

## A Study of Prayer

### Lesson 6: When, Where and for What to Pray

- I. Introduction
  - A. The Bible addresses when and where we should pray
  - B. We also find many references about what we should pray for
  - C. In this lesson we will consider these aspects of prayer so that we are pleasing God
- II. When to pray
  - A. “Pray without ceasing”—I Thes. 5:17
  - B. “Praying always”—Col. 1:3; Lk. 18:1
  - C. “Praying at all seasons”—Eph. 6:18
- III. Where to pray
  - A. Based upon above passages, pray in every place —I Tim. 2:8
  - B. Home, work, school, church building, car, bus, train- wherever we are, the Lord is there also and will hear our prayer – Ps. 139:2, 7-10
  - C. In private—Mt. 6:6 ; In public assembly—Acts 2:42; 4:24-31; 12:5, 12; 20:36-38
- IV. What we should pray for
  - A. God’s Will be done—Mt. 6:10; 26:39,42
  - B. Daily necessities—Mt. 6:11 (must work to obtain- Gen. 3:19; II Thes. 3:10)
  - C. Forgiveness of our sins – Mt. 6:12; Acts 8:22; I Jn. 1:7-10
  - D. God’s help
    - i. When confronted with a problem – I Sam. 8:1-7
    - ii. Strength to face and overcome temptation – Mt. 6:13; 26:41; I Cor. 10:13; II Pet. 2:9
    - iii. When sorrowful and heavyhearted – Mt. 26:36-46
    - iv. When afflicted / suffering – Jas. 5:13
  - E. Preachers and the Lord’s work—Rom. 15:30; Col. 4:2, 3; I Thes. 5:25; II Thess. 3:1
  - F. Earthly rulers – I Tim. 2:1,2; Rom. 13:1-3
  - G. More laborers to enter the Harvest – Jn. 4:35-37; Mt. 9:37,38
  - H. Others to be saved – Rom. 10:1-3
  - I. One another – Rom. 1:9; I Cor. 1:4; Eph. 1:15,16; Phil. 1:3,4; Jas. 5:16

#### Questions for thought:

1. What did the Apostle Paul write concerning when we are to pray?
2. What would you say to someone that says they are too busy to pray?
3. Is there any place where we cannot pray?
4. For whom should we pray?
5. For what should we pray?