

Sunday, July 8, 2018

**A QUIET COMMITMENT:**

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

**Prayer was the lifeblood of the early church (Acts 2:42).**

**James 5:16** Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

**2 Chronicles 7:14** If **My** people, which are called by **My** name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek **My** face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Biblical prayer is submission to the will of God by being obedient to the Word of God.

I. Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ Remarks about Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)

- A. A Caution against Hypocrisy—Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)
- B. A Command to follow—Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)
- C. A Caution against *“vain repetition”*—Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)
- D. A Contrast with the disobedient—Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8)

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II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Marks of Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13a)

**Preparation:** This prayer is designed to *prepare* our hearts to petition God with our requests.

**Placement:** This is a model prayer that helps us with *placement*—it places God upon His throne and us at His footstool.

A. Acknowledge God's \_\_\_\_\_ —“*Hallowed be Thy name*” (9)

† My action: Be \_\_\_\_\_

† My Attitude: WORSHIP

† My Awareness: my UNWORTHINESS

This places me at God's footstool as His servant. It reminds me of God's worthiness and my unworthiness.

**DIVINE INVITATION—JEREMIAH 33:2-3**

*WHO INVITES:* “Thus saith the **LORD** the maker thereof, the **LORD** that formed it, to establish it; the **LORD** is His name.” (OUR CREATOR)

*PRINCIPLE:* “Call unto Me” (MY RESPONSIBILITY is OBEDIENCE: HUMBLY CALL OUT TO GOD IN PRAYER)

*PROMISE:* “and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty [unsearchable] things, which thou knowest not.” (GOD'S RESPONSE TO MY OBEDIENCE)

1. He is SUPREME because of \_\_\_\_\_ He is

“...Hallowed be Thy name.” – This Greek word translated “*hallowed*” carries the idea of making something holy.

2. He is SUPREME because of WHO HE IS to \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 18:1-3)

During this time, approach God with a sense of awe. Acknowledging Who God is by recalling His attributes but also the **implications** of those attributes—**WHO HE IS TO ME!**

B. Acknowledge God's SOVEREIGNTY—“*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done*” (10)

† My action: Be \_\_\_\_\_

† My Attitude: SURRENDER & SUBMISSION

† My Awareness: my FOOLISHNESS

This places me at God's footstool as His subject. It reminds me of God's sovereignty and my subjection to Him, to serve Him by advancing His kingdom and accomplishing His will.

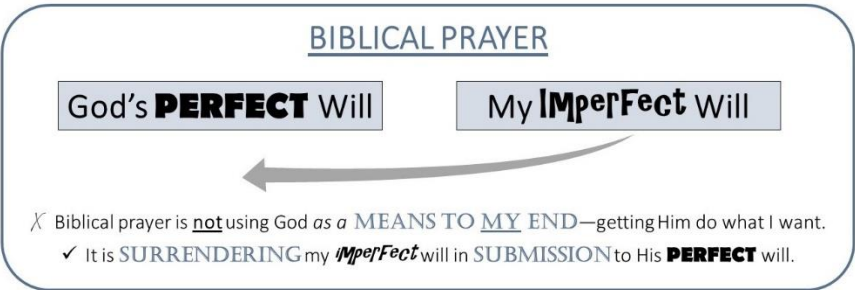
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1. Pray for GOD'S KINGDOM to be ADVANCED—"Thy kingdom come."

Surrender the advancement of my foolish kingdom in submission to advancing His righteous kingdom.

2. Pray for GOD'S WILL to be \_\_\_\_\_—"Thy will be done."



C. Acknowledge God's SUFFICIENCY—"Give us this day our daily bread" (11)

- † My action: Be \_\_\_\_\_
- † My Attitude: desperate DEPENDENCY
- † My Awareness: my NEEDINESS

This places me at God's footstool as His suppliant. It reminds me of God's sufficiency for all things.

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

**NECESSITY IS GOD'S DIVINE MOTIVATOR TO PRAYER**

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D. Acknowledge God as my SAVIOR from sin—"Forgive us our debts" (12)

- † My action: Be \_\_\_\_\_
- † My Attitude: SORROW
- † My Awareness: my SINFULNESS

This places me at God's footstool as sinner in need of a daily Savior.

## THE WAY OF REPENTANCE



1. The PROBLEM: My \_\_\_\_\_ (James 4:17)
2. The PROVISION: FORGIVENESS through the work of SAVIOR
3. The PETITION: My CONFESSION of my SIN

**Proverbs 28:13** He that covereth his sins [*refusal to admit guilt*] shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth [*acknowledge my sin*] and forsaketh [*turn from my sin*] them shall have mercy.

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4. The PRINCIPLE and PROMISE: My \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERS

The *principle* is our responsibility of obedience while the *promise* is God's response to our obedience.

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- E. Acknowledge God as my STRENGTH—"Lead us not into temptation" (13)

- † My action: Be \_\_\_\_\_
- † My Attitude: desperate DEPENDENCY
- † My Awareness: my WEAKNESS

This places me at God's footstool as spiritually weak and in need of God's strength.

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This petition acknowledges a healthy distrust for our own ability to resist temptation and endure a trial in our own strength. It expresses a proper attitude, desiring to keep away from sin altogether.

1. The STAGES of Temptation (James 1:13-16)

## THE STAGES OF TEMPTATION



2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ in Temptation (1 Corinthians 10:11-13)

**1 Corinthians 10:13** There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God** is faithful, **Who** will not suffer [*allow*] you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [*endure*] it.

Consider your **PERSPECTIVE** – Acknowledge what God says in His Word about temptation—THINK YOUR WAY THROUGH A TEMPTATION!

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3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ against the Tempter (1 Peter 5:8-11)

a. Be **SOBER** in Thought (8)

*“Be sober, be vigilant”* understanding who the tempter is and how he works using those areas of influence and temptation—the *“lust of the flesh,”* the *“lust of the eyes”* and the *“pride of life.”*

b. Be **STEADFAST** in Faith (9)

c. Be **STRONG** in the Lord (10)

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III. The \_\_\_\_\_ Remarks of Prayer (Matthew 6:13b)

**Matthew 19:26** But **Jesus** beheld *them*, and said unto them, “With men this is impossible; but with **God** all things are possible.”

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With these words we acknowledge His sovereignty in His kingdom, His supremacy of power, His sufficiency in provision, and our desire to see His name be glorified.

**POINT OF ACTION:** Biblical prayer closes with reverential awe as we worship the Lord for Who He is and for what He will do. We begin and end at His footstool as His servant acknowledging His worthiness and our unworthiness.

**Psalm 95:6-7** O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the **LORD** our **Maker**. **7** For **He** is our **God**; and we *are* the people of **His** pasture, and the sheep of **His** hand.

**What is my next step?** Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.



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## What Is My Next Step?

**Hearing** — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

**Doing** — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
  - a. What is He like?
  - b. What does He like?
  - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
  - a. What command to obey?
  - b. What promise to claim?
  - c. What principle to apply (*If I do \_\_\_\_\_, then God will do \_\_\_\_\_*)?
  - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
  - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
  - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
  - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: *Supremely love GOD,  
Sacrificially love others  
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!*