

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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The Right Kind of Praying Matthew 6:5-15

Jesus gives a second illustration of how our outward acts ought to exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees by teaching principles about proper Christian praying. However, he begins the discussion by first describing the wrong kind of praying which the religious leaders of His day were doing.

I. How We Should Not Pray (v 5-8)

A. Don't Pray to Be S_____ (v 5-6)

B. Don't Pray R_____ (v 7)

II. How We Should Pray (v 9-14)

This prayer is an outline that contains all the elements for effective praying. It is a skeleton of prayer that we are to put meat on.

This prayer contains six petitions that are divided equally. The first three deal with God's H_____ and glory. The second three deal with humankind's N_____.

A. A Proper Perspective of God's Person (v 9)

1. Exclusivity ("Our Father")

God is Father of all in terms of C_____ (Mal. 2:10)

God is not Father of all in terms of R_____ (John 1:12; 8:44)

2. Intimacy

3. Unselfishness (Eph. 6:8)

B. Proper Perspective of God's Priority (v 9b)

1. How the Concept is Defined—"hallowed" means sanctified, different, separate

2. How the Concept is Demonstrated

a. In our words

b. In our W

C. A Proper Perspective of God's Purpose (v 10)

1. The Definition of the Principles

“Kingdom”—means rule or reign.

“Come”—means to suddenly come—not gradually over time.

- 2. A Demonstration of the Practice**—We should pray for God's kingdom to come and for His will to be done in four major areas—Ourselves; F_____ ; Church; Nation.

D. A Proper Perspective of God's Provision (v 11)

1. Acknowledge God as the S_____ of Our Blessing

2. Pray for the Needs of Others

3. Take Life One Day at A Time—“daily bread”

E. A Proper Perspective of God's P_____ (v 12, 14)

1. We All Have A Problem

2. We All Need God's Pardon

3. There Is A Prerequisite—(v 14-15)

F. A Proper Perspective of God's Protection (v 13)

1. Temptation That Causes Us to Fall

2. Temptation That Causes Us to be F_____ (Gen. 22:1)

G. A Proper Perspective of God's P_____ (v 13b)