

COMMUNICATION WITH THE CREATOR

Luke 11:1-4

“The Principles of Prayer”



Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. **And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

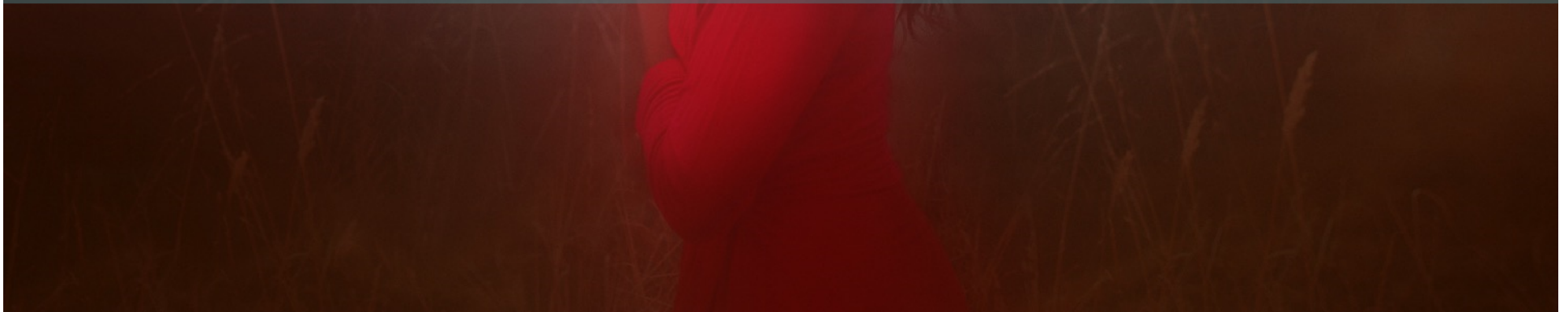
Our theme this year is...

GLORIFY THE CREATOR

A few weeks ago we began a new series...

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In what is commonly called “the Lord’s Prayer,” (which correctly should be called “The Model Prayer,”) Jesus gives us several principles of prayer. We began with...



I. THE EXAMPLE OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:1b “...as he was praying...”

II. THE EXPECTATION OF THE SAVIOR

Lu. 11:2b “...When ye pray...”

III. THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE SAVIOR

A. The Principle of Relationship – “...Our Father...”

B. The Principle of Righteousness – “...Hallowed by thy name...”

C. The Principle of Reigning – “...Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done...”

D. The Principle of Request – v. 3 “Give us day by day our daily bread.”

E. Principle of Reciprocity – “And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us.

F. The Principle of Reality – “...And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.”

G. The Principle of Regality – “...which art in heaven...”

- The “*Model Prayer*,” when properly considered, helps us focus upon our Creator’s greatness, and what He considers important for us to consider.



This morning we will consider...

THE HOUR THAT CHANGES THE WORLD

In his book, *The hour that changes the world*, Dick Eastman suggests that one divide an hour into 12 periods of 5 minutes each.



After 5 minutes you change to another form of prayer. The following is Dick Eastman's grouping:

1. Praise and Worship
2. Waiting on the Lord
3. Confession
4. Pray the Word
5. Watching
6. Intercession
7. Petitions
8. Thanksgiving
9. Song
10. Meditation
11. Listening
12. Praise



The following is a summary of each of the 12 different aspects of prayer

1. *Praise and Worship* is an expression of admiration and devotion to God:

Psa. 115:1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but **unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.**

- Worship God for who He is:
 - the One who created you
 - for His unfailing Word
 - for your salvation
 - that you are included in His purpose...

- Worship is to exalt and honour God.
- It is to acknowledge God for who He is, to exalt God with your words, your whole being and with your attitude in prayer.
- Worship Him for His Name.
- Worship Him for His righteousness, love, holiness, omnipotence, greatness, faithfulness, omnipresence, His Word, His Creation, His work of redemption, etc.

You may want to choose a different theme for each period of praise and worship. Expand on this theme as much as possible, meditate on it and ponder on the practical implications for your life and the lives of other people.

