

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