

Prayer

October 11th, 2020

MATTHEW 6:5-9

*“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.*

***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. **9** Pray then like this:*

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

Verse 5 Begins with the statement “when we pray... “ implying that we in fact do pray.

How is your prayer life? Does the implication “when you pray,” affirm you or challenge you?

Luke 11:1 *One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”*

The disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray because they had seen the pattern of prayer and the fruit of his life.

Jesus doesn’t just teach us, but always models the teaching. He shows us patterns and practices for prayer.

The focus of prayer should be on the intimacy of communion with God The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

The main factor of prayer is our ability to see God as a loving and holy father, and to see ourself and those around us as His children.

“To Clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the World.”

-Karl Barth
