

Are You Praying In Detail?

Praying effectively is not easy, but it is vital if we wish to build a strong relationship with our Creator God.

How can we build a bond with God that pleases Him and brings you joy and peace of mind?

Our prayers should be like incense as used by the priests in the Temple during the Old Testament time.

Matthew 6:7 [New King James] *“And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.”*

Repetitive, mindless prayers that require little or no thought are a waste of time, for they will not be answered.

Psalms 141:2 [New King James] *“Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”*

King David likes his prayers to the actions of the priest in the Temple, lifting up to God a bowl of incense before the altar.

Revelation 5:8 [New King James] *“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”*

The elders who worship God on His throne offer up bowls of incense that are representing the prayers of God’s people.

Why does incense represent prayers? –

Incense is a blend of ingredients beaten fine, [Exodus 30:34-37].

To make our prayer effective we must pray in detail, giving names, circumstances and describe our feelings. Avoid vague generalities.

Our prayers should contain a blend of thoughts on a variety of topics.

Philippians 4:6 [New King James] *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;”*

Discuss everything with God.

Incense had to be heated up to be effective and give off a pleasant aroma, the same is with our prayers, without the heat of fervency prayer is dead.

Matthew 15:7-8 [New King James] *“Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honour Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.’”*

The words of our prayers must be backed up with the passion of our hearts.

Proverbs 15:8 [New King James] *“The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is His delight.”*

If our life is obedient to God's way of life then our prayers will be sweet smelling as incense is, [1 John 3:22-23].

Psalms 5:1-3 [New King James] *“Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up.”*

Many people find it best to pray in the morning when their minds are clear and fresh.

Let current events, local or international, stimulate our minds to special prayers, the Holy Spirit, if active in our lives, will stimulate our prayers and intercede for us with God, [**Romans 8:26**].

Prayer is not limited to one special part of the day, we can make silent prayers at any time, [1 Thessalonians 5:17].

Use the sample prayer outline that Jesus Christ has given us, [**Matthew 6:9-13**].

[Please download and study our article on this website, '*How To Plan Your Prayers*' listed under main heading '*Prayers*'.]

Think about our prayers from God's viewpoint, what is foremost on His mind at this time? To help you do this please download the article on this website '*What On Earth Is God Doing?*' listed under the main heading '*Kingdom Of God*'.

To base our prayers on what is most important to our Creator God will eradicate any shameful self-centred prayers, and help us to obey the command of Jesus Christ to “seek first the Kingdom of God,” [Matthew 6:33].