

Getting A Greater Glimpse of God's Glory

A Study about Prayer from Matthew 6:1–24

“Focus” on the Family ... & The Father!

—Matthew 6:9–15; with other relevant biblical passages

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9 “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father in heaven, may Your name be honored as holy, 10 may Your kingdom come, may Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we ourselves have forgiven our debtors.

13 And don’t lead us into trials that result in temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ 14 For if you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive you your sins.”

“What is the chief end (primary responsibility) of man?” asks the Shorter Scottish Catechism. The answer is, “To glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.” Therefore, true or authentically genuine worship is focused on God and not on ourselves. We should then determine that **the most specific test of worship that hallows or honors God’s name is not whether it pleases us, but whether it pleases Him.**

—1 Peter 1:17–23

17 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in reverence and respect (for Almighty God) during the time of your stay on earth; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. 20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you 21 who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The LIFE LESSONS from Today's Study:

Prayer is a *personal privilege* for those who are members of God's FAMILY OF FAITH!

Prayer is a *special opportunity* for us to WORSHIP God!

Prayer is a *practical way* to *develop & deepen* our REVERENCE & RESPECT for God!

Prayer *expands & enhances* God's REPUTATION!

Truths from Matthew 6:9 & 12

—1— Prayer places a *special emphasis* on our with God.

—God Almighty, our Creator, is also our *Heavenly* Father!

—What's our *IDENTITY* as God's children? —(1 Peter 1:17–23)

—What's the *IMPACT* of our *INTIMACY* with God?

—TWO PRACTICAL LESSONS TO ABSORB/APPLY TO OUR LIVES:

—1} Prayer is a personal privilege for those who are members of God's FAMILY OF FAITH!

—2} Prayer is a personal opportunity for us to WORSHIP God!

More Truths from Matthew 6:9 & 12

—2— Prayer is intended to intensify our &
..... for God. —(Hebrews 10:19–25)

—The holiness of God's name is **constantly challenged & carelessly cursed by the corruption of our culture.**

—Prayer **protects us from this influence by giving us the "24/7" privilege of enjoying God's presence and having His attention.**

—3— Prayer is designed to increase God's

—What's our SOCIETY's IMPRESSION of God?

—The honor of God's NAME is often defined or determined by the lifestyles of His children. —(2 Corinthians 2:14–17)

—TWO MORE PRACTICAL LESSONS TO ABSORB/APPLY TO OUR LIVES:

—1} Prayer is a practical way to develop & deepen our REVERENCE & RESPECT for God!

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—2 Corinthians 2:14–17

14 But thanks be to God who always puts us on display in Christ and through us spreads the aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 15 For we are a sweet aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing— 16 to the latter an odor from death to death, but to the former a fragrance from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? 17 For we are not like so many others, hucksters who peddle the word of God for profit, but we are speaking in Christ before God as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God.