Pray, then, in this way - Part III

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The King and His Glory / Prayer / Matthew 6:9–13
In Matt 6:9-13, Jesus teaches His disciples the proper, God-honoring, and worshipful way to pray.

Pre-sermon Comments

Martyn Lloyd-Jones: “As we came out of the theater suddenly a Salvation Army band came along playing some hymn tunes. There is a theme in Wagner’s opera *Tannhauser,* the two pulls—the pull of the world and the chorus of the pilgrims—and the contrast between the two. I know exactly what it means. When I heard this band and the hymns I said, ‘These are my people, these are the people I belong to and I’m going to belong to them.’ ”

> Philippians 1:21–24 (LSB) [21] For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. [22] But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know what I will choose. [23] But I am hard-pressed between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better, [24] yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.
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> O prayer! Prayer! It brings and keeps God and man together. It raises man up to God and brings God down to man. If you would keep your walk up with God, pray, pray without ceasing. ~ **George Whitefield**

Discussion Questions

Why do you think gathering with the body of Christ is essential for "resetting our thinking" and refocusing on worship?

When hearing the Salvation Army band, Martyn Lloyd-Jones felt a strong pull toward God’s people. Have you experienced moments like this, where worship or fellowship deeply stirred your heart toward God?

Pastor Brandon emphasized the need for the church to pray more and learn how to pray. What practical steps can we take as a small group to grow in prayer?

George Whitefield said, "Prayer brings and keeps God and man together." How have you experienced prayer deepening your relationship with God?

How does the example of Christ's instruction on prayer in the Disciples' Prayer (Matthew 6) shape your understanding of how to pray?

Sermon Text

> Matthew 6:9–13 (LSB) [9] "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. [10] 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. [11] 'Give us this day our daily bread. [12] 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. [13] 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.']

Introduction

> Luke 11:1 (LSB) [1] And it happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

Discussion Questions:

Recognizing Our Need to Learn
Matthew 6:9 presupposes that we don't naturally know how to pray. Why do you think even seasoned Christians might struggle with prayer? Can you recall a time when you felt unsure of how to pray?

The Humility of Confession
Reflect on the story of Andrew Fuller advising the man to confess his inability to pray. How does this example of humility before God encourage us to approach prayer, especially when we feel inadequate?

Jesus' Response to the Disciples' Request
In Luke 11:1, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. What does this request reveal about their understanding of prayer, and how should it shape our own attitudes toward learning to pray?

Learning from Jesus' Model Prayer
Jesus responded to His disciples' request by teaching them a model prayer. What are some key lessons we can learn from the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 that can guide our own prayers?

The Warning of Having Much to Pray About
The sermon warns that asking the Lord to teach us to pray might result in Him giving us much to pray about. How should we prepare our hearts when asking the Lord for growth in our prayer life, knowing that challenges might come with it?

Practical Application
How can you apply this teaching in your personal prayer life? Are there specific steps you can take to grow in prayer, such as starting with simple confessions like, "Lord, teach me to pray"?

Review

Pray, then, in this way

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Passage Outline

- **We must pray, trusting in God's Power and Sovereignty (Matt 6:9-10)**
- **We must pray, trusting in God's Provision and Security (Matt 6:11-13)**

We are to pray recognizing Our Father's Position (Matt 6:9)

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Sermon Outline

We must pray trusting in God's Provision and Security (Matt 6:11-13)

- **We are to pray requesting Our Father's Provision (Matt 6:11)[today]**
- We are to pray requesting Our Father's Pardon (Matt 6:12) [future]
- We are to pray requesting Our Father's Protection (Matt 6:13) [future]

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We are to pray requesting Our Father's Provision (Matt 6:11)

> Matthew 6:11 (LSB) [11] 'Give us this day our daily bread.

