*The Model Prayer*

Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 6:5-15

**INTRODUCTION**

 \*\*Jesus gave this prayer on two occasions – Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

 \*\*A serious caution – Matthew 6:1

**Other verses used: Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 7:7-8; Hebrews 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

**THINGS TO AVOID WHEN PRAYING (vs. 5-8)**

 1. Avoid human praise

 2. Avoid thinking that we can manipulate or convince God into giving us what we want.

**Prayer isn’t’ trying to get God to agree with us or to provide us**

**with our selfish desires!**

**THINGS TO KNOW WHEN PRAYING (vs. 9-11)**

1. Who we are to focus on when we pray:

 a. We are to pray with intimacy – *“Our Father in heaven...”*

 **Other verses used: Matthew 5:48; John 8:44; Ephesians 2:3; Isaiah 59:2; John 1:12**

 b. We are to pray respectfully –

* With reverential awe - *“Hallowed be Your name....”*
* With loyalty – “*Your kingdom come...”*

**Other verses used: Hebrews 12:2; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

* With obedient trust – “*Your will be done on earth as in heaven.”*

2. What we are to focus on when we pray:

 a. On God who furnishes us with things – *“Give us this day our daily bread, ...”*

**Other verses used: Matthew 6:34**

 b. On God who forgives us of our sin – “*...and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven*

 *our debtors.”*

**Other verses used: John 1:29; Psalm 103:12; Hebrews 8:12; 1 John 1:9; Ephesians 4:31; Matthew 5:23-24**

 c. On God who frees us – *“And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”*

**Other verses used: James 1:13; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Corinthians 10:13**

**CONCLUSION**