

Message Series: The Lord's Prayer – The Power of the Prayer that Jesus Taught Us (5-22-16)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

### I. WHAT IS PRAYER? (EPH. 6:18)

- A. There are various kinds of prayers and requests. Prayer includes (but is not limited to): praise, worship, thanksgiving, confession, adoration, meditation, contemplation, supplication, intercession...
- B. Prayer at its basic level is simply communication with God. It's talking to God and letting Him talk to you.
- C. Prayer is an expression of our relationship and inner-life with God. (Matt. 6:8)

***Luke 11:1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."***

### II. HOW SHOULD WE PRAY? (MATT. 6:9-13)

- A. In this manner – pray like this. It's a pattern to teach us, not a formula to restrict us. This prayer can become the bones around which we can flesh out our prayer.
- B. We want to experience the power of the prayer that Jesus taught us.

- C. Our aim is to pray like Jesus taught us, not just understand it better. You don't need to understand how something works in order to use it well.

***But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22)***

- 1. Many things in the Bible are simple that a child could understand it. In fact, Jesus probably prayed in Aramaic: "Abba" which is translated "Papa" or "Daddy."

### III. GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- A. To learn to pray is to grow in your relationship with God. Pray the Lord's Prayer daily this week.

### IV. PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER

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- 1) Become aware of God's presence. Focus on God who dwells in you (1 Cor. 6:19-20) or on God who is sitting upon His throne (Rev. 4).
- 2) "And now, there in His presence, simply begin to repeat the Lord's Prayer. Begin with the word, "Father." As you do, let the full meaning of that word deeply touch your heart. Believe that the God who lives inside you is indeed so willing to be your Father. Pour out your heart to Him as a little child pours out his heart to his father...
- 3) Then simply wait for a while. After waiting, you will sense when it is time to go on; when that moment comes, simply continue on in the Lord's Prayer."

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*In this manner, therefore, pray:*

**Our Father in heaven** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hallowed be Your name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven**

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**Give us this day our daily bread** \_\_\_\_\_

**And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors**

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**And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one**

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**For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever**

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**Amen.**