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MESSAGE NOTES

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

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“Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” Luke 11:1

1. Motive of Prayer

Jesus said that prayer shouldn't be a way to get attention and praise from people.

(Matthew 6:5-6)

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” - Matthew 6:5-6

2. Your Father Knows What You Need

Jesus said do not pray like pagans (ones who don't know God).

Matthew 6:7-8 — “And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“The Lord's Prayer” (Review) Jesus says in Matthew 6:9-15

3. Jesus Said to Forgive Others

It's so important that Jesus took the time to teach about forgiveness at the time of teaching how to pray.

4. How to Forgive

“What should we do about forgiveness for someone who has already passed away”?

Other's may also ask: “How do you forgive someone who has done the “unforgivable”?

Forgiveness is like letting go of poisonous garbage. Don't keep it, let it go.

Conclusion:

When we pray saying “Our Father” — we are reminding ourselves of the relationship we have with God.

James 1:17 “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Let's pray every day because of our relationship to the Heavenly Father. Let's forgive one another as God has forgiven us. -Amen