

How to Talk with God
Prayer That God Answers – Part 6
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1 John 5:14-15 (ESV) *And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

Revelation 3:20 (ESV) *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.*

1. Begin with a _____ from God

Genesis 15:1 (ESV) *After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."*

A. Be honest about your _____

Genesis 15:2-3 (ESV) *But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."*

B. _____ for God's answer

Genesis 15:4-5 (ESV) *And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."*

C. Choose to _____ God

Genesis 15:6 (ESV) *And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*

2. Continue with God's _____

Genesis 15:7 (ESV) *And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."*

A. Express your _____

Genesis 15:8 (ESV) *But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"*

B. _____ God's directions

Genesis 15:9-10 (ESV) *He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half.*

C. _____ against opposition

Genesis 15:11-12 (ESV) *And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.*

D. Hear God's _____

Genesis 15:17-18 (ESV) *When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,*

Weekly Healing Scripture

Exodus 15:26 (ESV) *"If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer."*

How to Talk with God Study Guide

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Intro. How would you define prayer? What is the purpose of prayer?

Why is prayer frustrating for some people?

What is the primary reason for unanswered prayer requests (1 John 5:14-15)?

How can prayer as two-way communication lead to more prayer answers?

How does prayer relate to Jesus' invitation to lukewarm believers in Revelation 3:20?

1A. Why should prayer usually begin with a promise from God's Word or a word from the Lord (Genesis 15:1)?

1B. How was Abram being honest about his doubts and respectful at the same time (Genesis 15:2-3)?

1C. What type of questions can we expect answers from God for (Genesis 15:4-5)?

1D. Why was it important that Abram believed God (Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3-5)?

1E. What principles can you use from Abram's conversation with God to help you in your own prayer life?

2A. How is the second promise of God in Genesis 15:7 linked to the first promise in Genesis 15:1 (also see Genesis 12:7, 13:14-17)?

2B. What was behind Abram's question in Genesis 15:8?

2C. Why did the Lord not answer Abram's question immediately (Genesis 15:9-10)?

2D. Why did Abram have to drive away the birds of prey (Genesis 15:11-12, Matthew 13:4, 19)? What principle does this teach us?

2E. Why did God give Abram the prophetic revelation in Genesis 15:13-16 about the future of Israel and the land?

2F. How did God ultimately answer Abram's question in Genesis 15:8 (Genesis 15:17-18)?

2G. How can you use the principles from Abram's prayer to pray for healing? What promise from God's Word would you begin with?