Prayer 101 – Lesson 2 Hallowed Be Thy Name

Matthew 6:5

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites (Actor/Pretender) are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret (Hidden/Concealed); and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions (Jesus Jesus Jesus), as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Why Prayer 101?

- Prayer is communication with God.
- Prayer is the direct line to the throne of God.
- Without Prayer, our walk with God becomes weak as no communication with God takes place.
- How can you have a relationship with someone that you don't speak to?

Jesus gave us an example of how to pray. He said ...

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- 2 weeks ago, we talked about our Heavenly Father.
- This week, I want to continue where we left off.

Jesus said in vs 9 after this manner pray ye...

- Other words he said, "Pray like this..."
- This is not a prayer to be repeated, but there are some keys if you will to understand about prayer.
- So Jesus gives to us an example of how to pray.
- "Our Father which are in heaven."

Before we begin our prayer it's important to understand that our Heavenly Father is still on the Throne of Heaven.

- He has not lost the battle.
- He has not been defeated.
- He is still God almighty.
- He is still the Alpha & Omega
- He is still the King of Kings
- He is still the creator of all things.
- He is still the savior of the World.

You see, your prayer starts here. (Head)

- It starts in our thinking and understanding of who God is.
- Why pray to a God that you don't really believe can help you with your problems?
- Why pray to a God who your faith does not really have confidence in?

If you are going to pray to This God, you have to recognize that He hears your prayer and that He has the power and authority to cause a miracle to happen in your life.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

"Lights" as it is used here represents enlightenment.

- It means understanding.
- It comes from the original Greek word, "Phos" It means to shine or make manifest"
- One definition means "Of truth and it's knowledge, together with the spiritual purity associated with it."
 - Before prayer to God can make a difference, there needs to come a shinning if you will in your understanding.
 - There needs to come enlightenment.

We call this enlightenment - Faith!

- Faith you see supersedes what the natural eye can see.
- It looks beyond the circumstances at the moment and understands and receives Gods will for the situation.
- Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he
 that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder
 of them that diligently seek him.

The word "Faith" as it is used here comes from the original Greek word "Pistis".

- This word means persuasion or moral conviction.
- You see... Faith is more than an idle thought or simple hope for something.
- It is a Conviction.
 - Men die in the battlefield because of a conviction.

Conviction is something that you might have that the rest of the world may not have.

 You believe something regardless of what the rest of the world believes.

So when we pray, we realize that prayer is more than rattling off a bunch of words.

- It's more than a repetition of memorized prayers.
- Prayer is something that releases our faith in our Heavenly Father.
- It is something that connects us with the miraculous.
- It is something that causes our human and carnal thinking to reach into the realm of the miraculous by means of Faith.

Someone may say, "Well my situation is too big." Really?

- It's bigger than God?
- It's bigger than the one who sits on the Throne of Heaven?
- It's bigger than the one who holds the universe in its place?

Here me, there is nothing that is too hard for our God!

- There is nothing that He cannot do for you today.
- You may have all of Hell coming against your life today, but understand today...
- "The God of Heaven knows your name!"

Matthew 7:11

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

- So we understand today that to pray means to understand that He wants to bless us.
- It means to understand that He has the power to change our situation.
- It means to have faith for a miracle when the situation at hand looks it's darkest.

Then vs 9 tells us Hallowed be thy name.

• This word Hallowed is not used anywhere else in the scripture except in this reading in Matt and LK.

Hallow means Holy!

It means separate from profane things and dedicated to God.

It's important for us to understand something about His name!

- Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.
- Luke 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
- Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none
 other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be
 saved.
- Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.
- Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

We understand today that it is only through the Authority of the name of Jesus that we can have salvation.

- If it were not for Him, there would be no hope for us today.
- We would all be lost.
- There is not one person in this world that is good enough to make it to Heaven on his or her own.

Romans 3:10

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

• We understand today that we are dependent on the Name of Jesus.

In the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 5:11 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

- Aren't you glad for His grace today?
- How many of us would be without hope if it were not for the Grace of Jesus Christ.

His name should never be used in a vain way.

• If you say, "Jesus Christ" it should not be in a way that demeans who He is or His will for your life.

Without that name of Jesus, we would all be lost.

- Without the name of Jesus, no ones prayers could be answered.
- Without the name of Jesus, sins could not be remitted.
- Without the name of Jesus, Hell could run rampant in your life.
- It's the name of Jesus that shuts the devils mouth.
- It's the name of Jesus that stops the work of Hell in your life.

When you pray, pray in Jesus name.

• Semi truck – all I had time to say was "Jesus!"

Philippians 2:10

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

The name of Jesus has authority over "Things in Heaven".

"Things in Heaven" is a phrase that comes from the original Greek. It means,

- Things that take place in Heaven.
- The Heavenly regions

There are some things that you can only change when you change the spiritual atmosphere.

- You cannot battle some things in your life with carnal thinking.
- Some things have to be changed in the Heavenly realm before they can be changed in the earthly realm where we life.
 - When you call upon the Name of Jesus, you are calling on the name that has authority to call angels to your side.
 - When you call on that name, you are calling on the name that has the power to change the circumstances of your life in this world.
 - When you call on that name of Jesus you are calling on the name that has the power to stop the demonic attack in your life.

When you call on the name of Jesus, you are calling on the name that has power and authority over the entire spirit realm.

- This is why Jesus tells us to give recognition to the Hallowedness of His Name.
- He is telling us to give honor to that name.
- He is telling us to keep it Holy in our lives.
- He is telling us to give reverence to that name.

- Because that is the name that saves us.
- That is the name that heals us.
- That is the name that defeats the enemy in our lives.
- That is the name that can stop the work of the devil in our lives.

That name of Jesus

• That wonderful, precious, Holy name of Jesus!

Hallowed Be Thy Name!

- Respected!
- Honored!
- Revered!
- Blessed!
- Higher than any other!
- The one with all the authority!
- The one that saves!
- The one that heals!
- The one that can change the spiritual atmosphere in our lives.
- Jesus!

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

• Hallowed Be Thy Name!

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Hallowed Be Thy Name!

Acts 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

• Hallowed Be Thy Name!

Acts 16:18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and

said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Hallowed Be Thy Name!

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

• Hallowed Be Thy Name!

Thy Name!

- God's Name!
- The name of Jesus!

(Say a few people's name) (Get their attention)

"I'm using your name because I'm talking to you!"

Jesus said when you are talking to Me, honor my name!

- Jesus, I need your help!
- Jesus, would you hear my prayer.
- Jesus, I trust you for my situation.
- Jesus, you're the only one that can help me.
- Jesus, I believe you for the miracle I need in my life.

I don't know what all is fighting against your life today...

• But I do know a name that is above every name!

I don't know what sin it is that keeps you from living for God the way you want to...

But I do know a Name that is able to deliver you!

Our Heavenly Father gave to the Church a precious Gift.

• That Gift is His Name!

Because that name is His authority.

• That name is His power.

• That name is His dominion.

"Hallowed Be Thy Name!"