

## PRAISING TO THE FATHER

2/17/24

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Title – Praying to the Father

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| ·            | Have you ever heard of the phrase “anthropomorphism”?                                    |
|              | Noun – “the attribution of human characteristics or behavior to a god, animal or object” |
|              | Should a Christian practice “anthropomorphism”?  |
|              | Should a Christian view the Eternal as a physical father?                                |
| Matt. 6:5-13 | the Son of God talked about prayer   |
| 5            | when you pray – don’t pray to be seen or heard   |
| 6            | secret place   |
| 7            | heathen – vain repetition – many words   |
| 8            | Father knows needs – (before you ask) – wants His children to talk to Him                |
| 9-13         | our Father in heaven   |
| Rom. 8:14-17 | these are the sons of God – “Abba, Father” – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ    |
| 1 John 3:1–2 | what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us – now are the children of God          |

- Let's examine some OT scriptures about prayer
- Exod. 32:11-14      an example – of NOT applying anthropomorphism  
Did the Eternal have less self-control than Moses?  
Did the Eternal have less compassion than Moses?  
(Therefore, I believe that the Eternal was teaching Moses)
- Gen. 18:23-33 Abraham negotiated with the Eternal – (about the blessing for others)

- Let's examine some NT scriptures about prayer
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| Luke 11:1    | “Lord, teach us to pray”   |
| 2-4          | repeated Matthew 6:9-13  |
| 5-8          | example of persistence   |
| 9-10         | ask – seek – knock   |
| 11           | if a son needs bread, does the father give a stone? – if a son needs fish,<br>does the father give a scorpion?                             |
| 12           | if a son needs an egg, does the father give a scorpion?  |
| Luke 18:1    | parable – to teach about prayer  |
| 2-8          | prayer is like a widow seeking justice from an unjust judge  |
| 1 Cor. 10:13 | God is faithful – will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are<br>able – He will make a way of escape – you may be able to bear it |