

Praying So God Will Hear

Psalm 5:1-12

Do **WE Believe** in the Power of **Prayer**?

It's **Amazing** how coming into **God's Presence** has a **Calming Effect**. (Philippians 4:6-7)

We **Want God** to **Hear** our Prayers in **EVERY** Area of life, **NOT** just in Times of **CRISIS**.

In Psalm 5, King **David** provides us with 5 **WAYS** to **Know** God will **Hear** our Prayers.

1. **ASK EARLY.** (v.3)

- With all that prayer does, **WHY** would you **NOT** Want to **PRAY FIRST THING?** (Mark 1:35)
- **ASK** Early...**KNOCK** Early...**SEEK** Early & Often...(Matthew 7:7-8.)
- **Throughout** Every Day we should **LIVE** in the **Spirit** of Prayer.

2. **HATE EVIL.** (vv.4-6)

- If **GOD Hates** **EVIL**...how should **WE FEEL** about it? (Romans 12:9)
- If we **Don't Hate** **EVIL**, how can we **Love** what's **GOOD?**
- If we **DON'T Shun** **Evil**...I don't believe God will **Answer** our Prayers. (Isaiah 59:2)

3. **SEEK MERCY.** (v.7)

- **EVERYTHING** we have & **Receive** is by the **Grace & Mercy** of **GOD**.
- **Jesus** said, "**Blessed** are the **Merciful** for they will be **SHOWN** **Mercy**."
- If **WE Don't Treat** **Others** **Right**, **HOW** can you **Expect** **God** to **Treat** **US** **Right?**

4. **LIVE RIGHT.** (v.8)

- **One** **Way** we **Bless** **Others** is by **Living** **Right** down here.
- We must **PRAY** to **BE** **Right** & to **LIVE** **Right** in this world.
- if we **Don't Live** **Right**, we **can't** **Expect** **God** to **Hear** our Prayers. (Psalm 66:18-19)

5. **BE JOYFUL.** (vv.11-12)

- **Knowing** we can **Go to God** literally **ANYTIME** we **Choose** offers us **JOY** **Unspeakable**...
- When you're in the **Habit** of **Thanking** **God** for **Everything** & **Asking** **Him** for **Everything** you **Need**, the **End** **Result** is **JOY** in your life.
- It's **Awesome** to be in **Constant** **Touch** with **God!** (Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 5:11b)
- The only way to **Survive** **this** **World** & **Be** **Effective** as the **Lord's** **Disciples** is for **US** to **"ZERO** **IN"** on the Lord!