Prayer

Sermon on the Mount: Part 11

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"Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. I assure you: They've got their reward! But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you pray, don't babble like the idolaters, since they imagine they'll be heard for their many words. Don't be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.

Matthew 6:5-8

LESSONS ON PRAYER

1. Pray _____

3 Types of Communication

- a) Speaking to
- b) Speaking in the presence of
- c) Speaking in the absence of

Where can I go to escape Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there.

Psalm 139:7-8

Then Jesus raised His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You heard Me. I know that You always hear Me, but because of the crowd standing here I said this, so they may believe You sent Me.

John 11:41-42

"You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived. You seized me and prevailed. I am a laughingstock all the time; everyone ridicules me. For whenever I speak, I cry out – I proclaim: Violence and destruction! because the word of the LORD has become for me constant disgrace and derision.

"If I say: I won't mention Him or speak any longer in His name, His message becomes a fire burning in my heart, shut up in my bones. I become tired of holding it in, and I cannot prevail.

"For I have heard the gossip of the multitudes, 'Terror is on every side! Report; let's report him!'

"Everyone I trusted watches for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived so that we might prevail against him and take our vengeance on him'...

"Cursed be the day on which I was born. The day my mother bore me – let it never be blessed...

"Why did I come out of the womb to see struggle and sorrow, to end my life in shame?"

Jeremiah 20:7-10,14,18

2. Pray	
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"Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What man among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

Matthew 7:7-11

3. Pray	
	Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:5-8, Luke 18:1-8

*All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted