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What Jesus Taught About Prayer Part 4

In Matthew 6:9-15, Jesus teaches prayer principles to His disciples. However, Jesus was not teaching His disciples to repeat these verses as their prayer.

- 1 Approach God in prayer as your Father and with worship - Matthew 6:9
 - 1.1 *"our father in heaven"*
 - 1.1.1 Come to God as your Father
 - 1.2 *"Hallowed be your name"*
 - 1.2.1 Begin with worship – magnifying God – (Psalm 100:4)

- 2 Put the Kingdom of God first in your prayer life - Matthew 6:10, (Matthew 6:33)
 - 2.1 *"Your kingdom come"*
 - 2.1.1 In the New Testament, we do not pray, *your kingdom come* because His Kingdom has already come – Colossians 1:13
 - 2.2 *"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"*
 - 2.2.1 Pray for God's will in heaven to be done on earth
 - 2.2.2 God will answer prayers that are based on His will – (1 John 5:14-15)

- 3 Pray for your daily needs – Matthew 6:11
 - 3.1 *"Give us this day our daily bread"*
 - 3.1.1 The Bible teaches God meets our needs, and one way He does this is by our prayers – (Philippians 4:19)
 - 3.1.2 It is important to know that Jesus is not teaching us to live day-to-day.

- 4 Unforgiveness hinders your prayers - Matthew 6:12
 - 4.1 *"And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors."*
 - 4.1.1 Teaches the principle of praying for forgiveness and forgiving others.
 - 4.1.2 Prayer will not work with unforgiveness in your heart - Matthew 6:14-15, Mark 11:25-26

- 5 A desire to live right and not yield to temptation - Matthew 6:13
 - 5.1 *"do not lead us into temptation"*
 - 5.1.1 God does not lead us into temptation - James 1:13
 - 5.1.2 God will lead us out of temptation – 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - 5.2 *"Deliver us from the evil one"*
 - 5.2.1 Jesus has already delivered you from the devil - Colossians 1:13
 - 5.2.2 Use your authority to overcome the attacks of the devil - (Luke 10:29, Matthew 16:18-19, James 4:7)

5.3 Conclude prayer with praise and magnifying God – Matthew 6:13

5.3.1 “[For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]”

Conclusion: We must understand Matthew 6:9-14 in the light of the New Covenant and apply these prayer principles accurately. The prayer principles we can take for Mathew 6:9-14 are:

1. Approach God in prayer as your Father and with praise
2. We should put the kingdom of God first in our prayer life
3. We can pray for our daily needs
4. Unforgiveness hinders our prayers
5. We should have the desire to live right and not yield to temptation

Discussion Questions:

1. What two ways should you approach God in prayer?
2. How can you put God’s kingdom first in your prayer life?
3. What effect does unforgiveness have on your prayer life?