

"Lord, teach us to pray..." Luke 11:1
2-24-13

The "P"s of Prayer: Persistence, Purpose and Patience

God Desires Patience in Prayer is revealed in Luke 11:9-13 and in Psalm 27. There it is revealed that we must wait on the Lord in prayer.

How does God respond to our prayers? We have suggested that the real answer to this is that He does not "answer" prayer, but prayer answers God. So why pray if there is no purpose? We know there is purpose; Our third "P" – Patience comes into play here.

WHY Must We Wait? The will of God must happen in His time. Paul said "keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time" (1 Timothy 6:14-15a)

As well, He reveals why He waits. One reason is for salvation – Galatians 4:1-5. Another reason is for the lost to have time to repent – II Peter 3:3-9. Finally, even some of us need to change – II Timothy 2:24-26

WHY Must We Wait? It is necessary to learn patience. James said we need patience to perfect ourselves. (James 1:2-4). Then return of our Lord could be far away, and we need to be patient. "By your patience possess your souls." Luke 21:19

HOW Do We Wait? We wait by faith. He knows our needs ("Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you. - Mark 11:24 (NASB) "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." Matthew 6:8)

Patience in Prayers: We are not waiting for an answer, since the answer came first by the Word of God. He has told us everything we need to know for our salvation. Therefore, waiting is the way we are training ourselves in Faith

