

# **3 Sermons on Prayer from Matthew Chapter 6**

## **KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PRAYER TIME**

**Text: Matthew 6:5-8**

Going to prayer makes it necessary to leave some things behind.

- I. LEAVE ALL OUTWARD PRETENSES BEHIND (v.5).**
  
- II. LEAVE THE CONCERNS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD BEHIND (v.6).**
  
- III. LEAVE MEANINGLESS PETITIONING OR BEGGING OUT (vv.7-8).**

## **CONCLUSION**

Shutting out the world and its methods is the first step in having a successful prayer time.

## **THE REWARDS OF THE SECRET PLACE**

**Text: Matthew 6:6**

Taking time to get alone with God in a time of prayer will always yield its own rewards.

- I. GO TO YOUR APPOINTED PLACE OF PRAYER (v.6a).**
  
- II. SHUT THE DOOR ON THE CARES OF THAT DAY (v.6b).**
  
- III. PRAY TO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER WHO PROVIDES FOR YOU (v.6c).**

### **CONCLUSION**

Our father/child relationship that we have with the Lord needs to be cultivated with time and sincerity. If we will do this, God will no doubt reward us with His blessings.

## **THE BASICS OF PRAYER**

**Text: Matthew 6:9-15**

Because many are unfamiliar with the basics of prayer let us look at the easy-to-follow example given to us by Jesus.

- I. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE GLORY OF THE FATHER (v.9).**
- II. WE MUST SUBMIT OUR LIVES TO HIS WILL (v.10).**
- III. WE MUST SEEK HIS PROVISION FOR OUR NEED (v.11).**
- IV. WE MUST SEEK HIS FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS AS WE GIVE FORGIVENESS TO OTHERS (v.12).**
- V. WE MUST ASK FOR SPIRITUAL PROTECTION (v.13).**
- VI. WE MUST RECOGNIZE HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES (v.13)**

### **CONCLUSION**

We begin by focusing our attention on Him and His power and glory and move to focusing our attention on our need for His help, provision, and grace.