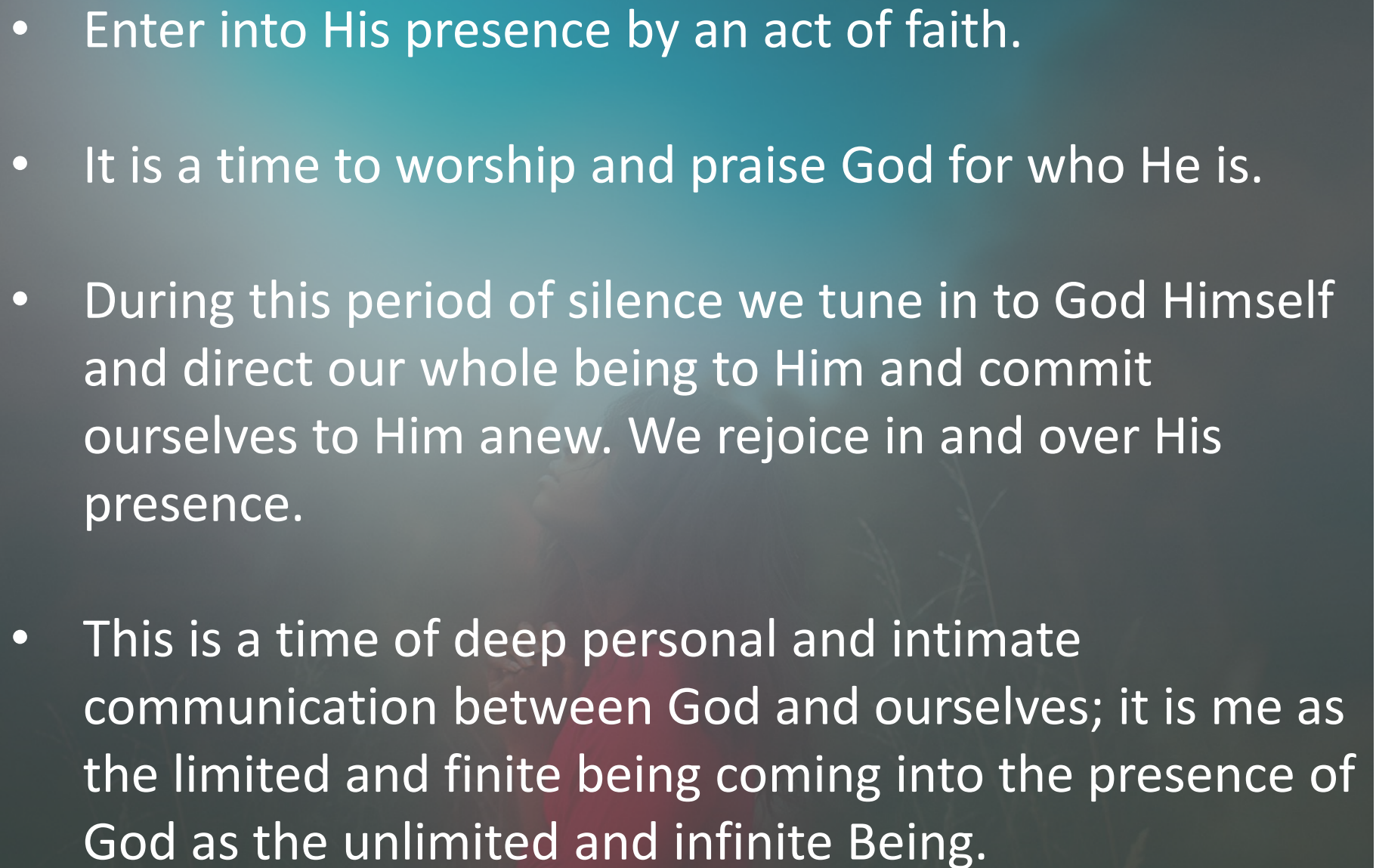
2. *Waiting on the Lord* is an act of surrender to, and of love and admiration for God, (often wordless worship)

Psa. 27:14 **Wait on the LORD**: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: **wait, I say, on the LORD**.

