

Prayers of Petitions

Matthew 20:29-34

Introduction:

- The practice of prayer is said to be important in most religions
 1. Islam – pray ____ times per day
 2. Judaism – pray ____ times per day
 3. Buddhism – pray using prayer b_____
 4. Catholicism – use prayer beads to help you r_____ what to pray.
 5. Protestants – survey showed that the average Protestant prays less than _____ per day.
- Prayer is important
 1. It must be from the h_____ (Matt 6:6-15)
 2. Today's study shows how we can petition God in a way that we will truly experience Him.

Be resolute – b_____ Him (29-31a)

- Two blind men sitting by the road learn that Jesus has passed by
 1. They c_____ out for Jesus
 2. The c_____ told them to be quiet because they thought the blind men were bothering Jesus (see also 19:13,14)
 3. The blind men cried out even more.
- God never sees our begging as a bother
 1. Jesus was going to Jerusalem to bear the weight of the world's s_____
 2. Jesus certainly can bear the weight of our begging.
 3. God desires us to beg because it reveals our h_____ (see Matt 7:7)
- Think of something about YOURSELF to beg God for
 1. A t_____ that you are struggling with.
 2. A r_____ that is being strained.
 3. A f_____ issue.
 4. A h_____ issue
 5. _____

Be respectful – a_____ Him (31b-33)

- How did the blind men address Jesus?
 1. They called Him, L_____, Son of David
 - a. "Lord" was the title for the prophesied C_____ (Ps 110:1)

- b. “Son of David” – the prophesied Christ was to be a
d_____ of King David.
- 2. We need to acknowledge who God is:
 - a. Your C_____
 - b. Your S_____
 - c. Your P_____
 - d. Holy, righteous, loving, and w_____
- By acknowledging who God is, it helps us come to Him with an open and humble h_____.
- 1. The blind men
 - a. Pleaded for Jesus’s m_____
 - b. Listened to Jesus’s w_____
 - c. Respectfully answered Jesus
- 2. This does not necessarily mean that we will get what we beg for.
 - a. We need to w_____ what God wants.
 - b. We need to accept His answer (yes, no, or wait)

Be responsive – f_____ Him (34)

- How did the blind men respond to Jesus healing them?
 - 1. They made their healing not about them but about J_____
 - 2. They followed Jesus ____ their healing.
- How do we respond to Jesus’s answers to our petitions?
 - 1. If He says yes
 - 2. If He says no Keep following Him _____ that condition
 - 3. If He says wait

Conclusion:

Prayer is a g_____ from God. Open it up and use it so that you can experience God!