

Pray Then Like This: Part 3

We have discussed thus far that prayer is _____ to God. When we pray with a pure heart, He hears us. We also talked last time when we were together, about the five aspects of prayer. Do you remember what they are?

We talked about *praise & adoration*. What do you remember about how we praise God?

Darrel Bock says that the prayer Jesus is teaching His disciples is a way that we establish God's character and authority... once we reflect on who God is, we can better approach him with our requests. So *praise & adoration* are so important, especially if we truly love God and seek after Him.

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Now, let us see what Jesus teaches us next...

Petition

Luke 11:1-3

"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'

*And He said to them 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. **Give us this day our daily bread.**'"*

This is the first _____ of the prayer. This is a personal request, thus making it a petition because it is something that we ourselves are asking for. Darrel Bock makes the comment on Christ's prayers and asserts "it expresses a desire for holiness, for God's ruling presence, for a life of forgiveness and, it recognizes that provision and spiritual protection come from God."²

¹ Darrel Bock's Luke: The IVP New Testament Commentary Series. Pg. 203

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God is the one who provides for our every need. Look at Matthew 6: 30. What does Jesus say there?

With that in mind when we pray to God for the things we need and want, we come to Him and ask, knowing that He has already given us the daily provision.

But what about other things that we want or desire? Read James 4:3. What does that passage mean to you?

This goes back to what we read earlier, it is important to know that prayer is not a sort of checklist that we come to God and ask for prayers and needs. No, it is much more. “They are focused like a laser beam on expressing a dependent approach to God...”³

So how can we have a pure motive when we pray?

Read Romans 12:2. What does Paul say about our minds? _____
_____. How do we renew our minds? _____
_____.

So this week when you pray, Pray like this: That God be glorified and provide for your every need, and the motive of your heart would be pure as you seek to have your mind renewed by the reading of His word.

³ Darrel Bock’s Luke: The IVP New Testament Commentary Series. Pg. 203