

With the Master in the Upper Room—Questions for Consideration—Lesson 8—John 14:13, 14—The Method, The Motive and the Miracle of Prayer

- 1) (a) What profound statements does Jesus make in John 14:13, 14 regarding prayer? (b) What should be our motives as we pray, according to these verses?
  
- 2) Memorize John 14:13.
  
- 3) (a) Contrast the way the hypocrites pray with the way believers are to pray in Matthew 6:5-13. (b) How do the requests in the Lord's Prayer (verses 9-13) glorify the Father?
  
- 4) Read and examine Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9. (a) How does his prayer glorify the Father? (b) How does his prayer compare with some of the prayers we hear today?
  
- 5) Read Luke 1:26-56. (a) Did Mary pray "in His name"? (See verse 38.) (b) How did her prayer glorify the Father? (c) What was the result of Mary's submission to God's will? (See Luke 2:1-14.)
  
- 6) (a) What do you think Jesus means in John 14:13, 14 when He says to pray in His name? (b) In what ways are these verses sometimes taken out of context? (c) How can you use 1 Timothy 6:6-11 and James 4:1-4 to correct those who use John 14:13, 14 to justify asking for selfish desires?
  
- 7) Take some time to examine your prayer life this week. (a) How do you think your prayers glorify the Father? (b) Are you prayers mainly for selfish desires or do they concern Christ and His kingdom?
  
- 8) Come prepared with a prayer request that you know will glorify the Lord!