

Lesson 12 ~ Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Part A – The Parts

You can be the best sailor in the world, know every trick in the book, and have more experience at sea than anyone else, and yet still face storms that you are powerless against. Even the “Heros of Faith” in Hebrews chapter 11 felt times of desperation and despair. What did they do? Where did they turn? Where can you go when you feel all alone in this world and all seems lost? Through prayer, God gives us the confidence to come to Him with all our problems - big or small. Jesus our Savior encourages us to come to Him for peace and a calmness in any storm by laying our worries, cares, and fears on Him to carry for us. Our Lord and Leader gives us a tremendous blessing when it comes to prayer. How can we be good stewards with such an important gift?

1) What is prayer?

WKSP: MATCH THE PASSAGE WITH THE TRUTH IT TEACHES

A) 1 Chronicles 16:11 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

B) Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

C) Philippians 4:6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

D) Psalm 145:18-19 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

- _____ I should not worry when I pray.
- _____ God wants us to call upon Him in truth.
- _____ Prayer is about the Lord's strength, not mine.
- _____ Thanking God is also a form of prayer.
- _____ We should pray with confidence, not doubt.
- _____ God will not forsake those who pray to Him.

2) How should I pray?

WKSP: FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS

Hosea 14:2 Take with you _____ and return to the LORD; say to him, "Take away all _____; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips.

Matthew 6:33 But seek _____ the kingdom of God and his _____, and all these things will be added to you.

Colossians 4:2 Continue _____ in prayer, being _____ in it with thanksgiving.

1 Timothy 2:8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, _____ holy hands without anger or quarreling;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without _____.

John 16:23 Truly, truly, I say to you, _____ you ask of the Father in my _____, he will give it to you.

James 5:13 Is anyone among you _____? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing _____.

WORDS CEASING STEADFASTLY WATCHFUL SING NAME
WHATEVER RIGHTEOUSNESS FIRST SUFFERING LIFTING INIQUITY

3) Who should I pray with?

WKSP: TRUE OR FALSE

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

1 Peter 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Psalm 34:15-17 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. 17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

1 Timothy 2:8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.

1. () True () False Prayer is an act of worship.
2. () True () False Praying with those of another faith is a good way to witness of Christ.
3. () True () False The Triune God does not listen to the prayers of unbelievers.
4. () True () False It's okay to quarrel with those whom you pray with.
5. () True () False As long as someone is sincere, God will accept his/her prayer.
6. () True () False Before I pray, I should think about what kind of prayer is being offered.
7. () True () False We can pray about anything, even if it is contrary to God's Word.

Part A Review: Short Answer Questions

- 1) When I pray with others, are we confessing that we believe the same thing?
- 2) Comment briefly on the connection between who you pray to and the power that prayer has.
- 3) Why does God want us to be 'aggressive' in our prayer life?

Part B – The Petitions

Like taking inspection of a ship, Christ, our Captain, teaches us a way to look at our prayers and what kinds of things we ought to pray for. He did this when He taught His disciples how to pray in what we now call "The Lord's Prayer." As we closely examine this prayer of our Lord we see the elements of prayer and a greater emphasis on spiritual things rather than material things. Since praying is a 'heart to heart' talk with God, it is encouraging that our Lord teaches us how to pray.

Luke 11:1-2 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say Our Father...

Have 1st petition/explanation printed - "Hallowed be Your Name" (as a summary) Matt: do this throughout
Definition: Hallow - to set apart, to keep holy.
Blaspheme: To speak evil, to misuse God's name.

4) How is God's name kept holy?

WKSP: MARK EACH SITUATION AS EITHER: HALLOW (H) OR BLASPHEME (B)

Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Jeremiah 23:28 Let him who has my word speak my word faithfully.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- ___ Singing praise to God in church.
- ___ Mission Work
- ___ False Teaching
- ___ Work Righteousness
- ___ Ignoring the Bible
- ___ Uttering a curse in moments of anger
- ___ Assuring someone that a particular sin is not wrong.
- ___ Saying a 'white lie'
- ___ Standing up for the truth
- ___ Going to church to look better to others

2nd petition - "Your kingdom come"

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The 3 Kingdoms

-Kingdom of Grace: God's rule in our hearts

-Kingdom of Glory: Heaven

-Kingdom of Power: God's rule over all creation

5) What is God's kingdom?

FILL IN THE TABLE *Matt - leave the spaces under each kingdom blank. Keep the far left column as is.

Romans 14:17-18 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God

Luke 17:20-21 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

Matthew 25:34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

| | Kingdom of Grace | Kingdom of Glory |
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| Location | Heart | Heaven |
| Extended to... | All | All |
| Exists in... | Time | Eternity |
| Enjoyed by... | Believers | Believers |
| Comprehended by... | Faith | Faith |
| Spiritual or Physical? | Spiritual | Both |
| Chief Benefit of Membership | Forgiveness | Life Eternal |
| Ruler | Jesus | Jesus |

Short Answer: Read Colossians 3:15-17

1) How does Christ "rule in your heart"?

2) What is the end result of this ruling activity?

