

# *Our Gospel Ache*

Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 12

Scripture text – Matthew 6:5-13

## Introduction

- The overarching principle is that we're to seek \_\_\_\_\_ approval, not \_\_\_\_\_. This is followed by 3 examples – giving, prayer & fasting.
- At no time are we to use prayer as a vehicle for \_\_\_\_\_ . Prayer is primarily a \_\_\_\_\_ activity.
- Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones:
  - 1) Prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_ activity of the human soul.
  - 2) It is also the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ of a person's true spiritual condition.
  - 3) Everything we do in the Christian life is \_\_\_\_\_ than prayer.
- In this teaching, Jesus prescribes the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ that we are to follow in our praying. If we're not following this pattern, we're not praying \_\_\_\_\_.

## Structure

- The Lord's Prayer has \_\_\_\_\_ divisions, with \_\_\_\_\_ petitions per division.
- The key word in the 1<sup>st</sup> division is \_\_\_\_\_; the key word in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Beginning with God

- The order is critical. When praying, we never start with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Reasons:
  - 1) Focusing on God \_\_\_\_\_ us. We're going to our \_\_\_\_\_ who loves us deeply.
  - 2) Focusing on God informs \_\_\_\_\_ we pray. Nothing is more important to God than his own \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Petition #1: Hallowed Be Your Name

- To “*hallow*” means to \_\_\_\_\_ and treat with the highest \_\_\_\_\_.
- “*Your Name*” is short-hand for all that God \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_; all that is \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Shockingly, God is not hallowed, but often treated with \_\_\_\_\_.

### Petition #2: Your Kingdom Come

- The kingdom of God refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Here we give expression to our \_\_\_\_\_. The greater your spiritual maturity, the more you \_\_\_\_\_ this.
- This means much of our praying will be \_\_\_\_\_-filled.

### Petition #3: Your Will Be Done

- Romans 12:2 describes God’s will as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We may struggle to believe that.
- The petition implies that God’s will \_\_\_\_\_ always being done. This can unnerve us in times of difficulty or suffering.
- The Bible speaks of “God’s will” in 2 ways:
  - 1) God’s \_\_\_\_\_ will
    - This is all-encompassing. Nothing happens that God has not \_\_\_\_\_ to happen.
  - 2) God’s \_\_\_\_\_ will
    - These are God’s \_\_\_\_\_ or desires that we choose to either obey or ignore. Our prayer is that they *will* be obeyed.

### Conclusion

- Always begin prayer with God. Set your mind & heart on his \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

### Discussion Questions

1. What does our prayer life say about our true spiritual condition?
2. How can we change prayer from duty to delight?

