

Prayer – R. C. Sproul

Q&A - Week 4 - Thanksgiving, Supplication & the Lord's Prayer (part 1)

Opening devotions: Col. 3:12-17/prayer

Questions/thoughts

1. What is the difference between anxious and eager?
2. What is the opposite of anxiety? (the peace of God)
3. In what spirit should we bring our requests before God? (with thanksgiving)
4. What does it mean to “name it and claim it?” Is such a teaching biblically sound? Why or why not?
5. What does the story of the 10 lepers teach us about thankfulness? Are we thankful enough regarding God’s answers to our prayers?
6. What are the two categories of supplication? (myself and others)
7. What are the roles of each person of the Trinity in our prayers? (to the Father, through the Son, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit)
8. Is it proper to recite the Lord’s Prayer? Why or why not?
9. Why was Jesus’ calling of God “Father” so radical? Why can we also call God Father? (adoption)
10. What is the difference between “Hallowed is thy name” and “Hallowed be thy name?”

Thoughts to ponder

- *Enter His gates with thanksgiving.* Ps. 100:4a
- *Let us thank God heartily as often as we pray that we have His Spirit in us to teach us to pray. Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with Him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room in our heart.* Andrew Murray
- *We pray not to inform God or instruct Him but to beseech Him closely, to be made intimate with Him, by continuance in supplication; to be humbled; to be reminded of our sins.* John Chrysostom
- *In love He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ according to the purpose of His will.* Eph. 1:5

Closing prayer