

Lesson # 7 – Sunday – July 30, 2017

The 12 Step program in Comparison to Scripture

- # 1. We admitted we were powerless over (Something sinful) - that our lives had become unmanageable.
- # 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- # 3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
- # 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- # 5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- # 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- # 7. **Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.**
- # 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- # 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- # 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- # 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- # 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to (Those in need), and to practice these principles in all our affairs (our life).

For this Lesson we will be looking at Step # 7:

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

For this lesson we will be looking at Prayer.

We are able to approach God because of Christ Jesus and the forgiveness He has won for us.

Do we deserve to have God hear our prayer?

Exodus 33:18-20 – “Then Moses said, Now show me Your glory. And the Lord said, I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you and I will proclaim My Name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But, He said, you cannot see My face, for no one may see Me and live.”

Romans 3:10-11 – “ There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understand, no one who seeks God.”

How are we able to approach the throne of God? Through faith in Christ alone!

Hebrews 4:14-16 – “Therefore, since we have a great high priest Who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have One Who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Hebrews 11:6 – “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”

Romans 8:31-34 – What then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His Own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also along with Him graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies. Who is He that condemns? Christ Jesus Who died – more than that, Who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”

Matthew 21:22 – “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

1Th 5:17 - “Pray without ceasing.” (KJV)