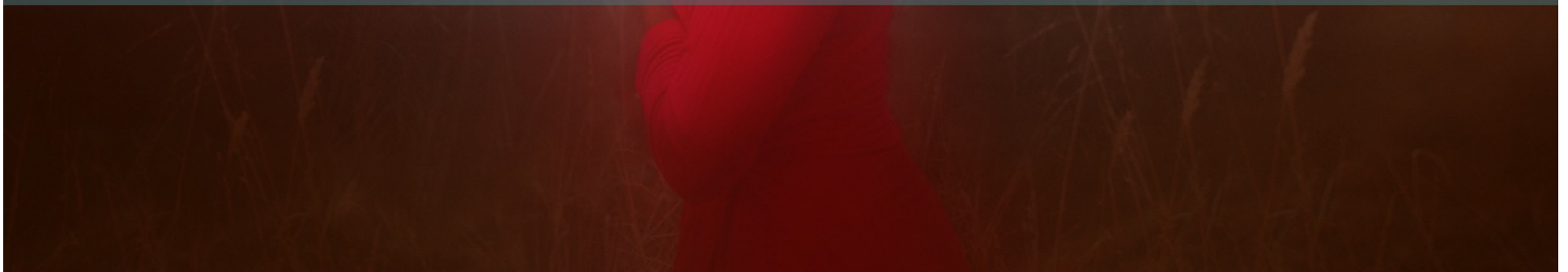
Psa. 33:20 **Our soul waiteth for the LORD**: he *is* our help and our shield.

Psa. 130:5 **I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait**, and in **his word** do I hope.

- This is a time of silence before God.
- Spiritually close the door to any influence from the world.

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- A person wearing a red shirt is shown from the chest up, looking upwards with their head tilted back. They are standing in a field of tall, dry grass. The background is a soft-focus landscape with more grass and a hint of a horizon. The overall tone is contemplative and spiritual.
- Enter into His presence by an act of faith.
 - It is a time to worship and praise God for who He is.
 - During this period of silence we tune in to God Himself and direct our whole being to Him and commit ourselves to Him anew. We rejoice in and over His presence.
 - This is a time of deep personal and intimate communication between God and ourselves; it is me as the limited and finite being coming into the presence of God as the unlimited and infinite Being.

- We make sure at this point that we are in contact with God. This time of waiting on the Lord cannot be hurried; there is no place for impatience and haste during this time.
- During this time you think of nothing but God the Father, His Son Jesus your Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.
- You need not express your thoughts in words. Concentrate on your relationship with the Lord and your love for Him.



3. *Confession* of sin and humiliation is an act of admitting my sinfulness to God and of cleansing me as the Temple of God, allowing me entrance into His presence.

Isa. 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But **your iniquities have separated between you and your God**, and **your sins have hid his face from you**, that he will not hear.

1 Jn. 1:9 If **we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prov. 28:13 **He that covereth his sins shall not prosper**: but whoso **confesseth and forsaketh** *them* shall have mercy.

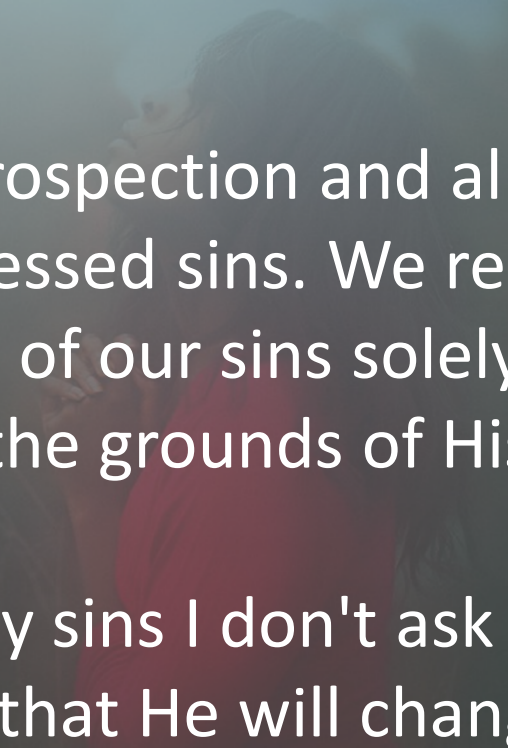
Psa. 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude **of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.**

2 Wash me thoroughly from **mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For **I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.**

4 **Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,** and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest. ...

