

The Perfect Prayer



Text: Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:9-13

I. Introduction

- There are always people who can't hear us, and there are always others who won't listen to us
- But when we speak to God, we speak to One who hears all and listens to all
- Our Lord's perfect prayer begins with

II. An Acknowledgment Of Who God Is

- His name is hallowed!
- God is holy!
- But He loves us as children
- He cares for us just as we care for and love our own children
- We are to treat God's name with holiness, and we are to treat His presence with utmost respect
- How Jewish people treated God – forbid graven images; resisted the temptation to describe Him; would not say His name; when His name was written they only used four letters – YHWH
- He is our Heaven Father; never approach with fear

III. An Acknowledgment Of What God Wants

- "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is Heaven"
- The ultimate purpose of prayer is to align ourselves with God so He can serve His purposes

IV. Petitions To God

- Physical petitions – "Give us this day our daily bread"
- Spiritual petitions – "And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us" – "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"
- This may be the most important prayer we may ever pray

V. Conclusion

- The Lord's Prayer is for His people
- It is a prayer with the power to move Heaven and earth