

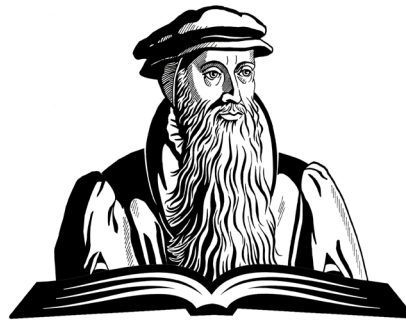
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A VIDEO LECTURE SERIES

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Lecture #11

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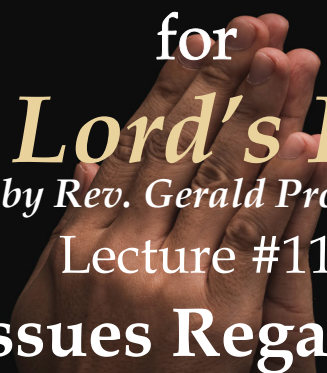
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Scripture Text

“The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.”

—Psalm 34:15

“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by my Father which is in heaven.”—Matthew 18:19

Key Points

1. Prayer is very sensitive and difficult. It requires effort, self-denial, and time.
2. We must only pray to God.
 - a. God is the Maker of our bodies and our minds, and we must give an account to God.
3. God is the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - a. These three divine persons are all equal. One God in three persons.
 - b. We must pray to God through the mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The format of prayer—how to pray.
 - a. Adoration: worship and adore God.
 - b. Thanksgiving: give thanks to God for all his provision and mercy.
 - c. Confession: confess to God our sins.
 - d. Supplication: ask God for what we need.
 - e. Intercession: pray for the needs of others.
5. God is sovereign and has ordained all that comes to pass.
 - a. God commands us to pray.
 - b. God hears the prayers of his people, and he hears them graciously.
6. Prayer in different settings and places.

a. Private personal prayer—go to a private place by yourself.

b. Family prayer/ family worship in the home.

1) Good to have set times for family prayer, like at meals.

2) Instruct our children to pray.

c. Public prayer in church.

7. Posture in prayer.

a. Humility and sincere devotion of the heart are the most important things, whether you sit, stand, or kneel.

Review Questions

1. Rev. Procee says that prayer is sensitive and difficult. But why is this so?

2. Why must we only pray to God? Why do some people not want to pray to God?

3. What does it mean to have unconditional surrender to God?

4. In this lecture, Rev. Procee teaches us that God is Triune: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When we pray to this Triune God, who are we actually praying to?

5. What should be the format of our prayers? Can you find a prayer in the Bible that models this format? Please give the text and the reference.

6. We have learned that God is sovereign and he ordains all that comes to pass, yet God calls us to pray. Then what use is it for us to pray?

7. Why is it said that private personal prayer time with God is a great blessing? Where do we see this in the Bible?

8. What are some of the different ways that we can pray together with others?

9. Is it acceptable to pray using a prayer that someone else has written and we read it?

10. Why should we teach our children to pray? What types of things can we teach them to pray for?

Personal Reflections

1. Can you think of other practical issues regarding prayer? Please write them out here and look them up in the Scripture.

2. Someone once said that if you want to learn how to pray, you must first begin to pray. Since you have already learned much about prayer from these lectures, please begin to practice these things in your daily prayers. Ask the Lord to bless you as you do.