

THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Session 6

JESUS' MODEL PRAYER

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THE SECRET TO JESUS' SUCCESS IN MINISTRY WAS A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What do you think of Martin Luther's observation that "more work is done by prayer than by work itself"?

EXPLORING GOD'S PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

1. Why did Jesus spend hours in prayer?
2. We often spend hours discussing national problems with others without coming up with any solutions. Yet what often happens when we spend time in prayer about these problems?
3. Christ taught us to pray in order to enable us to fulfill what purpose?
4. Why did Jesus teach us to pray, "*Hallowed be Your name?*"
5. What is the significance of our praying this concept: "*Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven?*"
6. What does the term "*daily bread*" refer to?
7. Why did Jesus teach us to pray, "*And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us?*"
8. When we ask God not to "*lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one,*" does this statement imply that God might deliberately steer us toward temptation?
9. What is the significance of completing our prayers with this thought: "*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen?*"

CONCLUSION

Jesus wants us to operate in the way He operated: much time in communion and love with the Father, and much accomplished for the kingdom. The entire book of Acts describes how the disciples continued the ministry of Jesus through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit. They learned the secret to Jesus' effectiveness in ministry. Now that you have learned the same secret, what will you do with it?

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WHAT THE DISCIPLES OBSERVED?

- The disciples lived with Jesus.
- “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark [*“rising up a great while before day”*], Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed” (Mark 1:35)
- Notice: He spent five hours doing one thing and a few seconds doing the other.
- The disciples probably said among themselves, “That’s impressive.
- The church today hasn’t yet understood this truth.

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MARTIN LUTHER

- One of the greatest Catholic monks in history.
- Started the Reformation Era.
- Created the Protestant Movement and the World.
- Luther said, “When I have a lot to do in a day, I spend more time in prayer, because more work is done by prayer than by work itself.”
- **Principle: We can never really be too busy to pray because prayer makes our lives much more focused, efficient, and peaceful.**
- **We do many things in God’s day that HE didn’t plan for us to do.**
- **HOURS WITH GOD MAKE MINUTES WITH MEN EFFECTIVE!**

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THE RESULTS OF INTIMACY WITH THE FATHER

• Read: John 5:1-9

- He healed a man who had been sick for 38 years.
- People reacted.
- "So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working" (vs. 16-17)
- **PRINCIPLE: WHEN YOU SPEND TIME WITH GOD, HE REVEALS WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO DO NEXT!**
- Remember that PRAYER is the medium through which man discovers what God has already done in the unseen so that he can give heaven permission through his faith to manifest it on earth.

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MANIFESTING THE THOUGHTS OF GOD

- Prayer is coming into union with God's mind.
- A thought is a silent word.
- **99%** of the time God will speak to your mind through your spirit.
- Waiting on signs...
- He speaks directly to our spirits
- How do you know it is God who is speaking?
- Jesus was naturally supernatural.
- **RELIGIOUS PEOPLE SPEND A LONG TIME PREPARING WHEN THEY ATTEMPT TO DO MIRACLES!**

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HEARING FROM GOD

- When you have an important decision to make, pray and fast.
- **John 17:21-22**
- "Make My disciples one, the way YOU and I are one with each other.
- Your prayer life can make you so intimate with God that you will walk around and naturally manifest the works, or thoughts, of God, just as Jesus did.

**THE FATHER WANTS THE SAME
COMMUNION (COMMON - UNION) WITH YOU
THAT HE HAD WITH JESUS!**

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PRAYER DOES NOT COME AUTOMATICALLY

- Read: [Luke 11:1](#)
- First, the Scripture says, *"One day Jesus was praying."*
- Corporate Prayer should never be a substitute for personal and private time with the Father.
- Second, the disciples said, *"Lord, teach us to pray."*
- Thirdly, we read in verse two that Jesus began to teach them to pray. He said, *"When you pray..."*
- He confirmed that prayer is not automatic, but rather a function that must be taught.
- **PRAYER IS NOT JUST TALKING TO GOD!
THERE IS A WAY WE ARE TO PRAY, AND IT HAS TO BE LEARNED.**

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A PATTERN FOR PRAYER: THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Prayer is approaching God
in Order to Ask Him
to accomplish His will
in the earth.*

Let's Examine [Luke 11:2-4](#)

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"OUR FATHER"

We bring to God the concerns of others as well as ourselves, acknowledging God as our Source.

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“IN HEAVEN”

We admit we need help from outside our earthly realm – that we need God’s help. We depend on Jesus and the Spirit as our intermediaries with God.



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“HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME”

We worship the Father as the Holy One, glorifying all His attributes. We honor Him in our lives and dealing with others.



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“YOUR KINGDOM COME. YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.”:

We express interest in God’s kingdom and what He want to accomplished before our own interests.



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"GIVE US DAY BY DAY OUR DAILY BREAD":

We ask God to supply the daily needs of others as well as our own and to provide for the process that makes that sustenance possible.



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"AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS, FOR WE ALSO FORGIVE EVERYONE WHO IS INDEBTED TO US":

We forgive others so that God will also forgive us and will hear and answer our prayers.



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"AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE":

We are alert to temptations and weaknesses that Satan will exploit to harm our relationship with God.

We pray that God will protect us from succumbing to them.



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“FOR YOURS IN THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN”:

We worship the Father again,
giving Him all the glory in
advance for answered prayer.

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DID THE DISCIPLES' TRULY LEARN JESUS' SECRET?

- Jesus' disciples observed His lifestyle of prayer and asked Him to teach them to pray.
- Do we have any evidence that they learned His secret?
- **Read: Acts 1:14**
- The disciples continued to follow the lifestyle of prayer that Jesus had demonstrated for them.
- They declared, "We... will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:3-4)

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PUTTING PRAYER INTO PRACTICE

- Do I seek an intimate relationship with the Father on a daily basis?
- Are my prayers heartfelt expressions of communion with God – or more like a shopping list or rote repetition?
- Am I being effective in my life and ministry so that God's will and kingdom are being done on earth?

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