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One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “**Lord, teach us to pray,** just as John taught his disciples.”



Luke 11:1 (NIV)



Jesus taught us to talk to God because
God wants you to talk to Him!



Matthew 6:9 (NIV)

“This, then, is **how you should pray**: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
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Matthew 6:9 (NLT)

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.



“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’



Matthew 6:9–13 (NIV)



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Matthew 6:10 (NIV)



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.



Acts 1:8–11 (NIV)

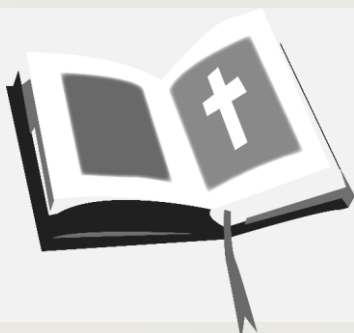


They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky?”

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”



Acts 1:8–11 (NIV)



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.



John 14:1–3 (NIV)



This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory.

I want you to remember what the holy prophets said long ago and what our Lord and Savior commanded through your apostles.



2 Peter 3:1–18 (NLT)



Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. They will say, “What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created.”



2 Peter 3:1–18 (NLT)



They deliberately forget that God made the heavens long ago by the word of his command, and he brought the earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. 6 Then he used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood.



2 Peter 3:1–18 (NLT)



And by the same word, the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed.

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.



2 Peter 3:1–18 (NLT)



The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake.

He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.



2 Peter 3:1–18 (NLT)



Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, **looking forward to the day of God** and hurrying it along. On that day, he will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. But **we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth** he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.



2 Peter 3:1–18 (NLT)



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All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.



Hebrews 11:13–16 (NIV)



People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.



Hebrews 11:13–16 (NIV)



And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”



Revelation 21:3–4 (NIV)



And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.



1 Thessalonians 4:13–14 (NLT)



Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.



Psalm 116:15 (ESV)



How does hearing that there will not always be a tomorrow make you feel?

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Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.



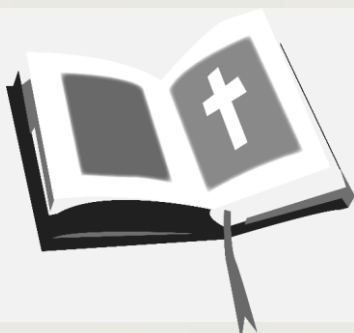
1 John 2:15 (NIV)



Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



Romans 8:17 (NIV)



Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory
he will reveal to us later.



Romans 8:18 (NLT)



For to me, living means living for Christ,
and dying is even better.



Philippians 1:21 (NLT)





