

Question 105

Name _____

Q. 105. What is prayer?

A. 105. Prayer is asking God for things which He has promised to give.

Scripture Base: Ps 95:6-7; Matt. 21:22;
Luke 18:1-14, 23:42-43; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6;
Col. 4:2; James 5:16; 1 John 5:14-15.

Doctrine: WCF 15:6, 21:3, 4, 6. SC 98

Supplementary Questions

1. What must be true of **you** before the Lord will answer your prayers?
2. What must be true of your **prayers** before the Lord will answer them?
3. Is prayer just asking God for things? What else should you include in your prayers?
4. Where should you pray?
5. How often should you pray?

Song: Hymn 629 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Teaching Notes

Review: Q104. Of what use are the Ten Commandments to you?

– They teach us our duty, and show us our need of a Savior.

Reading: Prayer Parables - Luke 18:1-14

Questions:

1. You must be a believer (James 5:16; a righteous man must be a believer). Also, you must be an obedient believer (Isa. 59:1-2; also James 5:16).
2. You must ask for the things He has promised to give you (1 Jn 5:14). You must ask believing He will give them to you (that He is faithful; Matt. 21:22). What should you pray if you don't know what God's will is? You should ask for what would honor the Lord, but leave it in His hands (Mt. 8:2; Lk 22:42).
3. You should take some time to worship/adore Him for who He is (Ps. 95:6-7). You should thank God for His daily blessings and answered prayers (Phil. 4:6; Col.4:2). You should confess your sins (Prov. 28:13). You should forgive others (Mark 11:25-26).
4. You may pray wherever you are (John 4:21-24). You may pray alone or you may pray with others (family, church; Acts 1:13-14). But you must be careful not to pray to impress others (Matt. 6:1, 5-6)
5. You should try to pray throughout the day, speaking with the Lord as you would a friend who is with you (1 Thes. 5:17). You should continue to pray for God's will until He answers (Lk18:1).

Gospel What is the most important thing you should be praying for yourself personally? You should pray that the Lord would change your heart to love Him and to trust in His Son, if you haven't already (Luke 23:42-43). What is the most important thing you can be praying for others? You should pray that they would come to love and trust in Jesus as well.

Activity: Praying hands - cut out & glue words around to reinforce meaning and content of prayer.

Song: Trinity Hymnal # 629 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."