3rd petition - "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"

6) How is God's will understood and accomplished?

WSKP: LIST AT LEAST THREE WAYS GOD'S WILL IS DONE *Matt: put lines on the left of the passages

John 6:40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Jeremiah 23:28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD.

4th petition - "Give us this day our daily bread"

7) What is the “daily bread” that God gives?

WKSP: LIST WAYS YOU CAN SHOW CONTENTMENT WITH GOD’S BLESSINGS

Psalm 145:15-16 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. 16 You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

Food _____

Clothing _____

Possessions _____

For Further Reading: John 6:31-35

5th petition - “And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us”

8) Why should we forgive others?

WKSP: CIRCLE THE BEST ANSWER

Luke 6:31,36 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

1 John 4:10-11 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 2:9-10 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

- 1) God forgives my sin because (I forgive others, He loves me, I deserve it).
- 2) God wants us to show others (the same, a different, a lesser) love that He showed us.
- 3) Withholding forgiveness is (right, wrong, difficult).
- 4) If I want to be forgiven, I should (earn God’s grace, be perfect, forgive others)
- 5) If I find it hard to forgive I should (pray, try harder, give up).
- 6) (Believers, Unbelievers, All people) need God’s forgiveness.

6th petition - “And lead us not into temptation”

9) How does God protect us from temptations?

ANSWER THE STATEMENTS TO REVEAL THE HIDDEN WORD *Matt, put spaces for each letter.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Matthew 26:41 “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Hebrews 2:18 For because he (Jesus) himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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| J [E] S U S | 1) The one who helps you when you're tempted. |
| [S] I N | 2) What Satan wants you to do. |
| S [C] R I P T U R E | 3) What Jesus used to resist Satan’s temptations. |
| W E [A] K | 4) What your human nature is against temptation. |
| [P] R A Y E R | 5) How God helps you against temptation. |
| D I [E] D | 6) What Jesus did on the cross to protect you from temptations and sin. |

For Further Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

7th petition - "But deliver us from evil"

10) What kinds of evil does God deliver us from?

WKSP: PUT THE VERSES BACK TOGETHER

1 Samuel 17:37 And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear

will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Psalms 18:17 He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me,

for they were too mighty for me.

Psalms 34:4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalms 56:10-13 In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

2 Corinthians 1:9-10 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen."

Def: Doxology - A statement of praise to the Triune God.

Part B Review - Multiple Choice

- 1) The Lord's Prayer is:
 - A) The only acceptable prayer.
 - B) A good model for us to follow.
 - C) A nice piece of literature with little value.
 - D) Not inspired.
- 2) God wants you to "hallow" His name because:
 - A) He wants you to contribute to your salvation.
 - B) He needs your help to remain holy.
 - C) He wants you to glorify His name.
 - D) He doesn't care what you believe.
- 3) Temptations are:
 - A) Punishments from God.
 - B) Not from God but used by Him to strengthen you.
 - C) Ways to make you happy in this world.
 - D) Not really harmful for you.
- 4) God's will is:
 - A) Different for each person.
 - B) Limited and oppressive.
 - C) No longer relevant for modern man.
 - D) Found in the Bible.

Part C – The Promises

What power is given to the Christian through prayer! We could say that God covers us from head to toe with the blessings of prayer. But the way God instructs us to pray is also a reminder of these blessings from the very beginning to the end of the prayer. From the dedication to God's name at the beginning to the the "amen" assurance at the end, there is no wasted wording or space in a Godly prayer. God's final message to us about prayer is a continual reminder; to both pray often but also pray correctly.

11) Why do we close our prayers with "Amen"?

WKSP: CORRECT THE FALSE STATEMENTS

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in Christ. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

Romans 4:20-21 No unbelief made him (Abraham) waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

- 1) I can be confident that God hears my prayers because I'm a good Christian.
- 2) God commands that we conclude our prayers with "Amen".
- 3) Abraham was worried that the Messiah would not come.
- 4) Christ's death and resurrection have nothing to do with prayer.
- 5) I don't need faith in God in order to pray to Him.

Definition: Amen - Yes, it is true.

12) Why is prayer powerful?

WKSP: IN THE PASSAGES: CIRCLE WHAT MAKES PRAYER POWERFUL, UNDERLINE WHAT DOES NOT MAKE IT POWERFUL

Matthew 6:7-8 "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."

James 1:17-18 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Daniel 9:17-18 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.

13) How can I remember what to pray for in my life?

WKSP: WRITE A PRAYER USING THE "ACTS" MODEL *Matt - leave a space under the passages to write the prayer.

A doration

1 Chronicles 16:23-25 Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. 24 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! 25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods.

Psalms 40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

C onfession

1 John 1:8-9 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Ezra 10:11 Now then make confession to the LORD, the God of your fathers and do his will.

T hanksgiving

1 Chronicles 16:8 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Psalms 106:1 Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 11:17 We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

S application

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Luke 11:9-10 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Deeper into the Living Waters

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-6

1) When it comes to prayer, why is it necessary for Jesus to be my “mediator”?

2) How many different types of prayers does Paul list? Briefly explain what each one means.