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Sunday, February 17, 2013

“LEARNING TO PRAY”

(Matthew 6:5-15)

God created us to know and love Him. If we are going to go through life living out a love relationship to God, we must grow as people of prayer. Today we will learn about prayer from Jesus’ teaching in the Model Prayer.

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- 2. OUR PRAYING IS COSMIC – “in heaven”**

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1. OUR PRAYING IS PERSONAL – “our Father”

“You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit...” (John 15:16, The Message).

You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family” (Matthew 5:9, The Message).

2. OUR PRAYING IS COSMIC – “in heaven”

“For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age” (Ephesians 6:12, GN).

“From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who love on earth” (Psalm 33:13,14, NIV).

3. OUR PRAYING IS WORSHIP – “hallowed be your name”

4. OUR PRAYING IS YIELDING – “your kingdom come”

“...Jesus came in to Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:14-15, NASB).

5. OUR PRAYING IS SURRENDER- “your will be done”

“Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39, NIV).

6. OUR PRAYING IS PRACTICAL –“daily bread”

7. OUR PRAYING IS CLEANSING – “forgive us”

“If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins to him he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.” (1 John 1: 8-9, NLT).

“Since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want mostly is for men to pray—not shaking angry fists at enemies but raising holy hands to God” (1 Timothy 2:8, The Message).

8. OUR PRAYING IS WARFARE-“temptation...evil”

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place and with feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray

in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests”
(Ephesians 6:12-18, NIV).