

God Wants Us To Talk To Him

Talking to God, including knowing how to ask Him for help, does **not** come easy, and we quickly run out of things to talk about.

Psalms 139:1-4 [New King James] *“O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.”*

We know that God is aware of everything that happens to us.

But there are certain things that God does not know.

Matthew 6:8 [New King James] *“Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”*

God knows the things we have need of before we ask Him. So why ask?

A simple answer is that God wants us to ask. God knows the need, but what God does **not** know is whether we will ask Him for it.

So why does God want us to ask?

Because as we ask it helps us to develop character traits that God knows that we need, if we are to achieve the great potential He has for us.

For one thing, God knows that it is good for us to remember that He is the giver of every good thing, [James 1:17].

It is good for us to acknowledge that God is the Creator and owner of the universe and that includes us and our life.

John 1:1-4, 14 [New King James] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” ... “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

Jesus Christ as one Person of the Triune God who created all the universe out of nothing, [Hebrews 11:3].

Colossians 1:16-17 [New King James] *“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him **and for Him**. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”*

Talking about Jesus Christ, all the universe was created “for Him” and is sustained by Him.

Such knowledge is the basis of our relationship with the Eternal God.

James 4:2-3 [New King James] *“You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”*

Sometimes God does **not** give things, even if we ask for them, for we ask for something that we will use only for personal pleasure.

Before we pray for something God wants to know how we are going to use the things we are asking Him for.

For example, if we asked our parents for a significant sum of money, most parents would want to know just how we were going to use it.

God knows our thoughts, but He does not know the decisions we will make in the future.

So before we ask God for something we need to be ready to answer God when He asks “*what for?*”

This is something that God does **not** always know in advance, so we need to include this in our prayer, our conversation with Him.

For example, we ask God for food, clothing and safety, in effect we are asking for continued life.

What God wants to know is how we are going to use each day He gives us in response to our prayer, is it going to be for the good of others?

1 John 3:22 [New King James] “*And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.*”

God does **not** answer prayers of people who disobey Him.

We can ask God for forgiveness when we break His laws, but He does not want us to hurt ourselves by doing the same things again, [**John 8:11**].

God already knows about every need, but what He does **not** know is whether we care enough to ask for His help. **If God provided everything His people needed we would not realise what these needs were.**

What can we give to God through our prayers? –

Did you know that we can encourage God? Think about our physical parents, if we obey their requests, thank them constantly, ask for their advice, does that not encourage them? It is the same with God.

God is pleased if we seek His advice, if we obey His laws, if we thank Him and tell Him we love Him.

God loves to see us develop in the way He knows is best for us, this is what we can do for God, Who loves us so much.

We may consider it a rather small gift, perhaps, but we are giving something to God that He doesn't already have.

God cannot just create loyalty and obedience in us, we have to develop it and then give it to Him.

Perhaps the next time you pray, you can thank God for His help in the past, ask Him for your needs of the day then ask, “*Father, what can I do for you? What do you want me to do today?*”

Remember when we talk to God He is always listening.