

## **PRAYER! WHAT'S THAT?**

Biblical prayer should not be hard to explain.

### **1. Prayer is Talking With God**

A. When you pray, God will hear you.

*(Job 22:27) says, "You will pray to Him, and He will hear you."*

B. He doesn't like phony prayers.

*(Matthew 6:7) "When you pray, don't babble like the idolaters, since they imagine they'll be heard for their many words."*

C. You should pray in good times and in bad.

*(James 5:13) Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises.*

D. He hears you above the hypocrites.

*(Proverbs 15:29) The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.*

E. He'll even help you pray if you need it.

*(Romans 8:26) We do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us...*

### **2. Prayer is Pleasing To God**

A. God has time to listen.

*(Jeremiah 29:12) "You will call to Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you."*

B. God is delighted with our prayers.

*(Proverbs 15:8) The prayer of the upright is His delight.*

C. He receives our prayers like an offering.

*(Psalm 141:1-2) Listen to my voice when I call on You. May my prayer be set before You as incense, the raising of my hands as the evening offering.*

### **3. Prayer is Walking With God**

*(Genesis 3:8-9) Then the man and wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"*

A. Sin broke our walk with God.

B. Jesus came to pay for our sin.

C. Restoration comes through faith.

D. Once restored, we can walk with God.