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Lesson 31B
8 Types of Biblical Prayer

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Please refer back to the information in 31A so as to keep the subject fresh in your mind.

- Confession is our fifth type and is defined as the act of disclosing sins or faults to God; the disburdening of a conscience, an open declaration of guilt and failure.

2 Samuel 24:10 *And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.*

In the Book of James, the scripture says ***Confess your faults one to another***. That is a recommended practice for Christian growth. The newer Bible versions change "***faults***" to "***sins***". I would not suggest you do that in any church; they would probably run you off in no time.

David says, "***Lord, I have sinned greatly.***" David is not trying to hide his sin from God. God already knew that he had sinned, but he was waiting to see if David was going to be honest and confess his sin to Him. David brings his heart to God. ***I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.***

What is that? That is confession. It's not saying I'm sorry. It's being honest with God about the condition of your heart, being honest with God about what you've done.

Sins? Did not Jesus pay for all of our sins? Yes, He did. When talking with God about them, it might turn our attitude away from a willingness to commit them so flippantly. The Lord doesn't want to just hear from us when we need material things; He wants to hear from you and me when we need spiritual things, and sometimes what we need is just to come clean with God. Genesis 3:9 ***And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*** Do you think those bushes were so thick that God could not find him? Genesis 4:9 ***And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?*** God knew where Abel was. God was just giving Cain the space to confess.

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Matthew 26:25 *Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.* Jesus knew what Judas had done; He wanted Judas to face Him with what he had done.

The quickest way to get something right with God is not to hide from Him, but to bring it to Him, confess it to Him.

- Instantaneous is our sixth type of prayer

Nehemiah 2:1-5 *And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid, And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.*

Many a time when out driving, I will notice the driver next to me texting on his/her phone, not really paying attention to anything around them. What a blessing that it is that I don't have to close my eyes and bow my head to go to God in prayer. I can just talk to the Lord in my mind and ask Him to protect me from that inconsiderate driver.

The Bible says to be instant in prayer...Romans 12:12 *Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;* Getting on your face or on your knees before God is a good thing. It is good to be able to go to the church house and pray, lifting up holy hands with sincerity and praise towards God. However, sometimes time and circumstances may not avail you in the situation. Know that God hears your prayers wherever you are and whatever you are doing. Staying in constant communication with God will more than likely keep you in the spirit and out of trouble with the flesh which is always trying to distract. The goal in a Christian's life is to be walking and talking with God throughout the day, thereby being instantaneous in prayer.

- Complaint is our seventh type of prayer.

Jeremiah 4:10 *Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.*

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Do you have a complaint? Take it to God. At least He can do something about the situation. Why are you telling your husband or a close friend? Who can help? God is listening all the time. If there is something bothering you, something that you think is unfair, tell it to God. He knows anyway, and He will do something about it if you would care to share it with Him.

Jeremiah was not behaving properly; he had forgotten his place in the presence of God Almighty.

We have a God in heaven who wants to hear from us. If our heart isn't right, the best place to pour it out is to a gracious, loving, merciful God, who will not hold it against us, as opposed to people who will. I have heard people pray in church prayer that is inappropriate, - Gossip prayers. You may have heard them too, "*Lord please help brother _____ with his drinking problem, or please convict sister _____ about cheating on her husband.*" This type of prayer is totally out of line, and God is not pleased with that one bit. If you have something tearing your heart apart, if you're confused about something, or you don't understand something, go to God with it. Remember the disciples who climbed into the boat with Jesus to go to the other side of the sea? All was fine until the storm started rocking the boat, then their lack of faith emerged. Mark 4:37-38 ***And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?***

Look to what Martha said to Jesus when her brother died. John 11:21 ***Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.*** That is not appropriate. But throughout the Bible, there were people who are heartbroken, afraid, and confused. Let's say the doctor just told you, "*you have cancer*", or your place of employment just had a big lay-off; It is the nature of humanity for us to question God. While you are complaining in your heart, just go to Him, enter into His presence. Take it to God in prayer. Where else are you going to get it worked out? You will never get peace, comfort, or resolution until you take your complaints to the Lord. Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there. Sooner or later, He will give you your remedy through the scriptures or during prayer. God always answers prayer, even if they are prayer complaints. A songwriter wrote "*Are you weary? Are you heavy hearted? Tell it to Jesus. Are you grieving over jdeparted? Tell it to Jesus?*" We should be joyful all the time, but we are not. Take it to the Lord. Tell Him about it.

- Questions are the eighth type of prayer.

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Amos 7:1-2 *Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.*

Amos went to God and said, "I'm looking at what just happened, and Lord, I know that you allowed this. Forgive me for asking, but what is going on? What are you doing? How does this fit in with your promises? If you're going to bless Jacob, and you've stripped him down to nothing, how's it ever going to come to pass?"

If you're sitting up nights, and you're thinking, "How am I going to make those ends meet?" You've asked yourself a question you obviously don't have an answer for. Take that question to God. Tell Him "I have some big decisions to make. I don't know which way to go. Forgive me, but I have to ask you. Do I go to the right hand to the left?"

What are we saying as we go through these eight types of prayer? God is not a statue or a painting. He is right there with you on a daily basis. He should never be thought of as a far off God who is coming back one day, and then we'll finally get to know him. The questions in our heart, the complaints throughout our day, the conversations that we have, He wants to be a part of all of it.

How amazing would our lives be if we were able to have that type of relationship with the Lord? Are you talking to each other about how hot it is or are you talking to the Lord about letting you find a receptive person to witness to and asking Him to give you guidance, wisdom, and understanding when He does?

"I hope I have a good day." Why hope you have a good day. Why not bathe that day in prayer and ask God to give you a good day. Our relationship is with a living God. **Our Father, which art in heaven.** We are His sons/daughters.

John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

1 John 3:2 *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

Many of us did not grow up with a father or we maybe had an abusive father. God is the perfect father, a father of love, enjoy Him. Get the full blessing and benefit out of having a living God, Our Father, whom you can approach.

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Name _____

Note: (*) An asterisk indicates must include scripture with your answers.

1. What are the eight types of prayer?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
 - g. _____
 - h. _____
2. What was David doing in 2 Samuel 24:10?
3. What should be the topics in our prayer life?
4. Why is it important that we confess to God when we have sinned against Him?
5. What kind of prayer is it when you need to call on God right at the moment?
6. Why is our God not in a statue or in a painting?
7. Why are gossip prayers so inappropriate with God?

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8. Give some scriptural examples of complaining prayers? *
9. When is complaining prayer acceptable with God?
10. When you have a complaint about the way your life is going, what should you do?
11. How are we to treat God in our lives? *
12. What type of prayer is Psalm 51?
13. Who are we in relation to God Almighty? *

True/false

- God cannot find me if I hide in a dark bar. *
- Reading prayers from a prayer book is the only way to really reach God.
- What you think and say always reveals your heart. *
- Telling someone else about your brother/sister's faults will help them.
- When you pray for someone, it helps your relationship with them.



Scripture memorization

Romans 12:12; Luke 6:45; Colossians 1:9

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

any questions?