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THE MASTER'S PRAYER PATTERN Matthew 6:9-13

1. **Jewish society in Jesus' day** was heavily influenced by the Pharisees and teachers who emphasized outward obedience to the Law. In this environment, Jesus challenged His disciples to look beyond appearances to the motives of the heart. (Matthew 5:29-47)

    - Matthew 6:5-8 ...*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... Do not be like them (Pharisees and hypocrites), for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

2. **"This, then, is how you should pray..."**

    - The prayer pattern, given to us by Jesus in Matthew 6:9–13 and Luke 11:1–4, provides a strong foundation for intimate fellowship with God, spiritual growth, and victory!

Part 1 | PRAISE, THE FIRST THING

Matthew 6:9 *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.*

"PRAISE is born in faith. It is an instrument of war, and the way of creating an atmosphere for the presence of the LORD (Psalm 22:3). WORSHIP is born from the womb of relationship." (Judson Cornwall)

1. **Beginning our prayer with praise** honors our Heavenly Father. As we praise Him using His Old Testament Names, we learn more about who He is... His Character and His ways.

- Psalm 100…*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise* (Hebrew word, Tehillah, a spontaneous song of praise, heartfelt adoration, a new song!)*; give thanks to Him and praise His name*.
  Note: there are many Hebrew words for praise and worship.

2. **To hallow His Name** means to honor and reverence God as Holy, praising Him for who He really is. As we worship the LORD through His Old Testament Names, we discover more of His nature and character. Here are three examples of God's Names, their meanings, and Bible references. *Scan the code for more on the names of God*.

   - Elohim | **God**, our Mighty Creator, Covenant God (Genesis 1 and throughout the Old Testament; John 1:1-5, 10-13).
   - Adonai | The **Lord**, our Sovereign Master, worthy of reverence, surrender, and obedience (Genesis 15:1–8; Isaiah 6:1–8; Daniel 9:3–19; Malachi 1:6; John 13:12–17).
   - JEHOVAH (YHWH) | **LORD**, the Eternal, Self-Existent, Holy, Righteous, and Loving God. "I AM" is His declaration, YHWH is His revealed Covenant Name. (Exodus 3:13–15, 6:2–8, 34:5–7; Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Isaiah 42:8; 45:5–6; Psalm 83:18; Malachi 3:6).

Question and challenge…

- When was the last time you experienced God's presence simply to praise and worship Him for who He is, without asking Him for anything? How did you express your praise, and what happened in your heart?
- Don't let your prayer life become nothing more than a list of requests! Get alone with your Heavenly Father. Shut out the distractions. Begin to praise Him and worship Him for who He is. And don't be in a hurry to leave… wait for His Voice!
- Prayer is spending quality time with Him and listening to His voice! (Jeremiah 33:3)

Jeremiah 33:3 *Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*