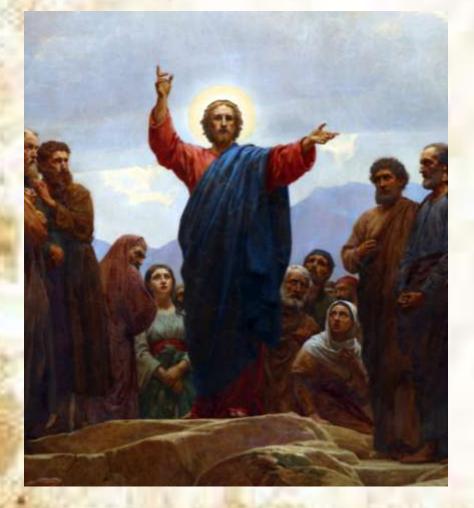
Enriching Our Prayer Life

The World Is Filled With Talking...





Matthew 6:5-15



Jesus Teaches on Prayer

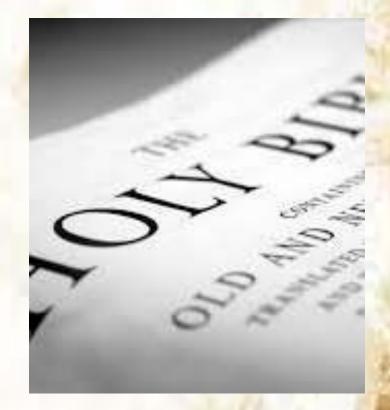
THEME:

LET PRAYER RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR FATHER.

I. PRAYER MUST BE <u>IN</u> <u>SECRET</u>.

Matthew 6:5-6

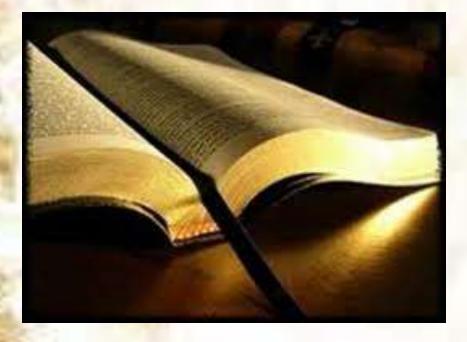
⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and *pray to your* Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."



Hypocrites...



Instead, Pray Like Jesus

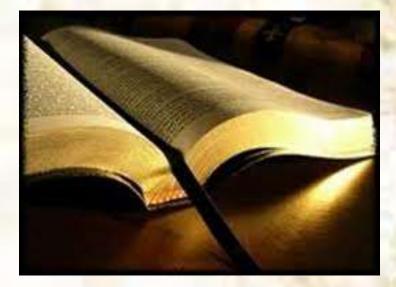


Mark 1:35

"³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed."

Luke 6:12-13

"¹² In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve..."





II. PRAYERS MUST <u>BE</u> <u>SHORT</u>.

Matthew 6:7-8



"7 "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal



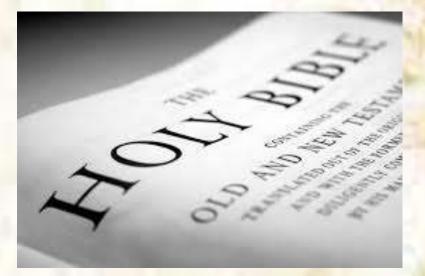


<u>1 Thessalonians 5:17</u> "Pray without ceasing."

<u>Romans 12:12</u> "Be constant in prayer."

Isaiah 65:24

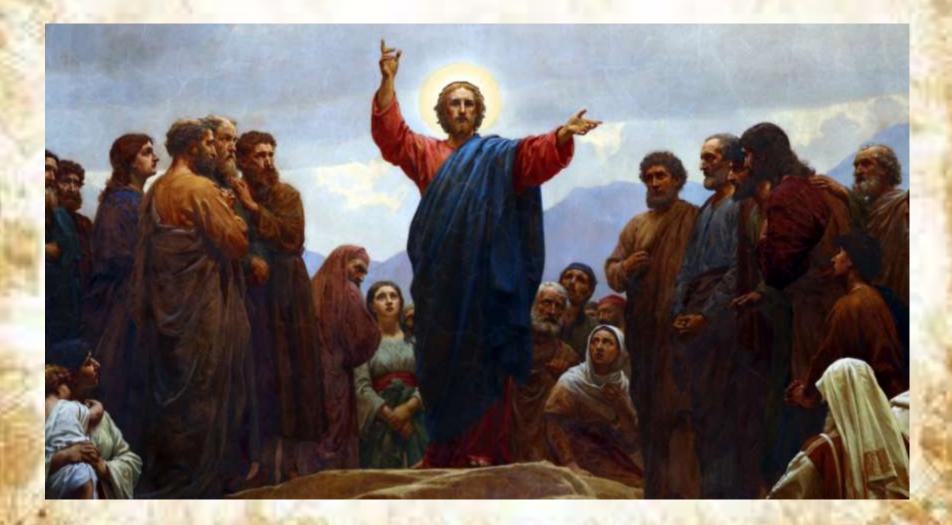
^{"24} Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear."





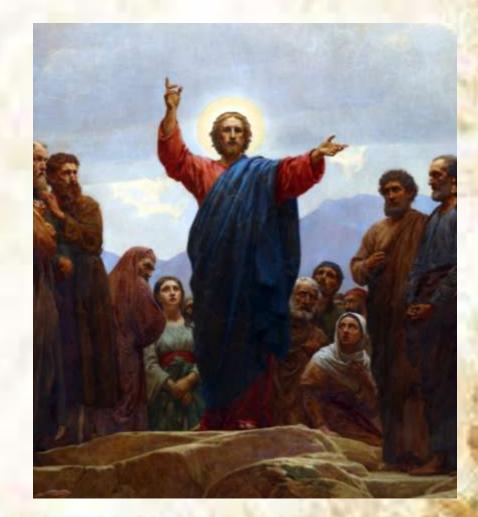
III. PRAYERS MUST <u>BE</u> <u>SIMPLE</u>.

The Lord's Prayer

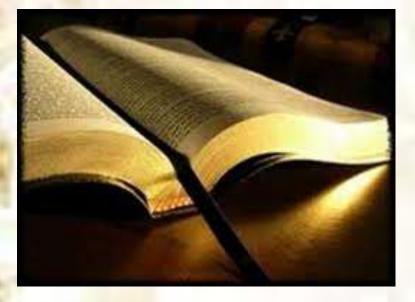


Matthew 6:9-10

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."



1 Corinthians 10:31



"³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, *do all to the glory of God.*"

Matthew 6:11-13

^{"11} Give us this day our daily bread,¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."





To renew our relationship with our father, let our prayers be...

I. In Secret II. Short III.Simple

Matthew 7:7-11

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"