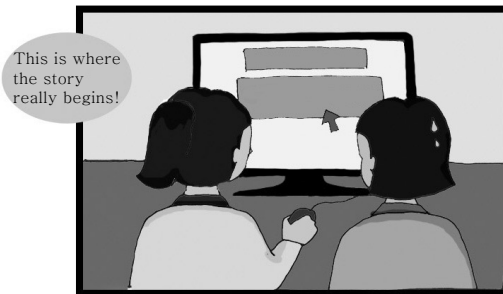
Our Story

The Judgment of the Wicked



Longer movies are split into two parts with an intermission. If you only watch part 1, the conflict is unresolved, and the antagonists are victorious.

But if you watch the second part, then all those conflicts are resolved.



Criminal cases that are unresolved are labeled "G.O.K."—"God Only Knows". Only God knows all. It means that only God is the one who will judge that criminal at the judgment seat in the end.

The life that we are living in this world is only part 1.
We are standing on the world's stage at the culmination of the first act.
There is another world waiting for us after death.

For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

Looking Upon My Young Daughter

I am happy when I see my young daughter diligently studying. I am happy when I see my daughter being friendly with her younger sibling and when my daughter keeps her room clean. However, what makes me happiest is when I come home, and my daughter runs to greet me, puts her small arms around my neck and tells me everything that went on during her day. If my daughter were diligent in her studies, and was friendly with her siblings, and kept her room clean, but just ignored me completely when I came home, that would make me sorrowful above all things.

Christian life is the same. Let us say I did everything pertaining to God—let us say I meditated upon the Bible, and attended all the fellowships, and was very diligent in going from place-to-place to evangelize, but I did not offer my prayers to God in the secret and quiet place. God would be upset. Christians must be in constant communication with God. I must reflect over all the things that happened to me today and ask God for His help and strength. Then God will fill my heart with peace and joy.

Now, let us close our hearts to the world to prepare ourselves to talk to God. Let's open up the windows of our hearts and offer ourselves up in unceasing prayer before Him.





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