

The Different Prayer of Jesus' Disciples. Matt. 6:1-18

Lots of People Pray

The wider context vv. 1-18, 5:20

Matthew 6: "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 6:² "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Why? Our motive vv. 5-6

Matthew 6:⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

How? Praying to the true God vv. 7-8

Matthew 6:⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Psalm 139: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

² *You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.*

³ *You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

⁴ *Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.*

⁵ *You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.*

⁶ *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.*

⁷ *Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?*

⁸ *If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!*

⁹ *If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

¹⁰ *even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.*

¹¹ *If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"*

¹² *even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.*

What? The prayer of the poor in spirit vv. 9-13

Matthew 6: ⁹ Pray then like this:

*"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.*

¹⁰ *Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ *Give us this day our daily bread,*

¹² *and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

¹³ *And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

As a whole

Hallowed be your name [Ezekiel 36:23, 38:16, 39:7]

Ezekiel 36:²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

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Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

*Psalm 103:¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.*

As: Children of the Father vv. 14-15 [5:43-48, Matt. 18:21-33]

Matthew 6:¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Pray the Lord's Prayer