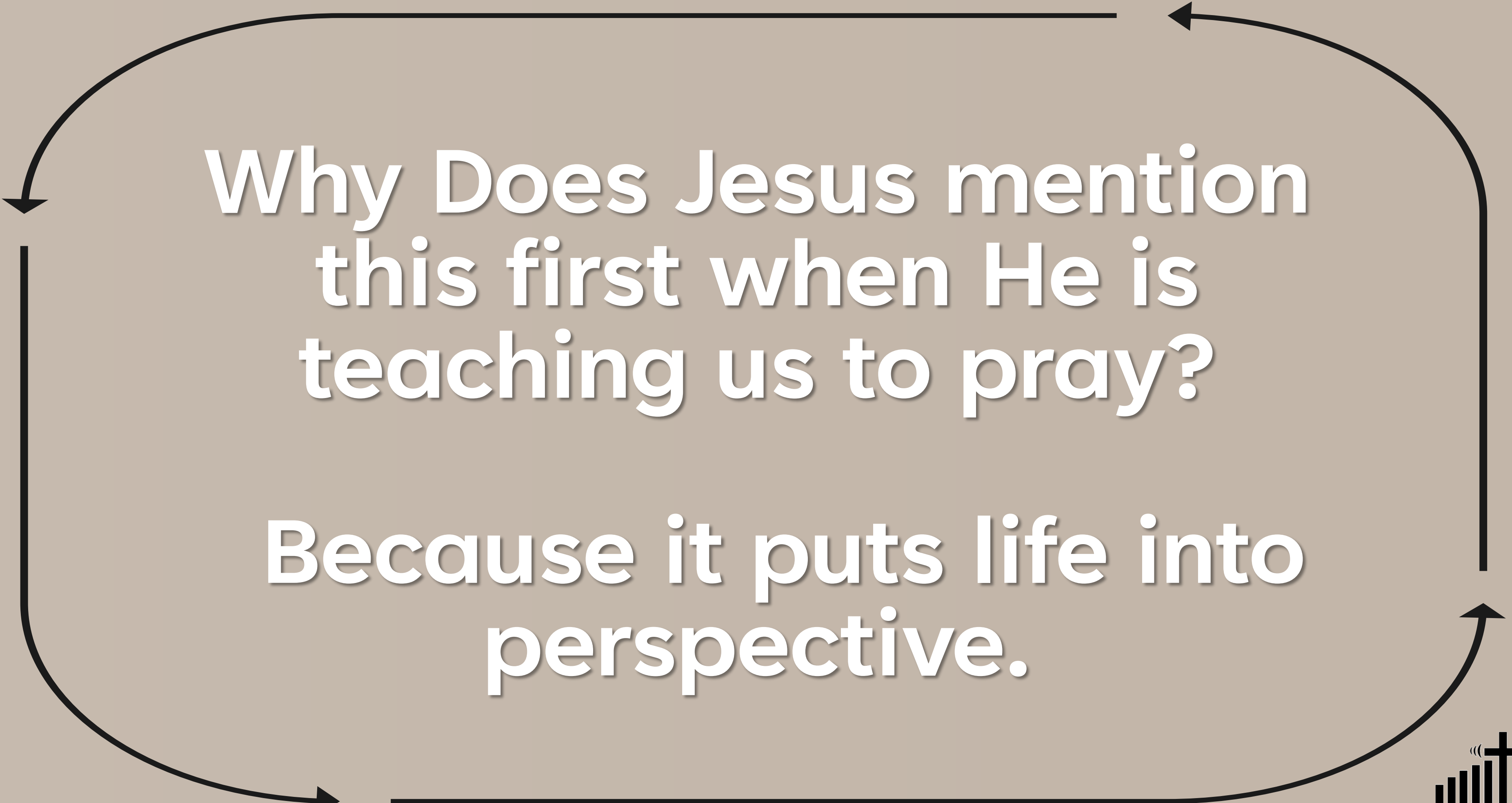
*Your future in Christ is
more amazing than
you can possibly
imagine.*

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”



1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)





**Why Does Jesus mention
this first when He is
teaching us to pray?**

**Because it puts life into
perspective.**

The Big Question - When is Jesus going to come back?

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- How does hearing that there will not always be a tomorrow make you feel?



“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.



Matthew 24:36 (NIV)



“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.



Matthew 24:42–44 (NIV)



I should live
as though
Jesus could
come back
today.



“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat!



Luke 12:35–40 (NLT)

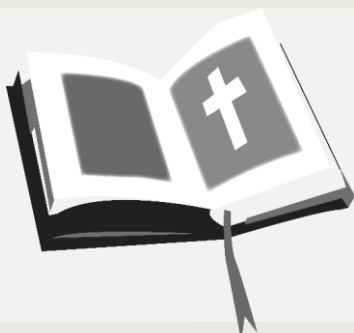


He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready. “Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into.

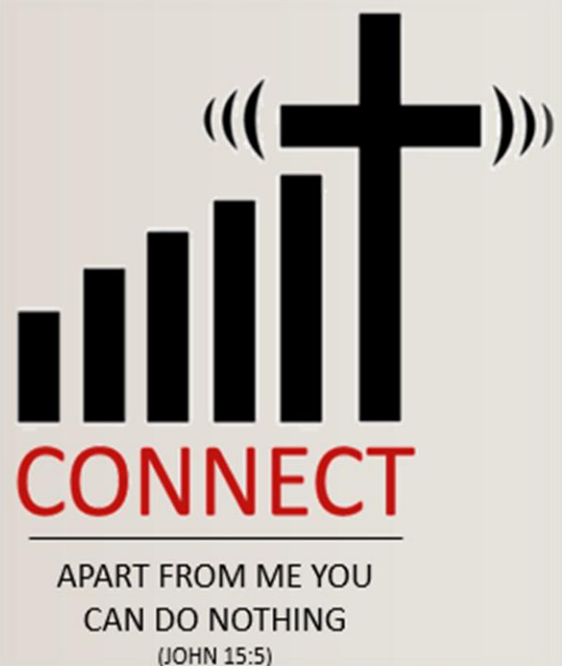
You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.”



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Are you
ready to
meet Jesus?





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