WHY PRAY? (Part I)

James 4:7 - “Draw nigh to God, and He will draw night to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”

Prayer should (most of all) be a vehicle in which we fellowship, praise, and worship God. The number one priority is our communion and fellowship with God. Our needs and desires should be 2nd or even 3rd. Often, we get self-centered with our needs and issues and distracted from being intimately in union with Him.

1) Fellowship, communion, worship and praising God.

2) Praying for others. (their needs)

3) For our needs.

Note! “The Lord’s Prayer” if the model prayer using the pronoun “us” in Matthew 6: 11, 12 & 13.

The Lord’s Prayer starts out in Matthew 6: 9 & 13, with praise, worship and reverence for God. It’s directed to our Heavenly Father and not Jesus. (Although prayers to Jesus at times is not wrong). Overall, we need to remember to address our prayers to the Father, in Jesus Name.

Hebrews 4:16, states for us to “come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Mark 15:38 and Matthew 27:51, confirms the power of the cross. We can come boldly to God’s throne because the veil was rent in two from the top to the bottom.

John 14:14 - “If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it.”

Luke 18:1 - “…men ought always to pray and not to faint.”
(Also see: Eph. 6:18 / I Thess. 5:17 / Matt. 26:4)

BENEFITS OF PRAYER:

1) Draws us closer to God. (Ja. 4:7)

2) We can hear Him speak to our spirits more. (Jer. 33:3)
3) We will know His will better for our lives. (Prov. 3:6)

4) We will have more of our prayers answered. (Jn. 15:7)

5) Helps us in trouble. (Ps. 91:15)

6) We can resist temptation better. (Matt. 26:4)

7) The power of God will envelope our lives more when we pray. (Acts 4:31)

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OUR PRAYERS ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD:

Revelation 5:8 - “…golden vials full of odours which are the prayers of saints.”

Revelation 8:3 - “…another angel came….having a golden censer…with the prayers of the saints….before the throne.”

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Thought: Your prayers ARE important to God. Is your prayer time important to YOU?

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