

The Sermon on the Mount

How to Pray: Praying According to God's Priorities; Matthew 6:9-13

Reminder: Warnings from Matthew 6:5-9

Do not pray with a motive of love of self and the praise of others; Instead pray motivated by love of our Father and His reward

Do not pray by using meaningless repetition; Instead pray with a knowledge of the character of God

Background: The Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Structure of the Model Prayer

- * God's Glory: He is Holy, His Kingdom is Glorious, His Will is Primary
- * Our Needs: Physical Provision, Spiritual Restoration, Spiritual Guidance

The Model Prayer and Our Relationship to God

- * God as our Father ... providing daily bread to His children
- * God as our Sovereign King ... providing pardon for His subjects
- * God as our Master ... providing guidance for His servants

This Prayer as Model Not Liturgy

"Pray, then, in this way"

There is liturgy in the Bible

I Corinthians 15:3-4 Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved

Philippians 2:5-8 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:9-11 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1:15-17 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:18-20 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

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Intimacy with God as Our Father

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name

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Hallowed be Your name

Moses and the burning bush is the first time the Bible describes God as holy, but the rest of the Pentateuch is built on the understanding of the holiness of God

Exodus 20:7 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

The name of God as inseparable from His character and His works

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Your kingdom come: the reign and rule of God over our lives

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Your will be done: His purposes taking hold of our lives