

“Lord, Teach Us To Pray”
Matthew 6:5-13
Sunday, March 13, 2016

Luke 11:1

“The Sermon On The Mount”, Matthew 5-7.

Matthew 6:1-18 – Christian’s Devotion – Giving, Praying and Fasting.

Matthew 6:5-13 – How Should I Pray?

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Verses 5-6 – Prayer Must Be Sincere, Not Hypocritical:

“When you pray” – Notice that Jesus did not say, “if” you pray.

(Negative) “you are not to be like the hypocrites;” – The word “hypocrites”, Greek word “hupokrites”; “an actor playing an assigned role (stage-player); those that wear a mask speak from under a mask.”

“for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners,”

“so that they may be seen by men.” – So depraved is our old nature that we would use prayer (meant to bring us into God’s presence) to bring about self-glorification....

Matthew 6:6

(Positive) “But you, when you pray, (Genuine Disciple) go into your inner room, close your door,” – some translations: Closet – actually a storeroom.

Verses 7-8 – Prayer Must Be Thoughtful, Not Mechanical:

Matthew 6:7

(Negative) “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless” – “vain babbling, stammering, mindless chatter”; Heaping words and phrases.

“repetition” – Over and over and over again. The heart is not with the words.

The Bible teaches against using words and phrases over and over again without engaging the heart.

Matthew 6:8

“So” – or Therefore – When you see the Therefore you ask what is the therefore there for? Don’t pray to be seen of men – Don’t use Meaningless Words – repetition, no heart (content); Our God does not like this!

2. Verses 9-13 – Pattern Of Prayer:

This prayer has been called, “The Greatest Prayer Of The Christian Church”. In our English Bibles it is only “66 Words”.

There are Six Petitions (2 Groups of 3):

First 3 Petitions Pertain To God’s Glory:

1. “**Hallowed be Your name**” – Honoring His name.
2. “**Your Kingdom Come**” – Advancing His Kingdom.
3. “**Your will be done**” – Doing His will.

Last 3 Petitions Pertain To Man’s Need:

4. “**Give us our Daily bread**” – Provision.
5. “**Forgive our debts**” – Forgiveness.
6. “**Lead us not ... deliver us**” – Guidance & Deliverance.

Matthew 6:9 – “Pray then in this way” – not exact way – but a model pattern.

Invocation – “Our Father Who is in Heaven” – Beseeching God.

Father is used 275X in the N.T.

“who is in Heaven” – Notice where this Father is.

Petition #1 – Honoring His Name – “Hallowed be Your name”

“Hallowed” – Old English word means “to set apart as holy, to treat as holy, to reverence”. It is from this word we get our English word “saint”.

“Name” – is a reference to all that God is – His nature, character and attributes.

Prayer Starts With Worship!

God is Holy – The negative – absence of sin; The positive – the essence of goodness, or righteousness.

Petition #2 – Advancing His Kingdom – “Your Kingdom Come” (The Program of Prayer).

“Kingdom” – “royalty, a realm a domain, sphere of God’s rule, to reign.”

When we pray “Your kingdom come”, we are praying 3 things:

- 1. We pray that the final ultimate kingdom of God would be established.**
- 2. We pray that we would be obedient to His will in this world.**
- 3. We pray that God’s rule may come to others through us.**

Petition #3 – Doing His will – “Your will be done” – Greek literally “Your will, whatever you wish to happen, let it happen.”

“On earth as it is in heaven.” – “as in heaven, so in earth”. The request is saying, “God, do what you want.”

God’s Will Is To Be Done Immediately.

God’s Will Is To Be Done Completely.

God’s Will Is To Be Done Joyfully.

Last 3 Petitions deal with man’s need:

Petition #4 – Provision – “Give us our daily bread” (Physical Life).

Supplication – “Give” – This is the heart of the petition. It is a prayer request to God to meet our daily physical needs!

Source – God is the source who provides everything. This is implied in the request “Give us”. God creates and He sustains!

Substance – “Bread” – a broad term meaning “all of man’s physical needs”; Cloths, housing, transportation, medical needs, and also Spiritual needs!

We Are To Pray For Our Spiritual Needs. Deuteronomy 8:3

What Is This Request Asking Of God? (4 Things):

1. **“Give us this day our daily bread.”** – Request of moderation, self-control.
2. **“Give us this day our daily bread”** – This is an invitation to come to God with all things.
3. **“Give us this day our daily bread”** – Through this request, God is cultivating a daily dependence upon Himself.
4. **“Give us this day our daily bread”** – Through this request, God is wanting us to build fellowship between brothers and sisters.

Petition #5 – Forgiveness – “Forgive us our debts” (Mental Life)

What is this petition saying? “And forgive us our debts,” – The words – debts, debtors. These are metaphors for “sin”.

It Is A Prayer For Forgiveness: “forgive us our debts,”

It Is A Prayer For A Forgiving Spirit: “as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Petition #6 – Guidance And Deliverance – Matthew 6:13 – “do not lead us into temptation,... deliver us from evil. ” (Spiritual Life)

Prayer For Guidance: “And do not lead us into temptation,” – The word “temptation” – Has 2 meanings:

1. **Temptation** – “to bring out the worst, solicitation to do evil, to lead or cause to sin”, which Satan is always behind. (Draw out our worst)

2. Temptation – “to bring out the worth, to test or place on trial for validity of one’s faith” (Draw out our worth).

Temptation – 21X in the NT; and 20X having the idea of bringing out our worth.

Meaning: “Don’t allow us to come under the sway of temptation that will overpower us and cause us to sin.” “It’s the cry of the heart that despises.”

Prayer For Deliverance: “but deliver us from evil.” – (Positive) God has power to keep me!

Doxology: For Yours is the kingdom means that God is sovereign – and the power – “dynamic miraculous” and the glory – “honor praise and worship.”

Application:

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