

Matthew 6:5-8

- I. Do not pray like the hypocrites
 - A. What the Jews had right (that the Gentiles didn't)
 - B. Prayer swagger
 - C. Practice privacy

- II. Secret prayer
 - A. The closet (Matthew 14:23; 19:13; 21:13; 26:36, 41; Mark 1:35; 9:29; Luke 3:21; John 17:1)
 - B. Why is private prayer so important? (Psalm 91:1-2)
 - C. If you want to be blessed by God, you must pray to him (Psalm 141:2; Revelation 5:8; 8:3; Acts 10:4)

- III. Do not pray like the Gentiles
 - A. Gentiles
 - B. Meaningless repetition (1 Kings 18:26-29, 36-37)
 - C. Prayer is simple (Psalm 66:18-19; Isaiah 59:1-2; 1 Peter 3:7)
 - D. Your father knows (1 Peter 5:7)