

# Everlasting Gospel Bible Studies

## Lesson 9

### COMMUNION WITH GOD AND MAN



Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). We become acquainted with His truths through Bible study and by sharing what we have learned. But one of the most effective means of communing with God is simply talking to Him as a Friend. Prayer brings us up to God and opens our hearts to understand His will for our lives. Through prayer we share our needs with the Lord, and He has promised to answer our requests if we meet certain simple conditions. In this lesson we will investigate these requirements.

We must always remember that our Father knows what is best for us. Everything that we really need has been promised to us, but we must search for the promises. As we share them with those around us, our faith in God's promises will grow. It brings great glory to the Father when His children encourage each other in this way. Keep this fact in mind, for certainly the time has come to "give glory to Him." Revelation 14:7

## A. IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER.

1. **With what model prayer did Jesus teach us to pray?**  
**Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4**

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**NOTE:** The Lord's prayer outlines in beautiful simplicity the parts of a truly effective prayer:

- 1) recognition that God is our loving Father;
- 2) thankfulness and praise to Him;
- 3) prayer for His soon return;
- 4) requests for our daily needs;
- 5) confession and forsaking of our sins by divine help; and
- 6) petition for power to obey Him.



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2. **Why did Jesus suggest that we pray to our Father in private?**  
**Matthew 6:5-6**
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**NOTE:** Prayer is intimate communion with our God. Although there is a place and purpose for public prayer (John 11:41-42), true spiritual strength comes from sharing our deepest thoughts and feelings with the only One who has the power to change them.

3. **What are we to do in order to keep from falling into temptation?**  
**Mark 14:38**
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4. **In whose name should we make our petitions to the Father?**  
**John 16:23-24**
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5. **Why is it that many times the prayers of professed Christians are not answered? James 4:2-3**
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**NOTE:** To "ask amiss" is to ask for something God has not promised, or to fail to meet the conditions associated with the promise, or to ask for selfish reasons.

6. **How are we to make our requests known unto God? Philippians 4:6; Colossians 4:2**
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7. **Under what God-given conditions will our requests be granted?**  
**John 15:7; Mark 11:24**
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**NOTE:** The promises in God's Word must be believed and claimed. The principles of His Word must be lived. It is by witnessing the power of His Word in our lives that we are able to develop faith that can move mountains. Matthew 17:20

**8. What is the source of the Bible? 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16**

## 9. Why did Jesus say we should search the Scriptures? John 5:39

**10. What is the attitude toward truth of those who perish?**  
**2 Thessalonians 2:10**

**NOTE:** Many people have wondered why there are so many

churches and variations in doctrines. Two simple guidelines have been given by God in Isaiah, chapter 28, to assure the correct interpretation of Scripture. As we become familiar with the basic principles of the Bible (Hebrews 5:12-14), which is the first step in understanding the Scriptures, we will mature spiritually. The second step is to build our knowledge of doctrinal truths "precept upon precept ... here a little and there a little." Many false doctrines have arisen by isolating a rather obscure text from clearer texts on the same subject. Our truths must be built upon a broad foundation of many scriptures.

### C. WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

- 12. How may we play a part in delivering souls from eternal loss? Proverbs 14:25**

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- 13. How may we fulfill the command in Revelation 14:7 to give glory to God? Matthew 5:16**

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- 14. What is the task whose completion will make it possible for Jesus to return for His people? Matthew 24:14**

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**NOTE:** When we take advantage of the opportunities God provides for us to share our faith, we can actually hasten the end of sin and suffering.

- 15. Whom has the Father sent as a perfect example of the type of witnesses we may become? John 18:37; Isaiah 43:10**

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### SUMMARY

Jesus wept when He thought of all the souls who were perishing without the gospel. He commissioned us to be His helpers in teaching our world about the plan of redemption. But we must understand the gospel for ourselves first. This understanding requires a relationship with the Father that few possess. Praying, studying, and reaching out are essential parts of the Christian life. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

### PERSONAL COMMITMENT

I choose to set aside time each day to prayerfully study the Bible and then share with someone that which I have learned.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_