From the series. Seek ye first the Kingdom.

And using the mind of Christ understanding.

This is how I will re-introduce the question.

**For this Sabbath Study**

**Use the full presence of the Word of Israel to answer this question**.

As children of light and have the understanding and full presence of the Word of Israel. Can we influence (an influence that means the power to change or affect someone or something, especially the power to cause change without direct force, thus causing change to happen. Influence can also refer to a person or thing that affects someone or something in an important way.) Israel, with our ideas and or our concerns?

My spiritual resource for answering this question is.

Genesis chapter 18 verses 16 through 30 / Judges chapter 6: 37 through 40.

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**How many times did Jesus pray in the Hebrew Bible, and what were some of the things He prayed for?**

My spiritual resource for the answer to this question.

A: The Hebrew Bible tells us in (1 Thessalonians 5:17) to "pray without ceasing." While I do not believe this means to *never* stop praying, I would say that Jesus came closer to never stopping than any person who has ever lived on this planet. He was continually in prayer mode. He is shown to pray: alone (Mt 14:23)(Mk 1:35)(Lk 9:18)(Lk 22:39-41), in public (Jn 11:41-42)(Jn 12:27-30), before meals (Mt 26:26)(Mk 8:6)(Lk 24:30)(Jn 6:11), before important decisions (Lk 6:12-13), before healing (Mk 7:34-35), after healing (Lk 5:16), to do the Father's will (Mt 26:36-44), among other things. He also taught on the importance of prayer (Mt 21:22)(Mk 11:24-26)(Mt 7:7-11)(Lk 11:9-13)(Jn 14:13-14)(Jn 15:7,16)(Jn 16:23-24)(Mt 5:44)(Lk 6:27-28)(Mt 6:5-15: including the Lord's Prayer)(Lk 11:2-4)(Mt 18:19-20). If you take all of the places that show Jesus praying, you will have a PERFECT outline of how to pray (check out Jn 17).

Below are all of the verses I could find in the Gospels that show Jesus praying.

(Lk 3:21-22) At His Baptism.

(Mk 1:35-36) In the morning before heading to Galilee.

(Lk 5:16) After healing people.

(Lk 6:12-13) Praying all night before choosing His 12 disciples.

(Mt 11:25-26) While speaking to the Jewish leaders.

(Jn 6:11) Giving thanks to the Father before feeding five thousand.

(Also see: Mt 14:19, Mk 6:41, Lk 9:16)

(Mt 14:23) Before walking on water.

(Also see: Mk 6:46, Jn 6:15)

(Mk 7:31-37) While healing a man who is deaf and nonspeaking.

(Mt 15:36) Giving thanks to the Father before feeding four thousand. (Also see: Mk 8:6-7)

(Lk 9:18) Before Peter called Jesus "the Christ."

(Lk 9:28-29) At the Transfiguration.

(Lk 10:21) At the return of the seventy.

(Lk 11:1) Before teaching His disciples the Lord's Prayer.

(Jn 11:41-42) Before raising Lazarus from the dead.

(Mt 19:13-15) Laying hands on and praying for little children.

(Also see: Mk 10:13-16, Lk 18:15-17)

(Jn 12:27-28) Asking the Father to glorify His name.

(Mt 26:26) At the Lord's Supper.

(Also see: Mk 14:22-23, Lk 22:19)

(Lk 22:31-32) Prayed for Peter's faith when Satan asked to "sift" him.

(Jn 17:1-26) Prayed for Himself, His disciples, and all believers just before heading to Gethsemane.

(Mt 26:36-46) In Gethsemane before His betrayal. (He prayed three separate prayers.)

(Also see: Lk 22:39-46, Mk 14:32-42)

(Lk 23:34) Right after being nailed to the cross, Jesus prayed, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do."

(Mt 27:46) While dying on the cross, Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Also see: Mk 15:34)

(Lk 23:46) In His dying breath, Jesus prayed, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

(Lk 24:30) Prayed a blessing on the bread before He ate with others after His resurrection.

(Lk 24:50-53) He blessed the disciples before His Ascension.

Some also believe there are verses outside of the Gospels which show that Jesus is still praying (making intercession) on our behalf (Rom 8:34) (Heb 7:25) (Heb 9:24) (1 Jn 2:1), even though He is now in Heaven. However, I do not interpret these verses in this way.

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