

Teach Us to Pray

The Lord's Prayer (Part 1)

Matthew 6:5-9 & 11-13

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When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! Pray like this: Matthew chapter 6, verses 5-9 (737)

Jesus first tells us how not to pray.

- Don't pray on display.
- Don't let your prayers be religious ramblings.
- Don't let your prayers become ritualistic repetition.
- "Pray like this" - The Lord's Prayer is an EXAMPLE for us.

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

(Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.)

Matthew chapter 6: verse 9 (737)

- "Father" Abba = Daddy
- There is a reason why we don't pray like other religions or pray with other religions.
- We have a different Father and we can call him "Daddy" because of Jesus.
- Do not judge idea of "dad" from your earthly father but rather your heavenly father.
- Your heavenly Father loves you and would never hurt you.
- As my Father, I relate to Him.
- Because He's holy and in heaven, I respect Him.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

John chapter 1, verse 12 (809)

Don't make rash promises, and don't be hasty in bringing matters before God. After all, God is in heaven, and you are here on earth. So let your words be few. Ecclesiastes chapter 5, verse 2 (502)

Give us today the food we need, (Give us this day our daily bread)

Matthew chapter 6, verse 11 (737)

- ✓ "our daily bread"
- ✓ "today".... not this month, not this year
- ✓ I need to be daily dependent upon God.
- ✓ When you go to your heavenly Father bring your need not your greed.
- ✓ When we pray for provision we acknowledge that God is the giver.
- ✓ God is the provider of the material as well as the spiritual.

He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.'

Deuteronomy chapter 8, verse 17 (146)

“and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.”

(And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.)

Matthew chapter 6, verse 12 (737)

- Sin is described as debt in the bible.
- Jesus paid my debt
- When you pray you must confess your sins.
- Before you pray choose to forgive others.
- Forgiveness keeps us from being bitter people!
- I can't pray right if I have bitterness in my heart.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans chapter 5, verse 8 (860)

If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew chapter 6, verse 14-15 (737)

And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

(And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil)

Matthew chapter 6, verse 12 (737)

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. 1 Corinthians chapter 10, verse 13 (876)

(For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever Amen)

- This phrase is called the “doxology”- a short hymn of praise
- It is not in every ancient manuscript or every translation.
- It can be found in the King James and the New American Standard Versions as well as others

Next Week: The Lord's Prayer (Part 2) Matthew 6:10