

II. THANK GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE

⁹ “...in heaven,...” (Matthew 6:9b).

¹⁷ “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father...” James 1:17a

¹⁷ “So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

¹⁸ “Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Luke 17:17-18

A. Thank God for material blessings.

⁴ For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;

⁵ for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.” I Timothy 4:4-5

B. Thank God for relational blessings.

³ “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,” Philippians 1:3

C. Thank God for physical blessings.

¹⁴ “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.” Psalm 139:14

D. Thank God for spiritual blessings.

³ “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,” Ephesians 1:3

¹⁵ “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” II Corinthians 9:15

BEGIN WITH PRAISE

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Begin With Praise

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Introduction:

A. DO YOU CRAVE A MORE POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE?

Join us for the Lord, Teach Me To Pray six-week series! This will be a transforming study of the Lord’s Prayer which is found in Luke 11:1-13.

The Disciples spent nearly three years in ministry with Jesus. They saw Him heal the sick, multiply food and walk on water. They witnessed His power.

The Disciples could have ask Him to teach them anything. But because they understood the secret to Jesus’ power was prayer they asked...

“Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1b).

Jesus responded by giving them a prayer list.

B. The Lord, Teach Me To Pray series will teach you the “5 P’s of Prayer” which will lead to a greater sense of God’s power in your daily life.

Aug 16	The Power Of Prayer
TODAY	Begin With Praise
Aug 30	Purpose: Ask For God's Will
Sept 6	Provision: Ask For Daily Needs
Sept 13	Pardon: Ask For Forgiveness
Sept 20	Protection: Ask For Deliverance

TEXT: Luke 11:2-4

² “So He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name...” Luke 11:2a

Beginning your prayer with praise shifts the focus from your burdens to His character and greatness.

HOW TO BEGIN WITH PRAISE

The first thing to say to God are words of praise and thanksgiving,

⁴ *“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.”* Psalm 100:4

I. PRAISE GOD FOR WHO HE IS

A. Establish a relationship with God as your Heavenly Father.

⁹ *“Our Father...”* Matthew 6:9a

⁴⁴ *“You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do....”* John 8:44a

¹² *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

¹³ *who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”* John 1:12-13

⁶ *“because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”*

⁷ *Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”* Galatians 4:6-7

¹⁶ *“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* Hebrews 4:16

B. Worship God as your Holy Father and so much more.

⁹ *“...Hallowed be Your name.”* Matthew 6:9c

³ *“And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”*

⁴ *And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.*

⁵ *So I said, “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.”* Isaiah 6:3-5

⁷ *“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”* Exodus 20:7

¹ *“Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory,...”* Psalm 115:1a

Praise God that He is:

- Love (I John 4:8)
- Good (Psalm 34:8)
- Present (John 14:18)
- Wise (James 1:5)
- Kind (Titus 3:4-5)
- Powerful (Revelation 19:6)
- Merciful (I Peter 1:3)
- Unchanging (Hebrews 6:17-19)
- Sovereign (Romans 8:28-29)
- Faithful (I Corinthians 1:9)
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