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Sermon on the Mount

Lesson Thirteen • Matthew 6:5-15

When You Pray

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Jesus assumes we PRAY not because we need to be seen as godly, but because we desperately need God.

*"And when you pray..." Matthew 6:5 "But you, when you pray..." Matthew 6:6
"And when you pray..." Matthew 6:7*

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 6:1 ESV

How Should You Pray?

1. When You Pray, DON'T Pray Like This!

How Not to Pray Self-Centered Prayers

- Don't pray like the HYPOCRITES (Pharisees) who seek to impress people.

"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward." Matthew 6:5

Instead, people who know God pray sincerely and secretly to their Heavenly Father.

"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Matthew 6:6

- Don't pray like the HEATHEN (Gentiles) who seek to impress God.

"And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words." Matthew 6:7

Instead, people who know God pray confidently and specifically to their Heavenly Father.

"Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." Matthew 6:8

2. When You Pray, DO Pray Like This!

"In this manner, therefore, pray..." Matthew 6:9

The Lord's Prayer: Simple and Spectacular

*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. Matthew 6:9-13*

How to Pray God-Centered Prayers

- Approach God as our FATHER in heaven.
 - "Our" – We approach God as part of His family.
 - "Father" – We approach God in childlike trust.
 - "In Heaven" – We approach God with reverence and respect.
- Focus first on God's GLORY in relation to His name, kingdom, and will.
 - God's Name – Pray that the name of God will be honored.
 - God's Kingdom – Pray that the rule of God will overcome the world.
 - God's Will – Pray that the will of God will be obeyed here on earth.
- Focus next on God's GRACE in relation to our daily needs, forgiveness, and spiritual victory.
 - Daily Needs – Ask for God to meet the daily needs of our lives.
 - Forgiveness – Ask for God to forgive us as we forgive others.
 - Spiritual Victory – Ask for God to deliver us from the evil one.

Doxology at the End of the Lord's Prayer

This praise is the church's joyous RESPONSE to praying the Lord's Prayer.

"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." Matthew 6:13

*"Praise be to You, O Lord, God of our Father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom."
~King David, 1Chronicles 29:10-11*