10 **Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**

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- This is the time to confess my sins by name, admit that I am wrong and turn from my sins and accept God's forgiveness.
 - Where I ask God to cleanse me of any form of pride and lack of love.
 - This is a time of introspection and allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal all unconfessed sins. We receive our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins solely through the blood of the Lord Jesus. On the grounds of His death on the cross.
 - When confessing my sins I don't ask God to change my circumstances, but that He will change and forgive me.

4. *Praying Scripture* is to feed myself spiritually and to pray according to God's agenda and revelation.

- This is Word-enriched prayer – The Word is our prayer manual.
- It is to pray God's promises to Him. God's promises in the Word create faith in our hearts.
- In the first place, the Bible is a book that needs to be believed and obeyed.
- During this time I ask God; "Lord, what promises can I claim for me, what commands must I obey, what warnings I must pay attention to?"

- We must remind the Lord of His promises in the Word day and night for as we remind Him, we are reassuring ourselves of His Word.
- As we read the Word we must ask the Lord how to apply it in our lives and in our prayer time.

Nations
Country
Town/City
Congregation
Family
Self

(This list will help you to know on which areas you have to focus in your prayer. This sketch will especially help you in the prayer periods of waiting, intercession, **listening** and thanksgiving.)

5. *Watching* is a time of spiritual observation (perception), to be on the look-out, to be spiritually aware of matters to pray for.

Col. 4:2 **Continue in prayer**, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

Mt. 26:41 **Watch and pray**, that ye enter not into temptation: **the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

- A time to be especially wary and alert for the possible onslaughts of the devil.
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you the plans, methods, strongholds and strategies of the evil one.
- To be alert to any prompting of the Lord.
- To be mindful of any revelation from God.

Prov. 16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and **thy thoughts shall be established.**

- Ask for insight, discernment, wisdom, to know on what to focus and what your priorities should be.
- To understand the will of God and where He wants to use you today.
- To ask the Lord what is on His heart and on His agenda.
- Are there things reported in the newspapers, on the radio or television that we should pray for. Things like economic problems, political unrest, wars, etc. that God wants us to pray for.

6. *Intercession* is to pray for others, to concentrate on the needs and distress of other people, to stand in the gap for someone else.

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2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

- To pray for God's purpose in the lives of others.
- To stand between God and other people and pray for their needs – to ask for mercy and grace.

- It is a spiritual position before God – to remain standing until you have the assurance that God heard and release you of the burden to pray for this issue.
- It is God's method of getting His children involved in His plan for the world.
- When you intercede you stand at God's side and you work with Him for the salvation or benefit of someone else.



"Spiritual warfare" may be included in your time of prayer. Pray and ask the Lord to show you through the working of the Holy Spirit where the powers of evil is at work. On the authority that you have in Christ and in the Name of Jesus bind the evil forces, break their strongholds and resist them. Resist the devil; don't give him a hold in your life. Jesus conquered the evil one on the cross. We, the believers, must proclaim this victory on all spheres of life. This aspect of spiritual warfare will also be part of the prayer periods of watching, petition and personal prayer.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Spiritual Needs

Church

GCA

Nation

State

Special Needs

Surgery

New Church

Round-Up Day

George Jimenez' Ankle

Physical Needs

Pastor Adams – diabetes

Larry Roe – COPD

Mike Weber – MS

Robi Robinson – health

Misc. Needs

New Bus

New Security System

Election in November

New blacktop

Conclusion

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2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; **that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.**

3 For **this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;**

4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5 For ***there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;***

6 Who ***gave himself*** a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.