

The Sermon on the Mount:
How to Pray
Matthew 6:5-15

Lesson Ten
March 7, 2010

Observation: Please read **Matthew 6:5-15**

Introduction: Last week our lesson focused on obscure vs. pretentious giving. In today's lesson, Jesus' attention turns towards obscure vs. ostentatious praying. Included in these verses of Jesus' lesson is "The Lord's Prayer" or the "Model Prayer".

Questions for Consideration:

- Why do you think that Jesus needed to instruct believers on how to pray, given that prayer should be a staple of a Christian's life?
- Explain the importance of our position in prayer; our petitions in prayer; and the purpose of prayer.
- How comforting is it to know that your "Father knows the things that you have need of before you ask Him?" (vs. 8) In what ways?

Personal Exploration:

- Beginning with verse 9, recite "The Lord's Prayer" and contemplate the order that Jesus instructed us to pray and record any revelation received.

Inspiration:

In your personal prayer time, take a moment to focus on the "Hallowed be thy name" portion of the Lord's Prayer, and journal reflections on this intimate time.