

# Thursday Evening Bible Study

## Series: Prayer

### Week 5

Note: we will **not** be having our Bible study **next Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**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 [week 4]**

- All praise
- The focal point is God – acknowledge God
- Verses 1-4: Worshipping the Redeemer in silence and praise– God’s grace in salvation, forgiving our sins
- Verses 5-8: Awe for the Creator - God’s awesome power in creation – nature
- Verses 9-13: Rejoicing in God our Provider - God’s overflowing blessings

## **6. Psalm 17 [week 4]**

- A prayer for deliverance from evil people
- Bold requests : hear me, give heed, show, keep, hide, arise, deliver
- Verse 1: Petition – hear a just cause, give heed to my cry
- Verses 2-5: You have tested me and found nothing
- Verses 6-8: Petition for protection – You will answer me, show your lovingkindness, hide me in the shadow of Your wings.
- Verses 9 -12: Describes his enemies
- Verses 13-14: Petition against his enemies
- Verse 15: Hope for the future

## **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**