

SUNDAY SCHOOL (COMBINED)
Text: Matthew 6:5-13; Luke 11:1-4

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CONTEXT OF TEACHING THE LORD'S PRAYER

1. Matthew does not offer the context

- a) A compilation of the teachings of Jesus Matthew 5-7
- b) Prayer was one of the subjects/ topics

2. Luke offers the context

- a) The disciples noted that the Lord Jesus was given to prayer Luke 11:1
 - i) Commencement of public ministry Luke 4:1
 - ii) Praying on a mountain Luke 6:12
 - iii) Transfiguration Luke 9:28-29
 - iv) Prayer at a certain place Luke 11:1
- b) The disciples requested that they be taught how to pray
- c) Point of reference... as John the baptiser taught his disciples to pray Luke 11:1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

1. Two recording of this prayer

- a) Shorter form Luke 11:2-4
- b) Longer form Matthew 6:9-13

2. Misapplication of The Lord's Prayer

- a) Ritualistic prayer
- b) Repetitive prayer

3. Careful study of what Jesus said is of great importance

- a) General context of Matthew 6

- b) Wrong prayer practices noted
- c) Correct understanding of prayer offered

COMMON PRACTICES

1. Public prayers offered

- a) To be seen by men
- b) Seeking the praise of men
- c) The problem of hypocrisy Matthew 6:5

2. Vain repetition

- a) Many words by Gentile nations (“heathens”)
- b) Thinking that these prayers will be heard Matthew 6:7

PRAYING IN PRIVATE

1. Go to your room
2. The secret place

PRAYING TO GOD AS FATHER

1. Relating to God as “Father”
2. Begins with a born-again relationship John 3
3. To be carefully cultivated

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH REFERENCE TO PRAYER

1. He enables us to be born again John 3:3-8
2. He teaches us to cry “Abba, Father” Romans 8:15-16