

Sunday School Live Lesson

February 2, 2025

Praying Properly

Matthew 6:5-15

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Questions for Us Today

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Do you ever recite “The Lord’s Prayer?” If so, when?

What does this prayer mean to you?

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Objective

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To gain more knowledge regarding Matthew – the man and the Gospel.

To gain a better understanding of and appreciation for “The Lord’s Prayer.”

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Matthew

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember This

Points of Information – Matthew

Matthew's original name was Levi. Although Matthew refers to himself by this name (which most of us know him by), the Gospels according to Mark and Luke refer to him by his original name: Levi. The name "Matthew" means "Gift of Jehovah."

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The Gospel according to Matthew is one of the three Synoptic Gospels – written with similar content, points of view and sequence. The others were written by Mark and Luke.

Points of Information – Matthew

Before being called to discipleship by Jesus, Matthew's occupation was as a tax collector. This line of work was dreaded by people. These servants of the Roman Empire collected taxes for the despised and oppressive government. And, with the government's permission, they were allowed to collect extra monies above the tax amounts for themselves.

Points of Information – Matthew

Matthew became one of the original Twelve Disciples when he was called by Christ Jesus. Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27-28.

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Right after he was called to follow Jesus, Matthew invited Our Lord and Savior to his home for a feast along with a number of his (Matthew's) friends and associates (including other tax collectors). Jesus accepted the invitation and went to Matthew's home, facing criticism from Pharisees, scribes and others. Matthew 9:9-11; Mark 2:14-16; Luke 5:27-30.

Points of Information – Matthew

As he establishes the case for Jesus as the Messiah, Matthew begins the Gospel (Verses 1:1-17) with a genealogical listing – tracing the lineage of Jesus as the Son of God from the Hebrew patriarch, Abraham.

Points of Information – Matthew

In a fitting closing, the Great Commission (“Go ye therefore...”) – from Christ Jesus – is recorded in the final Verses of the Gospel according to Matthew (28:19-20).

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The first Chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew begins with a genealogy of Jesus, tracing His lineage from Abraham.

The Chapter concludes with a narrative regarding how Joseph received and handled the news of the pregnancy of Mary by the Holy Spirit.

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The second Chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew tells of King Herod's pursuit of Baby Jesus, the family's escape into Egypt and the worship by the Wise Men of the Divine Child.

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The third Chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew tells of the preaching of John the Baptist and his baptism of Jesus.

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The fourth Chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew tells of Satan's unsuccessful temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus then began to preach and heal the sick. He called His first Disciples.

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In the fifth Chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus begins His Sermon on the Mount by speaking of the Beatitudes and more.

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Now, in the sixth Chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus teaches His disciples – *and us* – how to pray.

Matthew 6:5 [NIV]

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

Matthew 6:6

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, Who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:7

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

Matthew 6:8

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Matthew 6:9

“This, then, is how you should pray:

‘Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be
Your Name,

Matthew 6:10

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Matthew 6:11

Give us today our daily bread.

Matthew 6:12

And forgive us our debts, as we also
have forgiven our debtors.

Matthew 6:13 (NIV)

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Matthew 6:13 (KJV)

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:14 (NIV)

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Matthew 6:15

But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Remember this:

**For Thine is the Kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

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