

## ***Lessons on Prayer from Bible Characters***

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### **Abraham and Moses** -- Praying for sinners

(Genesis 18:16-33) (Numbers 14:11-20)

These men pleaded with God for unworthy people who were about to be consumed.  
(See Isaiah 59 & Ezekiel 22. Will you be the intercessor God is seeking for?)

### **Hannah (I Samuel 1:1 - 2:11)** -- Faith promise praying

She prayed with fervency and humility.

She kept her promise to the LORD and praised Him greatly for His answer to prayer.

### **Samuel (I Samuel 7:5-13 & 12:23)** -- Persistent praying

He saw a great demonstration of God's power and deliverance from enemies.

He persisted in prayer for people that rejected God's plan and rejected him.

### **David**

His prayers are filled with praise to the LORD (note I Chron. 29:10-14).

They are filled with affirmations to obey the LORD (Psalm 9:1-2; 62 & 63).

They teach many lessons about dealing with sin (Psalms 38 & 51).

### **Hezekiah (II Kings 19:14-20)** -- Praying with the right motive

He was concerned for the LORD's name and His glory.

### **Daniel**

He was consistent in prayer all of his life (chapter 2 as a young man / chapter 6 as an old man)

He practiced fasting and prayer regularly (note 9:3-19 and 10:1-3)

### **Nehemiah**

He responded to a great need with fasting and prayer (ch. 1)

He prayed before taking action, before making decisions, and when facing trouble  
(note 1:10; 2:4; 4:4-6, 9; 5:19; 6:14; 13:14,29)

### **The Lord Jesus Christ**

~ *His example in prayer:*

- He fasted and prayed for 40 days in the wilderness (Matt. 4).
- He rose up early and went to a solitary place to pray (Mark 1:35).
- He prayed all night before making an important decision (Luke 6:12-13).
- He spent a great deal of time praying at night (Matt. 14:23 & Luke 9:28-29)
- He prayed for a long time in Gethsemane (Matt. 26 / Mk. 14 / Lk. 22 / Jn. 17)

~ *His instructions on prayer:*

1. Pray for God to send laborers into the harvest (Matt. 9:36-38).
2. Watch and pray (Matt. 26:40-41 / Mk. 14:32-42).
3. Pray believing (Matt. 21:17-22 / Mark 11:20-24).
4. Pray persistently (Matt. 7:7 / Luke 11:5-10 & 18:1-7).
5. Pray forgiving (Mt. 6:14-15 / Mk. 11:25-26 c.f. Mt. 18:15-21 / Lk. 17:3-4)

### **We can learn much from Paul's prayers** --

Ephesians 1 & 3

Philippians 1:1-11

Colossians 1:3-13

I Thessalonians 1:2; 3:9-10;

II Thessalonians 1:11-12

II Timothy 1:3-5

"*Benedictions*" --

Romans 16:25-27

II Corinthians 13:14

Hebrews 13:20-21