

LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

Scripture: Luke 11:1-4

Introduction:

- A. *All things are spiritual dependent on prayer.*
 - B. *The problem is how to gain access.*
 - C. *Saying our prayers but not praying.*
 - D. *Christ's qualifications to teach us to pray.*
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- I. The Structure of prayer.
 - A. It begins with worship.
 - B. It ends with praise.
 - C. Theologically it **destroys every false concept of God.**
 1. As a principle of life, this prayer ushers us into an experience of **deliverance from sin.**
 2. As a basis of social relationship, it lays the only **foundation for human fellowship.**
 3. As a prophecy it reveals the world as it is now, which one day is to be transformed into the **The Kingdom of God**

 - II. The Sequence of prayer
 - A. There are seven requests that are divided into two categories.
 1. The first part contains **three** petitions concerning God.
 2. The second part contains **four** petitions concerning ourselves.
 - B. Concerning God.
 1. "Hallowed be Thy name."
 2. "Thy kingdom come."

3. "Thy will be done."
 4. A person learning to pray is being taught to put the glory of God before everything.
- C. Concerning our needs.
1. "Give us our daily bread."
 2. "Forgive our sins, our debts."
 3. "Lead us not into temptation."
 4. "Deliver us from evil."
- D. This teaches us that in prayer God's glory comes should be preeminent.
1. How often do we reverse this process?
 2. The pattern of pray that Jesus teaches us reveals our focus.
 3. What prayer is not!
 4. What prayer is!
- E. We need a revelation of God's glory.
- F. Contrasting the two parts of the prayer

III. The first sentence of the prayer.

- A. When we pray, we begin with His name and then we say, "Thy will be done."
1. If we reverse that order, we pray to a God we do not know and that is slavery.
 2. Praying to a God we know and love as our Father makes us a child.
- B. God's name signifies His character.
1. Calling Him our Father suggests we are a family.
 2. This requires a birth.
- C. Notice the use of personal pronouns.