



"Intimate Praise and Worship"

Matthew 6:9-13 ESV

I. What is Prayer?

Prayer is a _____ tool created by God. It allows _____ human beings to _____ with Him and for Him so that His plans for our lives (which _____ with Him in the supernatural) can be brought to fruition in the natural realm.

Prayer involves joining in agreement through conversation with God to execute His will, desires, and thoughts and to destroy the works of the devil. Powerful prayers are not based on how much time we spend praying but what we say when we pray.

II. Why was Prayer Created?

1. To _____ with God.
2. To _____ with God by calling His plans to manifest on earth.
3. To release God's Word into the earth to accomplish His will.
4. To defeat the tactics and wiles of the devil.

III. Intimate Praise and Worship

Section 1- "*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.*"

- _____ God as Father.
- Offer God _____.
- Offer _____ and _____.

IV. The Woman with the Alabaster Box

In Luke 7:36-50, the woman with the alabaster box bowed before Jesus, acknowledging God as Father through His Son. Her extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume showed adoration and reverence, reflecting the heart posture taught in Matthew 6:9. By sacrificing something of great value, she demonstrated unwavering devotion to the One she recognized as Lord and Father. In the same way, believers today can approach God with humility, offering Him our best as an expression of true worship. This sacrificial posture honors God's holiness while trusting His paternal care, just as the woman did through her selfless act of love.

V. Keys for Answered Prayers

- Enter into His presence with thanksgiving and praise. (Psalm 100:4)
- Approach God boldly *with confidence and without condemnation because we are speaking with a Father who loves us.* (Heb. 4:16, Heb. 10:19, 22, Psalm 66:18-19, 1 John 3:21-22)

VI. Class Assignment

1. Keep a journal of your prayer life for the next six weeks. Each day spend 10-12 minutes in praise and prayer. This week, spend time praising and worshipping God using the Concert of Praise. Use the following questions as a guide during your prayer time.
 - a) What was my experience while I praised God?
 - b) What did I see or hear in my Spirit as I praised God?
 - c) Using God's Word to praise Him compelled me to _____.
2. For the next six days, notice how the Lord is touching your life. Using the 24/48-hour rule, list at least three things for which you are thankful for each day.

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