

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, June 27, 2021**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 38. Prayer – Part 2 – Matthew 6:8-9**

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Intro: As Jesus gives His disciples instructions about how to pray by giving them “The Lord’s Prayer”, He is actually giving a pattern for us upon which to build all our prayers. More than reciting this one prayer we find in it principles and the purposes behind all prayer.

- I. Do Not Be Like Them – vs. 8a
  - A. Hypocrites – to be seen by men
  - B. Heathen – vain repetition
  - C. Pray in Private
    1. With aware of God’s presence to be seen and heard only (primarily) by Him
    2. In your heart – Matt. 12:34-35; Rom. 10:1
- II. Your Father Knows – vs. 8b
  - A. Your Needs
    1. Wants – James 4:3
    2. Needs – Phil. 4:18-20
    3. Worries – Matt. 6:25, 28-33
  - B. Before You Ask
    1. Why Ask if He knows?
    2. Because prayer is –
      - a. Commanded – in obedience to His Word – Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17
      - b. Commended – a blessed privilege – Heb. 4:15-16
      - c. Communion – fellowship with God as we worship Him – John 9:31
    3. Ask and you will receive
      - a. Ask, Knock, Seek – Matt. 7:7-11
      - b. In My Name – John 14:13-14; 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15
      - c. Believing – Matt. 21:21-22; Luke 18:1
- III. Pray Like This – vs. 9-10
  - A. Our Father in Heaven
    1. Pater – the One who begot us, paternal
      - a. Jesus always addressed the Father this way when He prayer except one time – Matt. 27:46 – in that one moment He could not call God Father so that instead we might
      - b. What about Israel calling Him “Father”? – Jeremiah 3:19-20
      - c. When God isn’t Father – John 8:42-44; 17:9 – two father, two families – sheep/goats
    2. Our Father – John 20:17
      - a. Abba – father in especially intimate terms, as a small child referring to dad – Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6; Eph 5:1
      - b. God’s children were once darkness, now they are children of light – Eph. 5:8-9
      - c. God’s children were dead in sin, now they are alive in Christ – Eph. 2:1
      - d. God’s children were children of wrath and disobedience and now are children of love, faith, and obedience – Eph. 2:2-3
    3. Remember, even before you start praying, Who you are praying to and through – the God of heaven, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ
  - B. Hallowed Be Your Name – the name of God
    1. God’s Names are typically His attributes – Jehovah-Jireh, Rapha, Tsidkenu, etc
    2. His chief attribute is His holiness – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
    3. Hallowed Be – God’s name is Holy, and may it be revered
    4. Jesus and God’s Name – John 17:6; John 7:18

## **Cross References**

### **Matthew 12:34-35**

34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

### **Romans 10:1**

10 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

### **James 4:3**

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

### **Philippians 4:18-20**

18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **Matthew 6:25, 28-33**

25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

### **Ephesians 6:18**

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

### **1 Thessalonians 5:17**

17 pray without ceasing,

### **Hebrews 4:15-16**

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**John 9:31**

31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

**Matthew 7:7-11**

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

**John 14:13-14**

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

**John 15:7**

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**1 John 5:14-15**

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

**Matthew 21:21-22**

21 So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done. 22 And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

**Luke 18:1**

18 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

**Matthew 27:46**

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

**Jeremiah 3:19-20**

19 “But I said: ‘How can I put you among the children and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful heritage of the hosts of nations?’ “And I said: ‘You shall call Me, “My Father,” and not turn away from Me.’ 20 Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel,” says the Lord.

**John 8:42-44**

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

**John 17:9**

9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

**Romans 8:15**

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

**Galatians 4:6**

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

**Ephesians 5:1**

5 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

**Ephesians 5:8-9**

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

**Ephesians 2:1-3**

1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

**John 17:6**

6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

**John 7:18**

18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.