

True Worship Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

Introduction

- A. Jesus Taught His Disciples to Pray
 - 1. Express, Increase Our Trust in God
 - 2. Fellowship, Spiritual Relationship with God
- B. **Matthew 6:9-13** Is a Model Prayer
 - 1. Example of Proper Way to Pray
 - 2. Not Memorized Ritual, Mindlessly Repeated
- C. We Often Say, "Let Us Pray."
 - 1. Cannot stress enough about the importance of this part of Worship
 - 2. Today: Study of prayer - offer prayers

I. A Closer Look at the Text - Matthew 6:9-13

- A. Address god with reverence, praise - **verse 9**
- B. Pray for his kingdom - **verse 10**
- C. Pray for his will not ours to be done - **verse 10**
- D. Pray for physical needs - **verse 11**
- E. Pray for forgiveness - **verse 12**
- F. Pray to be delivered from evil - **verse 13**
- G. Give honor, glory, all praise to god - **verse 13**

II. What is Prayer?

- A. General term for addressing God
 - 1. God has made it possible for His children to talk with Him - **Hebrews 4:14-16**
- B. A privilege and duty of a Christian - **James 5:16**
 - 1. The model prayer shows that prayer was designed for God's children
- C. Asking, Seeking and Knocking - **Matthew 7:7-11**
- D. Act of Faith - **Luke 18:1-8**
 - 1. **Hebrews 11:6** says we cannot please God without faith
 - 2. This must be a working faith
- E. Act of worship - **1 Corinthians 14:15-19**

III. The Elements of Prayer

- A. Adoration or Praise - **Acts 2:47 – Luke 11:2**

"But what makes prayer worship? Since worship is an expression of love for and devotion to God, prayer which recognizes Him; which appeals to His love, mercy, grace, and power; and which shows a reliance on Him and the need to communicate with Him; is surely worship. It exalts God as the object of our praise, the recipient of our love, and the source of all blessings. In turn, God displays His providential care and love for His children by hearing and answering their prayers"

Gene Taylor, Worshiping the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness, p. 48

B. Petitions

1. Pleas for our Needs – **1 John 5:14-15**
2. Confession of Sin – Plea for Forgiveness - **1 John 1:9-2:2 – Psalm 51**

C. Thanksgiving - **Colossians 2:6-7**

D. Intercession

1. Pleas for Others – **1 Timothy 2:1**

IV. Essentials to Acceptable Prayer

A. A proper life

1. Living a righteous Life or Seeking to live righteously - **1 Peter 3:12 - Psalm 51**
2. Practicing righteousness involves keeping the commandments of God - **Psalm 119:171 - 1 John 3:22**

B. A proper attitude - One must pray with:

1. Reverence - **Matthew 6:9 - Psalm 111:9**
2. Faith - Confidence in God - **James 1:5-7**
3. Sincerity - **Matthew 6:5-6**
4. Thanksgiving - **Ephesians 5:20**
 - a. For material blessings
 - b. For spiritual blessings including salvation, the church (brethren), the word, strength to overcome trials and temptations, victory over death, etc.

5. Humility - **Luke 18:9-14 - 1 Peter 5:5b-7**

6. An obedient spirit - **1 Peter 3:10-12**

7. A forgiving spirit - **Matthew 6:14-15**

8. A willing spirit - **1 John 5:14**

Conclusion

A. Prayer is the vital link between us and God

B. Prayer is essential to our well being as a Christian

C. Satan's Motto – Divide and Conquer

1. The absence of prayer from our lives will allow Satan to make inroads on separating us from God

D. Invitation