

UPPER ROOM SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Living the Life of the Beloved/Belonging: Matthew 5-7

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Lesson 14 – (June 17, 2018) Matthew 6:9-15

Lessons from Last Week:

- a. Living your public faith can expose you to the temptation of wrong motives, i.e. “to be seen by others.”
- b. Prayer reflects an ongoing conversation and connection to God.
- c. Quiet time with God requires you to ‘un-plug’ from the world.

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹“**This, then, is how you should pray:**

- a. Jesus offers you a prayer, which reflects and renews your Belovedness.
- b. Communication is a key component of an intimate relationship!

“**Our Father in heaven,**

- a. God, as Father, is revered as:
 - a. One God, not many gods as in heathen religions.
 - i. Every force of nature has its own god.
 - ii. Humans cannot be certain they have pleased the gods; therefore, they live to placate their gods with good behavior.
 - b. The true God reveals His desire to be in relationship with people.
 - c. The relationship is of a loving Father who:
 - i. Provides for His children.
 - ii. Protects His children.
 - iii. Loves (Nurtures) His children.
 - iv. Leads His children.
- b. “**Our,**” not ‘My,’ reminds us of our family-ness in the Body of Christ.
 - a. Our Father relates to us through His love.
 - b. A god attempts to relate to us through power – but not love.
- c. **The Beloved Life Principle #31:** God is Spirit, but reveals Himself as “Father,” to accentuate the relationship we have to Him as _____ children.

hallowed be your name,

- a. God’s name is already holy (set apart) by His nature.
- b. The petition asks that you keep His name revered.
 - a. “**Name**” is more than an identifier: the Person and character!
 - b. God’s name is kept holy by:
 - i. Believing in His existence (contrary to atheism)
 - ii. Trusting in His Word, even when it defies human logic

¹⁰**your kingdom come,**

- a. God's kingdom is already here, through the Word, in your heart by faith.
- b. You pray for heaven to come soon

your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

- a. God already exercises His will without our praying for it.
- b. You are praying that you will do His will in your life on earth, through:
 - a. Your reverence for, and obedience to, His Word.
 - b. Your faith, that God is doing His will, even when you can't see it.
 - i. **2 Corinthians 5:7.** ⁷ *For we live by faith, not by sight.*