

A fluffy white lamb stands in a lush green field, looking towards the left. The lamb's wool is thick and soft, and its legs are white. The background is a soft-focus green field.

The Sermon on the Mount

(Matthew 5 to 7)

7. And when you pray...

A large crowd of people in a desert landscape, with a mountain in the background. The people are wearing traditional Middle Eastern clothing, including head coverings and long robes. The scene is set in a vast, open area with a clear sky and a distant mountain range.

“You have one teacher, the Christ...”

(Matthew 23:10)

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain,
and when He sat down, **His disciples** came to Him.

And He opened His mouth **and taught them...**

(Matthew 5:1-3)

Matthew 5: Therefore...

Righteousness that is
not merely outward
nor hypocritical

You therefore must be perfect,
as your heavenly Father is perfect.

(Matthew 5:48)

Sin will have
no dominion over you,
since you are not under **law**
but under **grace**.

(Romans 6:14)

If we **confess our sins**,
He is faithful and just to **forgive** us
our sins and to **cleanse** us
from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:9)

Matthew 6:1-18

① Beware of **practicing your righteousness** before other people to be seen by them...

⇒ Our walk in relation to **others**

② And **when you pray**, you must not be like the hypocrites...

⇒ Our walk in relation to **God**

③ And **when you fast**, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites...

⇒ Our walk in relation to **ourselves**

Not as the hypocrites do...

Your Father who sees in secret...

(Matthew 6:4)

THE NEGATIVE

Woe to you,
scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites!

(Matthew 23:15)

THE POSITIVE

God is faithful,
by whom you were called
into the fellowship of His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Corinthians 1:9)

Matthew 6:7-15 *“And when you pray...”*

As if they need
to tell God
what they need
and convince Him
to do it.

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.

**Do not be like them,
for your Father knows
what you need
before you ask Him.**

(Matthew 6:7-8)

...do not use vain repetitions...
...do not keep on babbling...
...do not babble repetitiously...

Pray then like this...

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

Give **us** this day **our** daily bread,
and forgive **us our** debts,
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And lead **us** not into temptation,
but deliver **us** from evil.

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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Who is this prayer for?

- The disciples of the Lord Jesus

What is the Lord teaching them?

- True righteousness

What sort of people are these?

- Ordinary people – committed to Him
- Ordinary people – growing in grace
- Ordinary people – being transformed

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Our

... One family

Father

... *Abba*, Father

in heaven

... Almighty God

*The Lord is my shepherd...
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life...
(Psalm 23:1,6)*

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Hallowed = to make holy

Your name = Himself, as revealed and known

- ✓ May Your name be held in reverence.
- ✓ May Your name be considered holy.
- ✓ May Your name be honoured.

His greatness is unsearchable
(Psalm 145:3)

*Let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of Him!*
(Psalm 33:8)

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Come, Lord Jesus!

(Revelation 22:20)

Your kingdom = Where the King reigns

- In believing hearts and lives now
- The whole world when He comes



*The kingdom of the world
has become the kingdom
of our Lord and of His Christ, and
He shall reign forever and ever.*

(Revelation 11:15)

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*We can do nothing against the truth,
but for the truth.*
(2 Corinthians 13:8)

Everything being brought into submission

- The Word of God is proclaimed
- Many are redeemed by His grace
- Righteousness and truth prevail

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*Seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness...*

(Matthew 6:33)

Living each day in dependence on God

- Starting each day before Him
- Trusting Him to order each day
- Making thanksgiving our disposition

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*Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners,
of whom I am the foremost.
(1 Timothy 1:15)*

Living out repentance and faith

- Unforgiveness is spiritual darkness
- Unforgiveness despises God's grace
- Unforgiveness is spiritual poison

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For **if you forgive** others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
but **if you do not forgive** others their trespasses,
neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
(Matthew 6:14-15)



If we walk in the light, as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
**and the blood of Jesus His Son
cleanses us from all sin.**
(1 John 1:7)

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*Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!*
(Psalm 139:23-24)

Temptation = a time of testing or trial

Evil = either evil/sin or the evil one (Satan)

- ✓ We are committed to follow Your leading.
- ✓ We don't trust our own strength in trials.
- ✓ We are praying that You would keep us.

What sort of people are these?

Blessed are **the poor in spirit**,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are **those who mourn**,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are **the meek**,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are **those who hunger and thirst for righteousness**,
for they shall be satisfied.

(Matthew 5:3-6)

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An extraordinary relationship
between man and God

Worship of the Triune God
in truth and obedience

Prayer for our physical
and spiritual needs
with intercession for all
the redeemed family of God

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