

Bible Reading

Heb. 5: 1 - 10 (p. 1204)

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We all need fresh
encouragement from God’s
Word

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1. Jesus is our best teacher in prayer

- Praising God
- Giving thanks for bread and fish
- Seeking God about important decisions – like calling 12 disciples to be especially close to him
- Agonising over God's will for him
- Praying for all who were, and will be, his disciples
- Asking God's forgiveness for those who were putting him to death
- Committing himself to God at the moment of his death

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Objections

I'm not Jesus

- 1) What right have I to come near to God and be heard?
- 2) How can I know what prayers God will answer?

The Enemy's discouragement

Vs

God's encouragement

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2. Jesus prays for us

How can we come near to God?

Jn. 17:20

Heb. 4:14-16

Heb. 7: 24,25

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John 17: 20

‘My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message’.

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Heb. 4: 14-16

‘Therefore, since we have a great high priest through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.’

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Heb. 7:24, 25

‘but because Jesus lives for ever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them’.

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3. The Spirit of Jesus helps us

How do we know what to pray for?

a) Whatever God commands and encourages in his Word

b) Those specific applications that he wants us to pray for...

Rom. 8:26, 27

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Rom. 8:26,27

'In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.'