



GOD OF WONDER, GOD OF WORSHIP "Worship and Prayer" Luke 11:1-13

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Worship is a response to God's self-revelation. Prayer, which is either a spoken or unuttered response to Him, is therefore a premiere aspect of worship. Jesus taught us we should pray and pray continually, whether in the congregation or alone.

I. What Jesus Taught Us About Prayer.

- A. Prayer is a declaration of deficiency, "teach us to pray." v. 1
 - 1. Highlighted by Christ's practice. 3:21; 6:12; 9:28
 - 2. Highlighted by others' example, "as John taught his disciples."
 - 3. Highlighted by Scriptural teaching. Daniel 9:2-3
- B. Prayer is a declaration of dependence, [Our] Father [in heaven]. See Matthew 6:9
 - 1. Based on God's "fatherhood"—Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer.
 - 2. Based on God's fatherly accessibility. See vv. 11-13
 - 3. Based on God's heavenly awesomeness.
- C. Prayer is a declaration of desire.
 - 1. A desire to see God's name "hallowed."
 - a. His name is a declaration of His character.
 - b. His name "hallowed" is a recognition of His glory.
 - 2. A desire to see God's "kingdom come."
 - a. His "kingdom" is His divine rule and reign.
 - b. His "kingdom come" points to continuous and final manifestation.
 - 3. A desire to see "His will done on earth..." See Matthew 6:10
 - a. His will is done in heaven fully, joyfully, expeditiously.
 - b. His will is not yet done in such a fashion on earth!
 - 4. A desire to see physical necessities met by His grace.
 - a. God supported His people in the wilderness with daily manna.
 - b. God is able to meet our daily necessities.
 - 5. A desire to see social needs met by His power.
 - a. We are all in need of divine forgiveness.
 - b. We all need to know how to forgive.
 - 6. A desire to see spiritual protection in a wicked world.
 - a. "Cause us not to succumb to temptation."
 - b. Support us when we are subjected to testing.

II. What We Should Do About Praying.

- A. We should learn—and continue learning—to pray:
 - 1. Regularly. 2. Corporately. 3. Privately.
 - 4. Spontaneously. 5. Continuously.

Point to Ponder: Would you say "teach me to pray?" Would you be willing to learn?