

# The Lord's Prayer: "Our Father in Heaven"

Learning How To Pray From Jesus

**Series:** Teach us to Pray

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**Topics:** The Approachability and Awe of God

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**Text:** Matthew 6:5-15

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As we see God as our Heavenly Father:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ all apprehensions in approaching Him in prayer
  - A) Jesus uses the word "Abba" in reference to praying to the Father.
    1. "Abba" was the address of a small child to his father.
  - B) This informs us in the simplest possible manner that the great God of the universe is most graciously ready to grant us an audience.

"It is our privilege to assure the most ungodly and abandoned that, if they will but throw down the weapons of their warfare and do as the prodigal did, there is a loving Father ready to welcome them. If He hears the cries of the ravens (Ps. 147:9), will He turn a deaf ear to the requests of a rational creature?" – Arthur Pink

- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ everything to Him
  - A) As his children we must honor Him even more than our earthly parents. Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3.
  - B) To love God is the greatest command in all of scripture. Deuteronomy 6:5; Mark 12:28-30
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ your son/daughter-ship
  - A) Not everyone is a child of God. (John 8:38-47)
  - B) There is only one way to become a child of God. John 1:12

## Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Use them for personal or family devotions to further dig into God's word.

1. What images or thoughts spring to mind when you hear the word "prayer"?
2. What role did prayer play in your family's life when you were growing up?
3. According to Jesus, what wrong motivation prompts some individuals to pray? (6:5)
4. What name did Jesus call people who pray for show? Why? (6:5)
5. Where do hypocrites prefer to do their praying? (6:5)
6. What type of reward will religious showmanship bring? (6:5)
7. How did Jesus command His followers to pray? (6:6)
8. Where did Jesus suggest we talk to God? (6:6)
9. What type of reward will humility in prayer bring? (6:6)
10. What did Jesus have to say about repetitive or long, windy prayers? (6:7)
11. What insights or facts about God are revealed in this passage? (6:6, 8, 9)
12. To whom did Jesus tell us to pray? (6:9)
13. What common or overused phrases do you hear frequently repeated in people's prayers?
14. If God knows what we need before we ask, why should we pray?
15. If Jesus commands us to pray in secret, what is the value of public prayer?
16. Why do many Christians feel uncomfortable praying out loud?
17. How does seeing God as Father influence your prayers?
18. How well do you balance both approaching God and having awe for God in prayer?