

How Often Do You Talk to God?

“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice”, Psalm 55:17.

I have on occasions asked people, “How Often Do You Talk to God?” Friend, on occasions some of the answers have been astounding, and many have been repeated by more than one person, and in different countries!

I will just quote a two of the more notable replies.

“Only when I have a major problem!”

I have two questions to that answer.

‘Why do I have to get the problems?’ and,

‘Since there are no problems in Heaven, will God think He has lost His hearing?’

The second classic is “I do not know how to talk to God”.

Children learn how to talk to their parents, especially to try and get something they want, thus, there is only one way to learn how to talk to God.

If we were to pray three times a day, morning, noon, and night, we would soon learn how to thank God in prayer as we thank Him for His provisions before us on the table.

David, in our opening Scripture, was certainly practising on how to talk with God,

The Apostle Paul takes it even further in his Epistles to the Churches.

Twice in his first Epistle to the Thessalonian Church, and about thirty years after his conversion, Paul wrote, “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father”, 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3.

Pray without ceasing”, 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

Writing to the Jewish converts in Rome some twelve years before the Temple was destroyed, wrote. "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers", Romans 1:8-9.

Writing to Timothy just three years before the destruction of the Temple, Paul wrote, "I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day ", 2 Timothy 1:3.

I believe God, as He hears our prayers is listening to the voice we are using. Is it a voice that sounds as if we are spending as little time as possible so we can do what we want to do?

Or is it a case of seriously talking to God about the concerns we have for others?

Jesus said to a number of people He ministered to, "Follow me". Our Lord's walk on this earth demonstrated His obedience to His Father's Will.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the Colossian Church, was led of the Holy Spirit to the following commandment, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him", Colossians 2:6.

Thus, talking to God is an important part of building our relationship with Him,

1. You walk the part of relationship building,
2. You talk the part of the walk where you need to strengthen the relationship,
3. Talking to God enlarges your spiritual foundations.