



I. INTRO/REVIEW

- A. Jesus taught his disciples many things, but they asked him to teach one thing
- B. Jesus taught a life-style of prayer, not a model of prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- C. Let your will be done

Mark 14:36 (NLT) ³⁶ "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV) ⁹ Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

II. THE WILL OF GOD AND PRAYER

- A. Jesus prayed
 - Thy will be done on earth as in heaven
 - Not my will but yours be done
- B. The vine and the branch
 - Prayer is about our relationship with God

John 15:5 (NKJV) "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:7-8 (NKJV) If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

- C. Confidence in prayer
 - Confidence in prayer comes from knowing that God heard us

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV) ¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

- D. God's word is His will and gives us the confidence to ask

2 Samuel 7:29 (NIRV) ²⁹ Now please bless my royal house. Then it will continue forever in your sight...



2 Samuel 7:25-27 (NIV) ²⁵ “And now, Lord God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, ²⁶ so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The Lord Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight. ²⁷ “Lord Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you.

- David’s courage to pray was because God had promised

2 Samuel 7:28 (NIRV) ²⁸ Lord and King, you are God! Your covenant can be trusted. You have promised many good things to me.

- Faith takes what God has said—God’s promise—and turns it into prayer: “Do as you have spoken” (v. 25)

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵ *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”*

III. PRAYER BUILDS A BRIDGE

A. Hallowed be thy name

Ephesians 1:3 (NIRV) ³ Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...

- Prayer starts with thanksgiving, praise, before not after
- Everything is spiritual first

Ephesians 1:3 (NIRV) ³ Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Those blessings come from the heavenly world. They belong to us because we belong to Christ.

B. How do I get the blessings that are spiritual & heavenly to the earth.

- The prayer of faith is what God has given us to take the spiritual heavenly things and give them substance here on earth.

C. Faith is the medium of exchange between heaven and earth

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV) ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

Philippians 4:6 (NIV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.