

May 1st, 2022. Scripture: Matthew 6:6-15 Title: The Lord's Prayer: Our Father in Heaven

Introduction: The Lord's Prayer" is familiar to many all over the world. The Lord's prayer is universal but how many repeat it without understanding what they are actually praying? Jesus never intended for people to repeat this prayer over and over, without understanding what it says.

Why preach on the Prayer?

1. Prayer is one of the basic spiritual needs. 1Thessalonians 5:17-18
2. Some people struggle with how to be a prayerful Christian.
3. The Bible speaks a lot about prayer. Acts 1:14 ff.
4. The Lord's prayer is the summary of all the prayers.

Context: More than being a specific prayer to be repeated word for word, "The Lord's Prayer" was meant to be an outline. It was given in response to a request from one of the disciples.

"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."" (Luke 11:1 NIV).

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This, then, is how you should pray:" "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...(Matthew 6:7-9 NIV).

There are 2 ways to pray:

1. The pagan way. (Matthew 6:7) The pagan take prayer as a magic way of making God do things. And yet we must not regard prayer as some kind of magical incantation. Verse 7 says pagans keep babbling.
2. The Christian way (Matthew 6:9-13)