



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

PRAYER GOD'S WAY

JAMES 5:13-22

KEY TAKEAWAYS

There are lots of opinions when it comes to prayer. Some think good prayer requires tears and your best "preacher" voice. Others view prayer as a cosmic wish list. We all have a working definition of prayer, but what does God say? He has shown us in His Word that prayer done His way is powerful. If we want to tap into the power He offers, then we must set down what we think we know and let God teach us to pray.

WARNING: If you come to God already knowing good and evil as you see it, then you will always get it wrong.

Our desire must be to know the heart of God. Nothing else will do.

As long as we assume we know what is best, we are incapable of receiving God's Knowledge. This is why Proverbs tells us to "Lean NOT to our own understanding." There's a good chance we don't understand as much as we think we do. But God always knows what is best. His knowledge is the only source worth our trust.

This means faith (*PISTIS in the Greek*) isn't something we manufacture within ourselves. True faith is always a gift from the Father. It is His Divine persuasion in us enabling us to believe. This faith alone enables one to pray with power He promises.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How often do you come to God knowing good and evil? What does the way you pray reveal about what you think you know?
2. Have you viewed faith as something only given by God? Why or why not?
3. How would your prayer life be different if you believed true faith was something only God could give you?