

Women's Thursday Bible Class - Larger Catechism - 2021 #10 Lesson

Prayer

Review our goals

Q. and A. 183 - for whom?

- whole church
- All in positions of authority
- Ourselves
- Others, even enemies
- All sorts- even into future (our posterity)
- NOT for dead, those sinned unto death

Eph. 6:18, 19-20

I Tim. 2:1-2

Col. 4:2-4

Where am I not?

Brief comment on what is meant by "sin unto death". I Jn. 5:16

Q. and A. #184 - for what ?

- tend to promote the glory of God
- Welfare of the church
- Our own and others' good - clearly what is revealed in Scripture, for things not clearly revealed , " not my will but thine be done."
- NOT for anything unlawful

Lord's Prayer beginning

Ps. 122:6-9 for Zion - the Church

Revelations ' letters to the 7 churches

I Jn. 5:14 accord with His will

Q. and A. 185 - How are we to pray?

- not casually but with a holy familiarity
- Sense of unworthiness
- Recognition of need and sins
- With repentance, thankfulness, hearts longing for more
- With understanding (intelligent insight) into Word
- With faith Heb. 11:6
- With sincerity, fervency, love, perseverance
- Waiting upon Him in submission

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

Ps. 51:17 and 145:18

Ps. 17:1 and 38:18; 32:5-6

I Sam. 1:15 and 2:1

Micah 7:7

Phil 4:6-7

Col. 3:15-17

Q. and A. #186 - what rule?

*Whole Word of God

Why do we need the Word (revelation)? Prov. 14:12

Teaching on God/man/ sin/ salvation/ duty

Teaching on the specific topic of prayer

The Lord's Prayer - 'special rule of direction'- Mat. 6 and Luke 11

What about the numerous prayers in the Word? Psalms, Dan. 9, Nehemiah 9, I Kings 8:22-61..... John 17, Paul's prayers,
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Q. and A. #187- How is the Lord's Prayer to be used?

- as a pattern - how? To frame our own
- As a prayer itself
- Warning

Matthew Henry(1662-1714) -1710 wrote A Method for Prayer - very instructive especially in how to pray the Scriptures
How do you think praying the Scriptures could help us pray better?

Dr. Joel Beeke- Isaiah 64:7/

Get hold of yourself

1. Value of prayer
2. Priority of prayer
3. Reverence and sincerity
4. Without ceasing
5. Intercedingly
6. Balance

James 5:17-18

Take hold of God

1. Plead His promises
2. Pray Scripture back
3. Trinity
4. Expect God to answer
- 5.

Conclusion: Why do you think prayer is so difficult?

What is something we could do to address these difficulties practically?

Have you personally found ways to regularly use Scripture to help you pray?

If we should have time could possibly read Q. and A. #188.

Close with praying the Scriptures!

Next week: Q. And A. 189 - 191, the preface and the first two petitions.