

PRAYER

PART 3 – PATTERN

Introduction:

1. “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1).
 2. Prayer was a priority in the life of Jesus.
 3. Yet, He also taught the pattern for prayer.
 4. “After this manner” (Matthew 6:5-13)
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- I. Prayer and God’s Reverence
 - A. Prayer begins with faith in God.
 - B. Prayer depends upon the Fatherhood of God (Matt. 7:7-11; 23:8-10).
 - C. Prayer depends upon the majesty of God.
 1. He is in Heaven; thus, He is able to hear and answer our prayers.
 2. Therefore, we must approach Him with proper respect and reverence.
 - D. Prayer respects the holiness of God (Psa. 111:9; Mal. 1:11).

 - II. Prayer and God’s Kingdom
 - A. The kingdom is the royal rule, power and authority of God.
 - B. The kingdom is the church (Rev. 12:10-11; 1:9; 1:5-6; Acts 20:28; 2:38, 41, 47).
 - C. The kingdom exists today!

 - III. Prayer and God’s Will
 - A. God’s will is supreme (Jn. 5:30; 6:38; Mt. 3:15; 26:42).
 - B. God’s will is revealed (Heb.10:9; Mt. 12:50)

 - IV. Prayer and God’s Blessings
 - A. God is the source of all physical blessings.
 - B. Exo. 16:4, 20; Lk. 12:13-20; Mt. 6:25-34; Phl. 4:6

 - V. Prayer and God’s Forgiveness
 - A. God is the source of all spiritual blessings.
 - B. 1 Jn. 1:8-10; Acts 8:22-24
 - C. Ac. 3:19; Heb. 8:12; Eph. 4:32

 - VI. Prayer and God’s Guidance
 - A. God guides by means of His Word.
 1. The word *temptation* means, “a test, experiment, trial or proving.”
 2. Thus, it can refer to a test of one’s faith, or a temptation to sin.
 3. God does not lead man into temptations to sin (Jam. 1:13).
 4. Thus, our prayer is for God to keep us from unnecessary trials.
 5. And, when we are tempted to sin, we pray for deliverance.
 - B. God makes a way of escape, but does not force it (1 Cor. 10:13; Matt. 26:41).

 - VII. Prayer and God’s Glory
 - A. God rules with authority in majesty.
 - B. Prayer is to the Father through the Son (John 16:23-28).