Bread is symbolic of all our needs

> Martin Luther: "everything necessary for the preservation of this life is bread, including food, a healthy body, good weather, house, home, wife, children, good government, and peace"
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> Such a request suggests the disciple's recognition that God is the provider, while expressing gratitude to the heavenly Father for his provision. ~ **Darrell L. Bock**

God Abundantly Supplies Our Needs

> Genesis 1:1 (LSB) [1] In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

> Genesis 1:29–30 (LSB) [29] Then God said, “Behold, I have given to you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has *the* fruit of *the* tree yielding seed; it shall be food for you; [30] and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that creeps on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food”; and it was so.
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> Genesis 9:3 (LSB) [3] “Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; as *with* the green plant, I give all to you.
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> Psalm 24:1 (LSB) [1] The earth is Yahweh’s, as well as its fullness, The world, and those who dwell in it.
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> Psalm 145:16 (LSB) [16] You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.
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> 1 Timothy 4:1–5 (LSB) [1] But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, [2] by the hypocrisy of liars, who have been seared in their own conscience, [3] who forbid marriage *and advocate* abstaining from foods which God created to be shared in with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. [4] For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, [5] for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
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> John MacArthur: It is marvelous to understand that the God who created the entire universe, who is the God of all space and time and eternity, who is infinitely holy and completely self-sufficient, should care about supplying our physical needs—and should be concerned that we receive enough food to eat, clothes to wear, and a place to rest.

C.H. Spurgeon: If I were asked what is the sweetest frame within the whole compass of human feeling, I should not speak of a sense of power in prayer, or abundant revelation, or rapturous joys, or conquest of evil spirits; but I should mention, as the most exquisite delight of my being, a condition of conscious dependence upon God.

God is the Sole Source of All We Need

> I am God. I am [Yahweh]. I am your righteousness. I am your provider. I am your healer. I am your banner of victory. I am your shepherd. I am your peace. I am your everything. **A. W. Tozer**
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> James 1:17 (LSB) 17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.
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> Matthew 6:11 (LSB) 11 ‘Give us this day our daily bread.
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> Leviticus 19:13 (LSB) 13 ‘You shall not oppress your neighbor nor rob *him*. The wages of a hired man shall not remain with you overnight until morning.
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> Deuteronomy 24:14–15 (LSB) 14 “You shall not oppress a hired person *who is* afflicted and needy, whether *he is* one of your brothers or one of your sojourners who is in your land within your gates. 15 “You shall give him his wages on his day before the sun goes down, for he is afflicted and sets his soul on it, so that he will not cry against you to Yahweh and it become sin in you.

Discussion Questions:

Opening Question:

When you think of your daily needs, how often do you consciously consider God as the source of provision?

Scripture Reflection:

In Matthew 6:11, Jesus teaches us to ask for our "daily bread." What do you think this bread symbolizes beyond just physical food?

Consider Martin Luther’s broader interpretation of "bread."

Genesis 1:29-30 and Genesis 9:3 demonstrate God's abundant provision for both humans and animals. How does this truth challenge the way we view our resources today?

Application Questions:

Reflecting on A.W. Tozer's statement, how can we become more aware of God's provision in areas where we typically rely on our efforts (e.g., work, shopping, managing our homes)?

How might this awareness shape our prayer lives?

How can we practice gratitude for God's provision in our daily routines? What specific practices could help remind us of His role as our Provider?

The sermon mentions the Israelites' dependence on daily manna in the wilderness. What lessons can we learn about trusting God for our daily needs rather than hoarding resources or worrying about tomorrow?

In James 1:17, we're reminded that "every good thing given... is from above." How does this truth shift your perspective on what you possess or desire?

What steps can we take as a group to encourage one another to rely on God daily for our needs and recognize His provision, especially in times of uncertainty or abundance?

God uses human work as the primary means to provide for us

> Genesis 2:15 (LSB) 15 Then Yahweh God took the man and set him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
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> Genesis 3:17–19 (LSB) 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In pain you will eat of it All the days of your life. 18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; 19 By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

God expects us to work.

> 2 Thessalonians 3:10–11 (LSB) 10 For even when we were with you, we used to command this to you: if anyone is not willing to work, neither let him eat. 11 For

we hear that some among you are walking in an unruly manner, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

God also provides by miraculous means

Colossians 1:17 (LSB) [17] And He is before all things, And in Him all things hold together.

