



Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Learning how to pray so that our
prayers might be golden bowls full
of incense before God's Throne.
(Luke 11:1-13; Revelation 5:8)



Lesson 18 – The Lord’s Prayer (Pt 2)

Sunday School Series: Lord, Teach Us to Pray – Luke 11:1-13

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Recommended for Further Study

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John 17:6 “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; 8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me. 9 I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; 10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

In verses 6-19, Jesus prays for His disciples. In these first few verses He tells us WHY He prays for them, then we will see next WHAT He prays for them.



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“I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ”

Jesus is praying for those that the Father has given Him.

John 6:37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never cast out.

We see first that these disciples were the Father’s to do with as He pleases. This refers to foreknowledge and election. God chose these men to give them to His Son, that is, they were predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 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, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love, 5 by predestining us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He graciously bestowed on us in the Beloved.

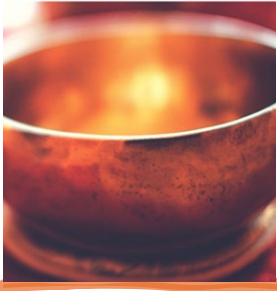


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To these disciples, Jesus has made God’s name manifest, that is, Jesus has revealed God’s name to them – He has made God known to them. His name is all inclusive of His Being, character, and attributes. Jesus showed them Who God is.

Exodus 3:13 Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am about to come to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ And they will say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?” 14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” 15 And God furthermore said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name from generation to generation.

Isaiah 52:6 Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, ‘Here I am.’”



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Jesus is God’s Word Incarnate – His self-expression.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

We also see that the disciples “kept” God’s Word. That is, they received it and obeyed it. This refers first to their conversion. Proof of new spiritual life is the acceptance of and obedience to the Word of God.



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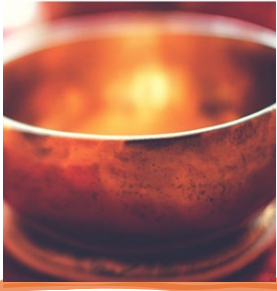
Jesus Keeps God’s Word – John 8:55 ... I do know Him and keep His word.

Jesus keeps God’s commands – John 15:10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

He tells His followers to observe His Word, Words, and Commands –

John 8:51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death—ever.” 52 The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets also; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste of death—ever.’”

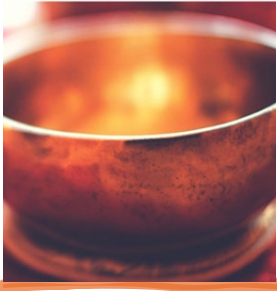
John 14:15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”



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John 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.



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John 17:7 Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; 8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

John 6:68 Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. 69 And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.”

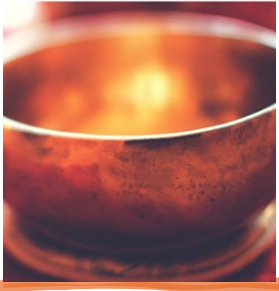
The Son says what the Father has given Him to say. When He did, the disciples “received them”, meaning they accepted it as the Word of God. This acceptance was proven by their obedience.



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1. They heard the Word – Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.
2. They received the Word – acceptance and assent.
3. They understood the Word – knowledge + wisdom = understanding.
4. They believed the Word – belief affects behavior.

Matthew 13:18 “Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. 20 And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 23 And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”



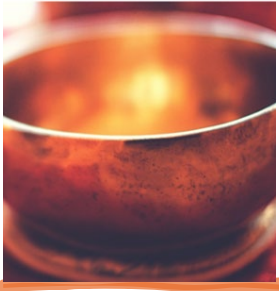
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John 17:9 9 I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; 10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

Jesus prayed for His disciples, not the world! He intercedes for His people.

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

“However wide is the love of God (John 3:16), however salvific the stance of Jesus toward the world (John 12:47), there is a peculiar relationship of love, intimacy, disclosure, obedience, faith, dependence, joy, peace, eschatological blessing, and fruitfulness that binds the disciples together and with the Godhead.” – Carson, pg. 560



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Why does Jesus pray for His disciples?

1. They were the Father's.
2. All that the Father has also belongs to Jesus, as the Father has given Him all things.
3. He is glorified in them (and can therefore glorify the Father – see vs. 1).
 - a. Glorified in saving them.
 - b. Glorified by their trusting Him.
 - c. Glorified to the degree that they lived a holy life of obedience to Him.
 - d. Glorified by their confession of Him before the world.
 - e. Glorified by their good works – Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.



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We learn then that Jesus prays for His disciples because before they were His disciples they belonged to the Father. They were given as a gift by the Father to the Son, and by sovereign grace, the Son was given to them and for them. In all these things, the disciples have glorified the Son and thereby the Son has been able to glorify the Father – to make His name and attributes known in the world.

Next Lesson: What did Jesus pray for His disciples? – John 17:11-16