

## ***JESUS GREATEST HITS PT 6***

*Growth Group Notes Week 4*

**PASTOR BOB RICE: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2018**

**Main Text:** Matthew 6:5-14

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

<sup>6</sup> But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

<sup>8</sup> “Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>14</sup> “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

### **Notes:**

1. Introduction –
  - a. Prayer is the most powerful of all man’s activities.
  - b. Prayer is talking to God.
  - c. We are instructed in scripture to pray, not to say prayers.
  - d. Jesus taught that there is an effective and ineffectual way to pray.

2. The wrong things to do in prayer:

- a. Don't act or perform (hypocrite) – make real personal contact with a real person.
  - Don't make the bulk of your prayer corporate.
  - Have a special quiet place to pray quietly.
  - Don't repeat the same phrases over and over.
  - It's not the volume of prayer that is important it is the completeness of your time with God.

3. The right way to pray (The Model Prayer 8 steps)

- 1) Address God properly and relationally (our Father which art in heaven).
- 2) Praise and worship the Lord (hallowed be thy name).
- 3) Pray for God's agenda on the earth (thy kingdom come, thy will be done).
- 4) Pray for yourself (give us this day our daily bread).
- 5) Pray for your sin (forgive us our debts).
- 6) Pray for the ability to release others for the wrongs done to you (as we forgive those who have trespassed against us).
- 7) Pray for strength and deliverance against future sin (And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.)
- 8) Pray for the end game / the win (For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.).

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**Questions:**

1. From Sunday's Sermon, was there a particular point, comment, or scripture that caught your attention or challenged you?

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2. Why is prayer powerful? How powerful is it?

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3. If prayer is so great why don't people do it more often?

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4. Explain what Jesus described as the wrong way to pray? Include why these behaviors in prayer is inappropriate.

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5. Explain each of the 8 steps in Jesus' model prayer.
- a. Describe what each step means.
  - b. Describe why you think each step is important.
  - c. Give some practical examples of how you can actually do each step.

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6. Why do you think God wants us to pray this way?

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7. What have you learned in this lesson that you can incorporate into your own prayer life?

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## Walk It Out

1. Establish a time that you can consistently keep for each day of the week.
2. Establish a good place to pray for each day.
3. Begin keeping your appointment with God every day.