Exodus 16:13 (LSB) [13] So it happened at evening that the quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

Exodus 16:35 (LSB) [35] And the sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate the manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

1 Kings 17:4–6 (LSB) [4] "And it will be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to sustain you there." [5] So he went and did according to the word of Yahweh, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. [6] And the ravens were bringing him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook.

1 Kings 17:14 (LSB) [14] "For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that Yahweh sends rain on the face of the earth.'"

Luke 9:12–17 (LSB) [12] Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and obtain lodging and find provisions, for here we are in a desolate place." [13] But He said to them, "You give them *something* to eat!" And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people." [14] (For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." [15] And they did so, and had them all sit down. [16] Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them. And He broke *them* and kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before the crowd. [17]

> And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets *full*.

If God has provided, why do we need to ask?

> Matthew 6:11 (LSB) [11] ‘Give us this day our daily bread.

What about times of scarcity?

United Nations: Globally, agricultural land area is approximately five billion hectares or 38 percent of the global land surface. About one-third of this is used as cropland, while the remaining two-thirds consist of meadows and pastures) for grazing livestock.

Political and Economic Policies Can Lead to Abundance or Scarcity

> Genesis 41:30–31 (LSB) [30] and after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the abundance will be forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine will ravage the land, [31] so that the abundance will be unknown in the land because of that subsequent famine; for it *will be* very heavy.
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> Genesis 41:33–36 (LSB) [33] “So now let Pharaoh look for a man understanding and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. [34] “Let Pharaoh take action and appoint overseers over the land, and let him exact a fifth *of the produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance. [35] “Then let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and let them store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh’s authority, and let them keep watch over *it*. [36] “And let the food be appointed for the land for the seven years of famine which will happen in the land of Egypt, so that the land will not be cut off during the famine.”

Religious Beliefs Can Lead to Abundance or Scarcity

Global Hunger Index: In the 2024 Global Hunger Index, India ranks **105th** out of the 127 countries with sufficient data to calculate 2024 GHI scores. With a score of **27.3** in the 2024 Global Hunger Index, India has a level of hunger that is ***serious.***

India's GHI Score is based on the values of four component indicators:

- 13.7% of the population is undernourished
- 35.5% of their children have stunted growth
- 18.7% of children under five are wasted
- 2.9% die of illnesses related to undernourishment before their fifth birthday

The Growing Problem in Western Culture

If God is the Provider, why is there starvation in the world?

> Psalm 37:3 (LSB) [3] Trust in Yahweh and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.
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> Psalm 37:4 (LSB) [4] Delight yourself in Yahweh; And He will give you the desires of your heart.
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> Psalm 37:5 (LSB) [5] Commit your way to Yahweh, Trust in Him, and He will do it.
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> Psalm 37:7 (LSB) [7] Be still in Yahweh and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who carries out schemes of wickedness.
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> Psalm 37:25 (LSB) [25] I was young and now I am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken Or his seed begging bread.

John MacArthur: Without a proper view of God, there cannot be a proper view of man. Those who have a right view of God and also a right relationship to Him through Jesus Christ are promised the provision of their heavenly Father.

> Matthew 6:25-26 (LSB) [25] "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? [26] "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?
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> [31] "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' [32] "For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. [33] "But

> seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Why do some believers suffer?

> James 5:1–3 (LSB) [1] Come now, you rich, cry, howling over your miseries which are coming upon you. [2] Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten. [3] Your gold and your silver have rusted, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. You have stored up *such* treasure in the last days!
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> James 5:4–6 (LSB) [4] Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields—that which has been withheld by you—cries out *against you*; and the outcries of those who did the harvesting have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.
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> [5] You have lived luxuriously on the earth and lived in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a DAY OF SLAUGHTER. [6] You have condemned and murdered the righteous *man*; he does not resist you.
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> James 2:15–16 (LSB) [15] If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, [16] and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that?
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> James 1:2–4 (LSB) [2] Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, [3] knowing that the testing of your faith brings about perseverance. [4] And let perseverance have *its* perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Discussion questions:

Why is it significant that Jesus teaches us to ask for our "daily bread" when God already knows our needs and has provided abundantly?

