

J Walking Sermon Series
Part #7 – Prayer: Wrong Way, Right Way, Which Way?

Matthew 6:9-13

1 John 2:6 – Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Series Summary

The purpose of this series is to help each Christian establish a solid foundation in order to passionately pursue God. We will study through the Sermon on the Mount, picking up from the teachings of Christ immediately following the Beatitudes. We will focus on the basic components of walking with Jesus, like Jesus, and for Jesus. This series is needed for every new Christian and for people who want to refresh their walk with the Lord.

Big Idea – Lord, Teach Your People to Pray

Main Passage

Matthew 6:9-13 – ⁹"This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread. ¹²Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Lord...Teach us to Pray

Step #1 – Place God First (v. 9)

- We pray as children to a Father, and we pray as brothers, for we say, "Our Father." "Our Father" is a familiar name, but the words "which art in heaven" suggest the reverence due unto him. Our Father and yet in heaven: in heaven and yet our Father. May his name be treated reverently, and may all that is about him—his Word and his gospel—be regarded with the deepest awe! It is for us so to walk before the Lord in all lowliness, that all shall see that we reverence the character of the thrice-holy One. Then can we truly pray, "Hallowed be thy name", when we hallow it ourselves. (**Charles Spurgeon Commentary**)
- **John 1:12-13** – ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- **Romans 8:14-15** – ¹⁴because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."
- **John 12:28** – "Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."
- **Psalm 111:9** – He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever - holy and awesome is his name.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in verse 9 is that we need to learn to place God first and foremost as the top priority when we are praying. We are coming into the presence of His majesty and holiness. Come to Him in reverence.

Step #2 – Pray to Live a Life that Reflects Christ (v. 10)

- **Matthew 13:43** – Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in verse 10 is that we need to learn to seek God's strength, wisdom, provision, and power to help us live a life that reflects the life of Christ. We

can do this by seeking God's will and His authority to be carried out in our everyday life as we pray to our Heavenly Father.

Step #3 – Pray for His Provision (v.11)

- **Genesis 22:14** – The Lord Provides – So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."
- **John 6:35** – Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in verse 11 is that we need to learn that God is our provider for both our physical needs as well as our spiritual needs. Let us come to Him in humility and seek His provision for the days ahead. He will always give us what we need to carry out His tasks for His glory.

Step #4 – Plead for a Clean Heart (v.12)

- **Proverbs 28:13** – He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
- **Psalms 24:3-5** – ³ Who may ascend the hill of the LORD ? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. ⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in verse 12 is that each one of us needs to plead for a clean heart and clean hands. We desperately need the forgiveness of God in order to show others that same forgiveness.

Step #5 – Pray for Protection (v.13)

- **1 Corinthians 10:13** – No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in verse 13 helps us understand that one of the greatest requests we have been called to make before our Heavenly Father is that of protection. We need physical protection as well as spiritual protection.

Memory Verse

- **Matthew 6:9** – "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...'

Application

J Walk Gospel Challenge – Take the J Walking Challenge through this sermon series. Begin walking in the Footsteps of Jesus by reading through the Gospels as a group. Take a booklet from the foyer and start your journey that will lead us to Resurrection Sunday!

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