

Week 5 Construct a Prayer

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Prior to the coming of Jesus Christ the Jews were governed under the Law known as the Mosaic Law. They expected a Messiah to deliver them from their enemies to lead them in battles. The humility of Jesus' birth and parents caused the Jews to reject him as their Messiah. In the first century there was a break-away from Judaism-the early church to Christianity, the followers of Jesus Christ. This movement grew rapidly and with positive results, such as miracles, people getting healed and people raised from the dead. With all these the power of the political and religious leaders was threatened and so they conspired with Rome and had Jesus murdered. Upon hearing first handedly of Jesus' resurrection, on the third day the authorities paid to silence the truth and spread untruths about Jesus' body was stolen. So these Jews are victims of the lies that have perpetuated the Jewish communities historically to keep them in line with the perpetuation of Pharisaic and Judaic hypocritical influence.

Prayer is one form of communicating with God. It is also an accepted form of communication in other religious communities. There are four main types of prayers used in the Christian religion. These are adoration, thanksgiving, forgiveness and contrition. It is also an act of worshiping and glorifying God. In the case of the Jews this is a prayer of contrition and asking for forgiveness. When we look historically on the things the Jews had done, the victories they had enjoyed, God's punishment on them for disobedience and the many times when they prayed God answered and delivered them from their troubles. It's a good thing to pray for the Jews, God's chosen people.

Prayer

Eternal and most wonderful Heavenly Father, Thank you for who you are. You are God Almighty the Creator of everything and the Owner of all Creation. There is none like you. Three

distinct Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in One. You are omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent; my God you are awesome. In spite of ourselves you loved us so much that even before the foundation of this world, you provided Jesus Christ as the ransom for our souls. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3: 16)

As Christians you require us to love and pray for each other daily. Presently, most of our Jewish brothers are still walking blindly into eternal damnation by refusing to accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah as perpetrated by Judaic and pharisaic traditions. Some of them are even denouncing other Jews that have converted to Christianity. Lord I know that you are merciful and with you all things are possible. Lord you chose them first as “your people” kindle not your wrath on them. Give them wisdom, knowledge and understanding to change their destructive ways and turn to righteousness, that they will one day enjoy eternal life with you. Lord, You who sit high and look low forgive them of their sins and teach them to forgive as you have forgiven them. It is the name of Jesus Christ that I ask all these. Amen.

Prayer is vitally important in our lives. Our Heavenly Father encourages us to speak to him. Have dialogue with him. When you pray remember this is a conversation so you also listen when you pray, The Jews are God’s chosen people. Like us they are imperfect by themselves. It is God’s perfection that makes us perfect. God tells us that the effectual and fervent prayer of the righteous matters much to him. (James 5: 16) Even though we are Gentiles before God there is neither Jew nor Gentile, male or female, we are all equal in His sight. So it is always good to pray for everybody including our Jewish brothers and sisters.