How does this teach us about our relationship with God and dependence on Him? The sermon discusses how the word "give" expresses humility and petition. How does asking God for provision shape our hearts and reliance on Him?

How can we avoid taking God’s provision for granted in times of abundance?

The sermon suggests that scarcity is often the result of poor stewardship or political and economic mismanagement. What examples in the world today reflect this reality?

How should Christians approach poverty and scarcity in light of this understanding? In Genesis 41, Joseph's wisdom in storing food during a time of abundance prevented a crisis during the famine. What lessons can we learn from Joseph about planning, stewardship, and trusting God in difficult times?

How can we apply these principles to our personal lives and communities?

The sermon mentions that political and economic policies can alleviate or exacerbate scarcity. What role should Christians play in advocating for policies that promote stewardship and justice?

How does Joseph’s example of wisdom in leadership apply to modern political and economic issues?

The sermon highlights how false religions, like Hinduism, contribute to scarcity by promoting harmful beliefs. How do worldviews and religious beliefs impact economic conditions and human welfare?

What can Christians do to share the gospel's truth in places where false beliefs lead to suffering and scarcity?

Psalm 37:25 states that the righteous will not be forsaken or beg for bread. How should believers reconcile this promise with the reality that some Christians experience suffering and lack?

How can we trust God’s goodness even when our needs seem unmet?

Conclusion:

What does all this mean for us?

> Matthew 6:11 (LSB) [11] ‘Give us this day our daily bread.

- **Acknowledge, daily, that God is your provider.**

- **Make the plea to 'give us this day our daily bread' part of your daily prayer.**
- **Recognize that even the mundane blessings of life, such as food, water, and shelter, come from the hand of God. Learn not to take these things for granted.**
- **Become givers and stewards of God's good gifts, not takers and hoarders.**

> 2 Corinthians 9:6–12 (LSB) [6] Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows with blessing will also reap with blessing. [7] Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And God is able to make every grace abound to you, so that in everything at every time having every sufficiency, you may have an abundance for every good deed; [9] as it is written, "HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE NEEDY, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS STANDS FOREVER." [10] Now He who supplies SEED TO THE SOWER AND BREAD FOR FOOD will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness; [11] you will be enriched in everything for all generosity, which through us is bringing about thanksgiving to God. [12] For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also abounding through many thanksgivings to God.

- **Do not live in fear of what may happen tomorrow. Fear accomplishes nothing but making your life more difficult.**

> Matthew 6:24–25 (LSB) [24] "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. [25] "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
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> Matthew 6:27 (LSB) [27] "And which of you by worrying can add a single cubit to his life span?

- **Learn to work hard for the glory of God. Trust that He will bless the work of your hands and multiply the fruit of your labor.**
- **Learn to rest well, knowing that God will provide all your needs.**
- **Look for ways to encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to love and good deeds.**

> Hebrews 10:24 (LSB) [24] And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

- **Pray that God will drive out laziness far from you**

> Ecclesiastes 10:18 (LSB) [18] Through indolence the beams sag, and through slack hands the house leaks.
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> Proverbs 12:24 (LSB) [24] The hand of the diligent will rule, But the slack *hand* will be put to forced labor.

- **Pray that God will drive out selfishness far from you**

> Ephesians 2:10 (LSB) [10] For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
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> Matthew 13:8 (LSB) [8] "And others fell on the good soil and were yielding a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.
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> Romans 12:1 (LSB) [1] Therefore I exhort you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—living, holy, *and* pleasing to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

The Gospel

God

Created and owns everything

Gen 1:1—In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth

Psalm 24:1—The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it.

Is Perfectly Holy

1 John 1:5—This is the message we heard from Him and announce to you that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

Matt 5:48—Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Requires perfect obedience to His Law

James 2:10—for whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Man

Has broken God's law

Rom 3:10,23—there is none righteous, not even one…for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Will pay the eternal penalty for his sin

Rom. 6:23—For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Cannot save himself by his good works

Titus 3:5—He saved us not based on works which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

Christ

Came to earth both as God and sinless man

Col 2:9—For in Him the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form

Demonstrated God's love by dying on the cross to pay sin's penalty

Rom 5:8—But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

2 Cor 5:21—He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Rose from the grave and is alive today

1 Cor 15:4—And that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

Sinners

Must repent of all that dishonors God

Isa 55:7—Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Luke 9:23—if anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take us his cross daily and follow Me.

