FREEDOM NEWS

WHERE FAITH MEETS ACTION



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Message from Pastor Derek Heldreth

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Lord Teach Us to Pray (Continued)

The disciples realized a connection between Jesus and the power He demonstrated. They watched Him go to the mountain to pray all night and then demonstrate miraculous healings and cast out demons. The disciples asked Him, "Teach Us to Pray". See Luke 11:1-4.

It begins with: "Our Father which art in heaven" is to draw us closer to the Father. We can begin all of our prayers with this phrase to draw close to him.

Hallowed be thy name. Hallowed in the Strong's 37, to make holy, consecrated sanctify. Isaiah 6:3 Seraphim are worshipping Him, calling Him holy. The name of God is used in all attributes of His being.

Worshipping Him, we first acknowledge His name. We are to repent of anything that would hinder our fellowship with Him. I Peter 1:16 "Be ye holy for I am holy". We must surrender ourselves to Him before we pray. He is to receive the glory first as you offer yourself to him as a sacrifice in worship.

During our personal fellowship with Him through prayer the Holy Spirit reveals the Father to us. Notice we do not pray for our needs first, what comes first is His name, His Kingdom, His will, then our needs.

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As the Holy Spirit reveals Father to us, we receive revelation of His Holiness. Meditate Scriptures like Exodus 15:11 "who is like You O Lord, among the gods"? Psalms 96:9 "Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness, tremble before him, all the earth"! Ezekiel 38:23 "So I will show My greatness in my holiness and make Myself known in the eyes of many nations". Holy Spirit will give Revelation of His power. Meditate on Romans 1:16, Exodus 15:6

Thy Kingdom come. Greek in the Strong's 932 kingdom, sovereignty, royal power. Kingship, *kingdom*; the realm in which a king sovereignly rules.

He is that king of your heart. Luke 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

It is our purpose to manifest his Kingdom on earth to please our heavenly Father. We are to demonstrate his Kingdom with power that comes out of our relationship with Him.

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. God's will is already done in heaven. Hebrews 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as He said. As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

We are to stand on his promises by faith so His will can be done in our lives here on earth. We are to walk in obedience to His word and be led by the Holy Spirit.

The most important aspect of praying in this manner is that Jesus was giving His disciples a prayer guide to knowing the Father in a close, intimate relationship just as He did. To hear His voice, to feel His presence, to have that time become our greatest joy. That is God's greatest desire for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Gathering Women's Bible Study & Luncheon Saturday, June 3rd -- 12:00 noon to 2:30pm RSVP by June 1st

Father's Day -- Sunday, June 18th
No Evening Service - Church Cookout at 6:00pm

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