

Sunday, 21 May 2023

What Jesus Taught About Prayer Part 3 - Inside the Secret Place of Prayer

Today I want to teach about inside the secret place of prayer.

Matthew 6:6 THSV11 *“your Father who sees in the secret place”*

- 1 Worship God – Psalm 100:4, Psalm 7:17, Psalm 13:6
 - 1.1 Praise, worship, and express my love and adoration for God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 2 Things we could do in the secret place of prayer
 - 1.1 Make it about our relationship and walk with God and dependence upon God: Psalm 16:11, 18:1-2, 25:1, 25:4-5, 25:10, 25:12-14, 27:11, Psalm 18:29 (Psalm 4:8, 18:32, 18:35, 27:1, 27:14, 28:7, 29:11, 30:10-12)
 - 1.2 Make it about following God, reverencing God, and God enabling me to live for Him.
 - 1.3 Pray about spiritual growth – (Ephesians 1 & 3 prayers)
 - 1.4 Questions about things I do not understand or I am struggling with
 - 1.5 Thank Him for redemption – (Galatians 3:13)
 - 1.6 Pray in tongues as a means of fellowshiping and communicating with God and for the future of my life and ministry – 1 Corinthians 14:2
 - 1.7 Get quiet before the Lord to listen

- 3 How can you develop a prayer life in that secret place with God?
 - 3.1 Spend time in the Word with God, not to ask for blessings, but to draw close to God so that God will continue to transform you into the image of Christ more every day.
 - 3.2 Begin by praying the scriptures that have spoken to your heart, caused you to draw near to God, love God more, and inspire you to live for God.

Conclusion: Develop a prayer life in that secret place where God sees and rewards. It is through the prayer life that is developed in that secret place where we receive the true rewards from God, where our life is built, and where we receive strength to live a godly life that honors God. These are the reasons why we should develop a prayer life in that secret place with God. And, that should be the first priority of every Christian.

Discussion Questions:

- 1 What must you change to develop an effective prayer life in that secret place?
- 2 How can you develop a prayer life in that secret place?
- 3 Why should we develop a prayer life in that secret place with God?