

WHEN YOU PRAY

Part 1

JESUS ON PRAYER (*Matthew 6:5-8 NKJV*)

- A. Don't be like the hypocrites
 - 1. Hypocrite - an actor, one who wears a mask
 - 2. Acting spiritual, but the motive is to be seen of men
- B. There should be private times of prayer
 - 1. Does not eliminate public and group prayers
 - 2. Private prayer is communication with our Heavenly Father
- C. Don't be like the heathen
 - 1. Heathen are those without a relationship with God
 - 2. The heathen of that day repeated words or phrases (*1 Kings 18:26-29 NKJV*)
 - 3. We are heard because of our simple faith (*1 John 5:14-15 NKJV*)
 - 4. We don't have to bombard the gates of heaven (*Hebrews 4:16 NKJV*)

IN THIS MANNER PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV*)

- A. Jesus gave a pattern for prayer
 - 1. This prayer can be prayed word for word
 - 2. The Lord's Prayer can be used as a template
- B. Our Father
 - 1. This right is only reserved for those who have received Jesus (*John 1:12-13 NKJV*)
 - 2. Father makes prayer more intimate
- C. Hallowed be Your Name
 - 1. Holy pure and separate - starting prayer with worship and acknowledgement of God (*Acts 4:24 NKJV*)
 - 2. Worship and praise is proper protocol (*Psalms 100:4-5 NKJV*)
- D. Your Kingdom come
 - 1. Putting God's Kingdom first
 - 2. Way too easy to pray for our own "kingdom" first (*Philippians 2:21 NKJV*)
(*Matthew 6:33 NKJV*)