

Matthew 6:5-13

- ✓ What's the purpose of prayer? Not what most of us think, Jesus teaches on prayer because people, for the most part, do it wrong. **Matthew 6:5**
 - ✓ We think of prayer as a means to get our will expressed and accomplished in Heaven, if that's what you think, you're praying like the hypocrites.
 - ✓ So far, we are down to our third request in the Lord's prayer, and there hasn't been a single request for ourselves! Isn't that interesting?!
 - ✓ Jesus in teaching us how to pray goes right against the way most of us go about it! We stand to learn a lot from this series.
 - ✓ The first request is that we want God's name to be hallowed/glorified.
 - ✓ How can God's name be hallowed?
 - ✓ The second request: "Thy kingdom come", that's God's agenda and I'm getting with His program when I pray that way.
"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness", He promises to take care of all my needs if I will operate that way.
 - ✓ So, the first two requests are that God would not do anything for me. Are you praying that way?
 - ✓ This is how Jesus taught us to pray.
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1. And now, for the third request according to Jesus. Verses 9 and 10

- ✓ Not my will, but Thy will.
 - ✓ It's not just the words, it's the mindset that God's will is the most important thing happening today.
 - ✓ The Greek is an imperative "bring Your will God, bring it right now." It is almost a demand more than it is a request, but we often go to God demanding our will not His.
 - ✓ This isn't just a way to pray, this is Jesus' way; to not pray like this is to not pray Jesus' way and thus be in some degree of error and hypocrisy.
 - ✓ Why would we want God's will carried out here in the way and capacity as it is in Heaven?
 - ✓ First of all, understand, this isn't Heaven,
 - ✓ This isn't what you want, right? or is it? If it is, that is big problem for us.
 - ✓ You don't actually live here, you aren't from here, you have nothing here, you are a resident of Heaven.
 - ✓ Life on earth is the outskirts of Hell.
 - ✓ Ruled by a dark lord, **Ephesians 2:1-2; 1st John 5:19** "the whole world"
 - ✓ The wills that are pursued and sought after in this world are those of Satan's kingdom not of God's kingdom.
 - ✓ Seeking God's way down here should be what we are living for, it's what Jesus lived for: **John 4:34; John 6:38.**
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Luke 11: Prayer Diagram, Part 4, Thy Will Be Done

- ✓ So, what happens when you become more like Jesus? The more you will pray like Jesus and the more you will be consumed with God's will.
 - ✓ If you are not consumed with God's will, to whatever extent, to that extent you are not like Jesus.
 - ✓ This is the outskirts of Hell because people are consumed with their own will and that of their dark lord.
 - ✓ **Mark 3:35** What a statement! How critical it is that we seek the will of God.
 - ✓ Mark it carefully: the essence of prayer is that the will of God is accomplished not ours.
 - ✓ It's a part of what this means: **Colossians 3:1-3**.
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