

# Thursday Evening Bible Study

## Series: Prayer

### Week 4

Let's look at a sampling of prayers in the Bible.

We will read each one quietly first and make our own notes about the prayer.

Then we will read it out loud together and discuss what we notice about the prayer.

What do we learn about prayer from these passages?

#### 1. Exodus 33:12-23 [Completed week 1 ]

- Be bold in prayer
- Prayer deepens our relationship with God
- "Let me know Your ways"
- "That I may know You" is perhaps the greatest prayer we can pray
- The Lord speaks back to Moses!
- God answers prayer
- Prayer can be a back and forth conversation
- "Remind" our Father that you are His child
- Leaders pray for all God's people
- "Show me Your glory!" All for the glory of God

#### 2. 1 Kings 18:36-41 [completed week 2]

- Elijah is bold and God answers him immediately
- Elijah's desire in his bold request is to let it be known that the Lord is God in Israel. And that He has turned their hearts back again.
- The Lord answers Elijah's prayer in dramatic fashion: His fire.
- The Lord also fulfills Elijah's desire for the people to turn their hearts back again to the Lord, worshipping Him as the one and only God.

### **3. 1 Samuel 1:9-2:11 [completed week 2]**

- Hannah is desperate in her desire for a son
- She pours out her heart to the Lord
- She makes a vow. If You...then I....
- The vow is structured in a legal way, and this makes sense for the Jews who were under the Law. The Lord does not want members of the church to make vows.
- She is overjoyed when the Lord answers her prayer. She praises the Lord : “there is none like You”. She recognizes Him as her savior, holy, and all-knowing
- Her prayer of thanksgiving is very similar to the Mary’s song of praise in Luke 1.

### **4. Psalm 31 [completed week 3]**

This Psalm has many kinds of prayer

- Verses 1-2: Petitions
- Verses 3-5: Praise and Promises
- Verses 6-8: Answered prayer and David’s response
- Verse 9: Cry out for grace in his distress
- Verses 10-13: Pouring out his heart by describing his distress in detail
- Verses 14-18: Petitions
- Verses 19-22: Praise and gratitude for answered prayer
- Verses 23-24: Exhorting the godly ones

### **5. Psalm 65**

**6. Psalm 17**

**7. Psalm 86**

**8. Psalm 102**

**9. Psalm 139**

**10. Psalm 142**

**11. Matthew 6:5-14**

**12. Matthew 14:30**

**13. Luke 18:1-8**

**14. John 17:1-26**

**15. Ephesians 1:15-23**

**16. Ephesians 3:14-21**