

MESSAGE: Model Prayer & Praying Properly

MODEL PAYER:

Matthew 6:5-13 NKJV

v5 - **And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.**

v6 - **But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.**

v7 - **And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.**

v8 - **Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.**

v9 - **In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.****

v10 - **Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.**

v11 - **Give us this day our daily bread.**

v12 - **And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.**

v13 - **And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

AMEN.

PRAYING PROPERLY:

Jesus outlines three main instructions for authentic prayer:

- **Avoid Hypocrisy:** Prayer should not be a "production" meant to impress others. **Those who pray on street corners just to be seen have already received their "full reward" (human praise) and will receive no further reward from God.**
- **Pray in Private:** Jesus encourages followers to "go into your room" and close the door, emphasizing that God sees what is done in secret.
- **Avoid Meaningless Repetition:** He warns against "babbling like pagans" who think they will be heard because of their many words. **Instead, recognize that the Father already knows your needs before you ask.**

One thing when you pray and if you don't have it then your prayers will not work. Jesus said this very plainly. **He said, whatever you ask for in prayer and believe that you already have it, it will be yours.** That wasn't a motivational line to make you feel good. It is a law that works every single time when you apply it the way that God intended it to work.

Matthew 21:22 NIV - If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

This scripture emphasizes that prayer is not just a ritual, but a powerful conversation backed by a deep-seated trust in God's ability.

Last Bible Study Homework: List things you could be transforming in your life while waiting for God to answer, "YOUR PRAYERS".