

Morning Lesson

PRAYER 1 Cor. 14:15-17

INTRO:

1. We should have the attitude expressed by the disciple in **Luke 11:1**.
2. We desire a personal contact with an eternal God.
3. As we think about public prayer there are principles that we need to keep in mind as we lead the thoughts of those assembled.

I. WE ARE PRAYING TO AN EVER-PRESENT, LIVING GOD.

- A. Every prayer in the Bible is offered to a personal God.
- B. **Heb. 11:6; Heb. 13:5; Matt. 28:20; Psalm 139:1-17**

II. WE NEED HIM.

- A. Prayer assumes the weakness of man and the unlimited strength of God.
- B. "When we fail to pray, we plan to fail."
- C. **John 15:5**

III. GOD HEARS PRAYER.

- A. As we pray we move up to God and he moves down to us.
- B. **James 4:8; 1 Pet. 3:12; 1 Pet. 5:6, 7; 1 John 5:14**

IV. GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

- A. He is here! He listens! He has power! He will answer!
- B. **John 15:7, 16; John 16:23; 1 John 5:15**
- C. Notice that God answers only those who believe in Christ.
1 John 5:13
 1. Those who believe are those who have obeyed.
James 2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
 2. In order to have my prayers answered I must:
 - a. Repent. **Luke 13:3**
 - b. Confess Christ. **Rom. 10:10**
 - c. Be baptized. **Acts 22:16**

CONC:

1. Without prayer we will fail.
2. With a determined, diligent prayer life we can succeed.