

Session #2 – “Praying With Prayer”
James 5:17

Prayer: A celebration of our personal life union with God that cultivates personal communion with Him
(= a sharing of life together) – “on earth as it is in heaven” – Matt 6:10

Praying with Prayer:

- Must be relational:
...loving Father – Matt 6:9; close Friend – Jo 15:15; Lover – Song of Solomon 1:2; 2:16; 6:3; 7:10
- Must be real:
...our “exchanges” must be honest and meaningful – Matt 6:7
- Must be relevant:
...specific and personal – Col 4:3; Ja 5:13-16
- Must be responsive:
...our co-operation with His operation – Ro 1:5; 16:26
= We present ourselves to God in a non-selective readiness to hear and respond in the obedience of faith
– Ro 6:12-18; 12:1-2
= God drawing us up into His action as we put in motion “on earth as in heaven” – Ja 1:2; Matt 6:10

Praying without Ceasing – Ps 62:8; Eph 6:18; I Thess 5:17

- Living in the moment by “waking up” to God’s reality – Eph 5:14; Ps 119:91; Ro 11:36
...moving us from the “me-ological” to the “Thee-ological” – Is 26:2
- Living in God’s way, God’s truth, God’s life (not mine) – Jo 14:6
...eternity starts to take hold of us – Matt 6:10; Ro 12:1-2; I Pet 5:6,7

Unanswered Prayer?

- Not if you consider “No” an answer! – Matt 7:7-11; Lk 23:29; II Cor 12:7-10; Matt 26:39
...heard, but not always answered before our eyes or here on earth – Heb 11:36-39
...And if we know “Who” gives the answer, we’ll be OK! – Lk 11:13