

“IT’S A GREAT BIG WORLD”

LESSON 5

God Wants to Have a Talk With You

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6-"*BE careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests BE made known unto God.*"

INTRODUCTION: The praying mantis is a creature that everyone loves to see. He never bothers anyone, yet he is awesome to look at. Although he appears to be praying all the time, he is still quietly going about his daily routine. He's not loud or obnoxious and he blends in with his serene surroundings. Unless you are looking for him, you usually don't spot him right away. Our prayer life is to be just like this praying mantis God created.

I ATTITUDE OF PRAYER

(I Thessalonians 5:17-"*Pray without ceasing.*")

When God said to pray without ceasing He meant we should always be in an attitude that we could pray at any moment. We are to talk to God about everything. If there is sin in our life it breaks that fellowship with God until it is confessed. With fellowship broken we don't have the sweet attitude we need for talking with God.

II QUIET PRAYER

(Luke 20:47-"*...for a shew make long prayers. . .*")

Our prayer time is not to be for show to others. It is a private time with God. There are times when one person will lead in prayer and pray out loud and those times are great. But, don't let those times substitute for your private time with God.

III PRAYER FOR YOURSELF

(Psalm 86:1-"*Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.*")

Do not be afraid to pray for your own needs and desires. God desires to make you happy but He wants you to talk to Him and ask for the things you need. Tell Him how much you love Him.

IV PRAYER FOR OTHERS

(James 5:16-"...pray one for another...")

When someone is in tune with God and that person prays for others, God hears and answers. There is not a better gift you can give someone than to pray for them. If you are praying for someone, tell them. It is an encouragement to others to know someone is praying.

V EVIDENCE OF PRAYER

(Exodus 34:29-"...Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone...")

When you spend time alone with God it shows. You will be a more peaceful, happy, and satisfied Christian when you spend time in prayer.

*God longs for you to talk to Him. He won't force Himself on you, but loves you so much and wants that time with you. Don't leave God out of your everyday life - He's the One Who gave you that life. Have a talk with God every day.