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Talking to Him

Talking to Him is prayer; it is necessary and it is special. Too much cannot be said about prayer but first you pay a visit to Luke 2:35 KJV where you learn that your innermost thoughts are revealed to God:

“Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

God reads your mind, but He does not do your thinking for you; you control your destiny. He does not put words in your mouth nor does He make decisions for you. He is a good listener, and He pays close attention to what you say.



Whether silent or aloud, prayer is communication that takes place between you and God. Psalm 6:9 KJV describes it as a supplication you make to Him:

“The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.”

You may ask, why should I pray, who could possibly benefit from my prayers?

The answer is simple; God benefits from your prayers and so do you. He loves hearing from you; you can talk to Him about your needs, your problems, your ideas, and anything else that needs to be talked over. Talking to Him, draws you close as you both get to know each other better.

You cannot go it alone; God needs you, and you need Him. Being open with Him forms a bond of closeness that is needed. He is aware of your needs, and you learn in Philip. 4:6 KJV that He waits to hear your request:

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

When making your request known to Him, results are forthcoming; you and God form a majority.

You have learned that prayer is communicating with your Heavenly Father. Your needs are personal and your communication direct. In the bible, you observe the prayers of many; Daniel prayed, David prayed

and your savior, Jesus, prayed. Prayer served them well; it serves God, and it serves you well too.

Reading prayers in your Bible is important; it benefits you in the following ways: (1) You learn that God answers your prayers and (2) You learn how to pray. Reciting the prayers of others is precious, but God needs to hear from you; He desires to receive your thoughts, not those of someone else, including His.

You always pray to God in the name of Christ. He loves to hear His Son's name; it gets His attention. You do not have to be sophisticated, and special words are unnecessary. Just be yourself. It is a good idea to conclude your prayer by giving Him thanks and praise;

**Psalm 106:47 KJV gives you
suggestion:**

**“Save us, O Lord our God, and
gather us from among the heathen,
to give thanks unto thy holy name,
and to triumph in thy praise.”**

**No research is necessary; God
loves praise, and He loves you. He is
your friend.**

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