

What's Prayer For?

READING

John 17
Exodus 32
Psalm 51
Ephesians 1
James 5
Matthew 6

When you pray, you shouldn't utter useless repetitions like the nations do, for they assume that by speaking much they'll be listened to. So don't be like them, for your father knows what you need before you request it from him.

Read through each chapter.
Ask God to show you what you need to see.
Discuss anything that seems interesting and see where it takes you.
As you read each new chapter, look for common themes, and also discuss how it relates to the others.

And finally ask yourself, "So what?"
Was this just some interesting information? Or is it life changing?
What are you going to do differently from now on?
What choices are you going to need to change?
How is this study going to influence your lifestyle?

Was Moses praying to Yahweh? Or just having a conversation?
What's the difference?

What kind of things were these guys praying for?
What kind of things do you pray for?
What things are you anxious about?

Did they get what they asked for?
Do you?

How intently did they all pray?
Do you feel like it was something they would have sacrificed to achieve if they could?
Do you fast?

Did they pray for themselves, or others?
You?

How literally should you pray "The Lord's Prayer"?
Did anyone in the Bible ever pray it like that after he taught them?

How is Biblical prayer to Yahweh and a list for Santa different?
Which one is more like the way you pray?

So what?

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