

How To Talk With God Matthew 6:7-15

Introduction

We have been born into a universe created by GOD.

So — can we know Him? Interact with Him? Talk with Him? And if we can talk with Him — how do we go about doing that?

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:7-15 —

How should we NOT talk with God?

Don't think that praying more causes God to listen more (v.7).

Don't think that praying more causes God to understand more (v.8).

How SHOULD we talk with God?

Recognize that we need to be forgiven by God (vv.12,14,15).

Talk to God humbly, simply, directly (vv.9-13)

Center your prayer around the glory of God's name (v.9).

Ask Him to hallow His name, let His kingdom come and will be done, forgive your debts, provide your daily bread, and lead you not into temptation (vv.9-13).

Understand that your prayer will move God to act.

What will happen when we pray?

God's name will be hallowed.

God's kingdom will come and His will be done.

God will give us our daily bread.

God will forgive our debts.

God will not lead us into temptation and He will deliver us from evil.

What does this mean for us?

Be devoted to prayer.



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HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Have you ever thought that praying more would cause God to listen more — or know more? Why or why not?

Is Jesus saying we should never repeat prayers or persevere in prayer? Why or why not?

Which of these five requests are you most comfortable praying? Why? Which are you least comfortable praying? Why?

Do you believe that your prayer will move God to act? Why or why not?

What are some ways you can be more devoted to prayer?

What did the Holy Spirit do in your heart through this passage?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.



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