Must believe in Christ as Lord and Savior

Rom 10:9—that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

Will you repent and believe in Christ?

Acts 17:30—therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance God is declaring to men that all everywhere should repent.

Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Brandon or Pastor Keith if you have any questions about this sermon or if you would like to know how to follow Christ.

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Additional Quotes

> Other duties become pressing and absorbing and crowd out prayer. ‘Choked to death’ would be the coroner’s verdict in many cases of dead praying if an inquest could be secured on this dire, spiritual calamity. ~ **Edward McKendree Bounds (American Methodist Episcopal Minister)**

Prayer without faith! What sort of prayer is it? It is the prayer of a man who does not believe in God. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The goal of prayer is the ear of God. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The armour is for the battle of prayer. The armour is not to fight in, but to shield us while we pray. Prayer is the battle. ~ **Oswald Chambers (Lecturer and Missionary)**

Prayer at its best is the expression of the total life, for all things else being equal, our prayers are only as powerful as our lives. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

Remember that prayer is your best means of study. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Prayer is the sweat of the soul. ~ **Martin Luther (Founder of the German Reformation)**

Prayer is the thermometer of Divine Grace. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Prayer is a living thing—you cannot find a living prayer in a dead heart. Why seek you the living among the dead, or search the sepulcher to find the signs and tokens of life? No, Sir, if you have not been made alive by the Grace of God, you cannot pray! ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Prayer is the breath of faith. Prayer meetings are the lungs of the church. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Prayer is a serious thing. We may be taken at our words. ~ **Dwight Lyman Moody (Evangelist)**

Prayer will make you leave off sinning, or sinning will make you leave off praying. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

When your heart is like a boiling geyser, let it steam aloft in pillars of prayer. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Do not reckon you have prayed until you have pleaded, for pleading is the very marrow of prayer. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

Our lives must be as holy as our prayers. ~ **Andrew Murray**

God can no more divest himself of his attribute of hearing prayer than of being. ~ **John Calvin (French Reformer)**

Prayer is the pulse of life. ~ **Andrew Murray**

May we not draw some comfort from the thought that our prayers never are intrusions? ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

In reality, the denial of prayer is a denial of God himself. ~ **Edward McKendree Bounds (American Methodist Episcopal Minister)**

Everything we do in the Christian life is easier than prayer. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Welsh Preacher and Writer**

Prayer at its best is the expression of the total life. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

Our prayers are only as powerful as our lives. In the long pull we pray only as well as we live. ~ **A. W. Tozer**

I know of no better thermometer to your spiritual temperature than this, the measure of the intensity of your prayer. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The door is closed to prayer unless it is opened with the key of trust. ~ **John Calvin (French Reformer)**

To give prayer the secondary place is to make God secondary in life's affairs. ~ **Edward McKendree Bounds (American Methodist Episcopal Minister)**

Lifeless prayer is no more prayer than the picture of a man is a man. ~ **Thomas Watson**

What can be more excellent than prayer; what is more profitable to our life; what sweeter to our souls; what more sublime, in the course of our whole life, than the practice of prayer! ~ **Saint Augustine of Hippo**

God does nothing but in answer to prayer. ~ **John Wesley**

Never make the blunder of trying to forecast the way God is going to answer your prayer. ~ **Oswald Chambers (Lecturer and Missionary)**

> We are obliged to pray if we are citizens of God's Kingdom.… The gospel cannot live, fight, or conquer without prayer—prayer unceasing, instant, and ardent. ~ **Edward McKendree Bounds (American Methodist Episcopal Minister)**

Next Time:

We must pray trusting in God's Provision and Security (Matt 6:11-13)

We are to pray requesting Our Father's Pardon (Matt 6:12)

We are to pray requesting Our Father's Protection (Matt 6:13)