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Pray in This Way: Part 1 – Praising God

Matthew 6:9

Introduction:

- The most memorized Scripture
 1. Single verse - _____
 2. Group of verses - _____
- The Lord's Prayer was never meant to be a prayer in itself
 1. Jesus instructed His disciples h_____ to pray, not what to pray - *pray in this way (like this; in this manner)*
 2. Luke 11 records a repeat of this instruction under a different circumstance – the prayer is similar but not the s_____
 - a. The KJV does make the prayer the same (KJV is based on seven later Greek copies of Scriptures, the earliest being from the _____ century).
 - b. Modern versions have differences between the accounts (modern versions are based on 1000's of Greek copies of Scriptures spanning from the 1st century until the invention of the p_____ p_____ (1450)
- Jesus is giving five t_____ for us to cover in private prayer, the first one being praising God.

Communicate to God as His child – *Our Father, who is in heaven*

- What qualifies a person to call God their Father?
 1. God is the Father of all in the sense that He is everyone's C_____ - He brought us all into existence.
 2. Jesus is thinking in s_____ terms of being part of God's family.
 - a. Jn 8:38-44 – Jesus stated to a group of Jews that they were not true descendants of Abraham and their father was the d_____.
 - b. Jn 1:12 – we become part of God's family when we r_____ Jesus as our Lord and Savior.
 - 1) Jesus is the only n_____ born Son of God (Jn 3:16; Luke 1:35).
 - 2) We become sons of God by a_____ (Rom 8:15)
- God is our h_____ Father.
 1. Some people don't like the metaphor of God as father because of bad experiences with earthly fathers

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- a. God does not model His fatherhood after earthly fathers but wants earthly fathers to use Him as their m_____.
 - b. Don't allow bad experiences with your earthly father distort your v_____ of your heavenly Father.
2. God is way beyond us (He's in heaven) yet He is p_____ (our Father).

Communicate to God His character – *Hallowed be Your name*

●Hallowed

1. The Greek word translated as *hallowed* is the same one that is usually translated as s_____.
2. It means set a_____, different, special.

●Name

1. God's name in Hebrew is Yahweh (Ex 3:14 – God states His name to be _____; Yahweh = He is). But this is not the name to which Jesus is referring.
2. The word, *name*, is often used in the sense of c_____ (Is 9:6; Matt 28:19; Col 3:17)

●How do we know what God's character really is?

1. The wrong way to discover God's character
 - a. Experiences – don't v_____ God through your experiences (e.g. an abused child might judge God by his experience of abuse)
 - b. Human philosophy – this is s_____ (e.g. – God started the big bang so that everything could evolve)
2. The right way to discover God's character – His revelation
 - a. G_____ revelation (Rom 1:18-23 – God revealing His character through what He has made)
 - b. S_____ revelation – God directly revealing Himself to a person or group (the Bible is the record of this kind of revelation)

●Examples of God's character

1. He is p_____ (Gen 6)
2. He is the p_____ (Gen 22)
3. He is all p_____ (Is 46:10,11; Rom 8:28)
4. He is faithful, loving, merciful, forgiving, just...

Conclusion – this week begin your day praising God for who He is and praise Him throughout the day in your circumstances.