

Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray

Matthew 6: 5-15



Jesus went throughout Galilee healing the sick and telling people the good news about God's kingdom. Soon a large amount of people began following Jesus. He went to the top of a mountain and began teaching them about how God wanted them to pray.



First, Jesus told them about how God's kingdom was an upside down kingdom.
These are called The Beatitudes.

Then, he told the people that they are salt and light.

Next, he taught them how to talk to God in a way that would please Him. He taught them how to pray.



First, Jesus wanted the people to know where they should pray.

Jesus said, "Don't pray like the hypocrites. They like to pray in the synagogues and on street corners so everyone can see them. Instead, go in your room, close the door and talk to God privately. God will reward you for what is done in secret."



Then, Jesus told them how they should pray.

"Don't babble on and on like the pagans do," said Jesus. "They think using lots of words impresses God but it doesn't. God knows what you need before you even ask Him."



Then, Jesus gave the people an example of a prayer that would please God.

"This is how you should pray," Jesus said. "Our Father in Heaven, holy is your name."



"Your kingdom come, and your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."



Jesus reminded the people,
"If you show others
forgiveness when they sin
against you, your heavenly
Father will also forgive you.

But if you don't have a heart of forgiveness, God will not forgive you."



Jesus taught the people on the mountain how to please God. He wanted them to know how to make God happy by living pure lives, loving one another the same way God loves them and by talking to God through prayer.

Let's Talk About The Story...



Where was Jesus teaching at beginning of our story?



Why is this lesson called "The Sermon on the Mount?"



Where did Jesus say we should pray?



Should we babble (or go on and on for no reason) when we talk to God?



What did Jesus call God in his prayer?



What are some of the things we should talk about in our prayer?



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