

Matthew 6:9-15

How Pray, How to Live

Jesus' point so far in these chapters is pretty simple: The way we live life is directly related to how we think about God. \_\_\_\_\_ determines \_\_\_\_\_. Today, we come to a strategic point. The disciples could have asked many things but they asked Jesus to teach them to \_\_\_\_\_. Prayer contains a paradox: As Christians, we have an instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from the Father since He is the Great King as we are \_\_\_\_\_. Yet, the pain and shame of our sin is mixed with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father

It's hard for us to admit this but not everyone can address God as \_\_\_\_\_. For us, calling Him Father indicates His willingness to hear our prayers.

A. The First Petition: Hallowed Be Your Name

In ancient times, a name was the expression of someone's \_\_\_\_\_. EL \_\_\_\_\_, El-Shaddai \_\_\_\_\_, ELOHIM \_\_\_\_\_, Elyon \_\_\_\_\_, Adonai \_\_\_\_\_, JEHOVAH \_\_\_\_\_, JEHOVAH JIREH \_\_\_\_\_, JEHOVAH TSIDKENU \_\_\_\_\_, JEHOVAH SHALOM \_\_\_\_\_, JEHOVAH NISSI \_\_\_\_\_. What does it mean to hold his name in reverence? One thing for sure: we actually \_\_\_\_\_ to share His name with others. Praying like this means prayer is God centered, focused on \_\_\_\_\_. We also honor his name by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Second: Let Your Kingdom Come

Notice it doesn't say "Let \_\_\_ kingdom come." Until \_\_\_\_\_ overwhelms us, that is our prayer. Prayer should precede \_\_\_\_\_. Many still do not know Him. We currently live in between the inauguration of the Kingdom and the fulfillment of the Kingdom. Our ceaseless prayer should be that this Kingdom of Jesus extend \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. By the way, this model prayer is by its nature, a \_\_\_\_\_.

What this prayer reveals to us is that we \_\_\_\_\_  
put the spread of the gospel \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
needs. What would this require in your life?

### C. The Third: Let Your Will Be Done

Praying this prayer to the Father demands that  
we \_\_\_\_\_ our wills to that of the Father. We  
want \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom to come and we want  
His Will to be done.

How in the world do we know the will of God?  
It's pretty simple: You come to know the will of  
God by coming to know the \_\_\_\_\_ of God,  
\_\_\_\_\_ it as the Holy Spirit gives insight.

Quick Quiz: My prayer life exhibits this "worship  
of the Father." T/F

My Prayer Life and life in general "hallows" God's  
Name. T/F

My Prayer Life is God-centered, focused on His  
Person. T/F

My Prayer Life needs work. T/F