

Overview: How to Pray

Matthew 6:5-15

1) Where to Pray:

- Not Location Where – we should pray in all places:
- But who are you before – Positional where
 - o Who are we seeking to please? where do we want our reward?
 - o Where are you? **Before men** or **Before God**

2) Why to Pray:

Not because by speaking it will cause God to hear
Not to come as nagging, mechanical, or repetitive
How much do you get out of a relationship if all a person does is demand and “put in time”

God already knows before you ask

So then why ask?

So we may see the Father's Love for His children: (John 16:24,27)

Shows our confidence in the Father (Ephesians 3:20)

It is in obedience to the two greatest commandments (Matthew 22:36-40)

Because we need to communicate with God and know His Will!

3) How to Pray: Recognize the conversation with God

Manner of praying – pattern prayer

Pattern is US in the center of THY – Your will centered in His

A) Who do you Approach?

Prayer is spending time with God and loving Him with your heart, soul, and mind

Our Father :

We must be His children to address Him as such (Galatians 4:6-7)

He nurtures us, is entreated of us, will give more than we can think to ask, and always for good

In Heaven: Remember God is in heaven and you are upon the earth – let your words be few. (Ecc 5:2)

Thy name – the One at which every knee shall bow – See Exodus 34:5-7

B) What do you desire?

Thy kingdom – Present / Future tense of Kingdom – King, Government, Land, Rule

Thy will – Shows complete surrender – Our will does not come into the picture

C) What do you want now?

US/OUR, not Me/ Mine

Provision: Daily Bread – Manna (Not for storing up where it will rot – what is to be used TODAY)

Pardon: For ourselves – Publican beat on his chest – Have mercy on me a sinner

But also for others – This is a conditional

Protection: Guard from temptations of too much or too little - Proverbs 30:7-9

Others kept from temptation, or converted from error: (Luke 22:31-32)

Lord Prayed for Us (as well as Peter) – That we would be kept from temptation (John 17:11)

D) Why and How do you expect me to answer you?

Its for Your kingdom

Its by Your power

Its for Your glory

E) Amen

4) Warning Against Hindrances to Prayer

Prayer joins together the First and Second Commandment:

God will not hear our prayers if we have not forgiven others as He has forgiven Us. (1 Peter 3:7)

Remember the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:32-35)

God will judge the unmerciful

We reap what we sow (James 2:13)

Outline of Sermon on Mount:

Chapter 5 – What the Life is

- Beatitudes –the True Christian Life
- Christian Influence
- True Relationship to Law

Chapter 6 – Living by Faith

- In Religious Duties (Outward Manifestations)
 - o In Alms
 - o In Prayer
 - o In Fasting
- In treasures and general cares

Chapter 7 - Judgment