Lesson 6 – Prayer. God hears our prayer.

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3.24.2021. D. “For what should I pray for?” Matthew 6:9-13

Start thinking about your prayer life in 6 Steps.

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7. Prayer is based on a relationship with the Father. “ Our Father which art in heaven.” Pg. 87

**How can I build a strong relationship with God?**

* **Strong Relationship is Faithful to one God. Be God-Center and not manmade-center.** Praying to anyone else is idolatry.

Exodus 20:3 “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

Mat 4:10 “Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

1John 1:3b “…and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

* **Strong Relationship with God acknowledges God’s Presence in them.**

Psalms 5:3 “My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.”

Psalms 100:3 “Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”

* Strong Relationship with God is listening to God’s leading in our lives.

Numbers 9:8 “And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

Genesis 24:63 “And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide:

Psalms 4:3-4 “But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.”

Can you think of what else a relationship is?

1. Prayer is based on your worship “ “Hallowed be Thy name” Pg. 87

**Have a Strong Worship towards God?**

*Worship is showing God reverence, not rushing to make a request, giving thanksgiving and praise to God.*

* Nehemiah 1:5-11 – Show us how to pray with worship.
* We are acknowledging His Character, His Person, His Promises, His Covenant, His Care, His Grace, His Restoration, His Redemption in all the World.
* Examples how David prayed to God.
* Psalms 86:5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
* Psalms 86:10 “For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.”
* Psalms 104:4 “Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:”

Can you think of what else worship is?

1. Prayer is based upon your agreement with God’s Will. “ Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done.” Pg. 88

**Be Ready always to do what God’s Will over your will!**

* **A Strong relationship with God, is doing God’s will.**
* **Prayer is agreeing with God’s will, not arguing for yours.**

John 9:31 “Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth HIS will, him, HE heareth.”

* **You might be upset with how things are turning out, but you do God’s will anyway.**

1 Samuel 15:16 “Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

* **You might start well and not want to finish well.**

Luke 22:42 “Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.” - Prayer is seeking the furtherance of God’s Work and Kingdom.

* **Prayer is motivated by God’s glory.**

John 14:13 “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

1Corinthains 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Conclude – The Lord willing next week we will cover steps 4-6.