

Disciplines Prayer (outline)

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Luke 11:1-4

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Luke 11:1-4. Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” 2 So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.”

1 Introduction

Only one thing that disciples asked Jesus to teach them: on prayer. By answering this question, we understand prayer is something to be learned. Below are few reasons:

1. **Concept:** Biblical prayer is distinctly different from the secular concept of prayer
 - (a) Prayer is not change the will of God; but align ours with His.

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me." — C.S. Lewis

- (b) Prayer is not to meet my needs, but to meet the needs of others and ultimately of the Lord
 - (c) Prayer is not characterised by set time, set place, set posture, or set words
2. **Prime:** Biblical prayer is the highest occupation for a human being
"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work."
Oswald Chambers (1874–1917)
- (a) Prayer needs practice: needs learning
 - (b) Prayer deserves priority: needs to give up something to find time for prayer
 - (c) Prayer requires preparation: needs homework while meeting the Lord
3. **Pradox:** Biblical prayer has several paradoxes to be considered
- (a) Simple but complex:
 - (b) Easy but difficult:
 - (c) Short but long:
4. **Measure:** Biblical prayer is the measure of a person's spirituality
- (a) Test of faith:
 - (b) Test of humility:
 - (c) Test of love:

2 Disciples Prayer

- 1. **Our Father in heaven:** Father shows relationship while in heaven shows separation
- 2. **Hallowed be Your name:** God's name is to be respected on the earth

3. **Your kingdom come:** Lord is accepted in kings who rules our life; and his kingdom is established now and ever
4. **Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven:** How angels obey God, so should the people: you and me
5. **Give us day by day our daily bread:** Needs of the community; and bread for today and promise for tomorrow
6. **And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us:** Lord is the one who forgives and its basis is the work on the cross. Shows our understanding of our forgiveness.
7. **And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one:** Evil exist, our flesh and our will power is so weak; we need divine providance.