



Part 2 (Lesson 3)

## **The Importance of Prayer (Scriptures)**

**Mark 1:35 NASB** In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left *the house*, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

**Luke 6:12 NASB** It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

**Mark 6:45-46 NASB** Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. (46) After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.

**John 17:9 NASB** "I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours;

**Luke 22:32 NASB** but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

**Matthew 26:36-44 NASB** Then Jesus \*came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and \*said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." (37) And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. (38) Then He \*said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." (39) And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." (40) And He \*came to the disciples and \*found them sleeping, and \*said to Peter, "So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour? (41) "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (42) He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done." (43) Again He came and

found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. (44) And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

**Mark 14:32-39 NASB** They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here until I have prayed." (33) And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. (34) And He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch." (35) And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell to the ground and *began* to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. (36) And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will." (37) And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? (38) "Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (39) Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words.

**Luke 22:40-46 NASB** When He arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." (41) And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and *began* to pray, (42) saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." (43) Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. (44) And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. (45) When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, (46) and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

**Luke 5:16 NASB** But Jesus Himself would *often* slip away to the wilderness and pray.

**Luke 18:1 NASB** Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,

**Colossians 4:2 NASB** Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* thanksgiving;

**1 Peter 4:7 NASB** The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 NASB (17) pray without ceasing;

1 Timothy 2:8 NASB Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

Acts 1:14 NASB These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with *the* women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

James 5:15-18 NASB and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. (16) Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. (17) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. (18) Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

Matthew 7:7 NASB "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Philippians 4:6-7 NASB Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 26:41 NASB "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Galatians 5:16-17 NASB But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. (17) For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Romans 7:14-25 NASB For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. (15) For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate. (16) But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law

is good. (17) So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. (18) For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not. (19) For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. (20) But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. (21) I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. (22) For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, (23) but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. (24) Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? (25) Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

**Matthew 26:41 NASB** "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

**Matthew 26:33-35 NASB** But Peter said to Him, "*Even* though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away." (34) Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you that this *very* night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." (35) Peter \*said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too.

**Matthew 26:69-75 NASB** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." (70) But he denied *it* before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." (71) When he had gone out to the gateway, another *servant-girl* saw him and \*said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." (72) And again he denied *it* with an oath, "I do not know the man." (73) A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are *one* of them; for even the way you talk gives you away." (74) Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a rooster crowed. (75) And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "**Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**" And he went out and wept bitterly.

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grieved and distressed. (38) Then He \*said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." (39) And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." (40) And He \*came to the disciples and \*found them sleeping, and \*said to Peter, "So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour? (41) "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (42) He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done." (43) Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. (44) And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. (45) Then He \*came to the disciples and \*said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. (46) "Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"