

Teach Us To Pray

Message 3: Prayer Begins With Worship (1)

I. The Call To Worship: Matthew 6:9

A. Prayer begins with a proper focus on the Nature of God:

1. Our Father: The _____ of God
2. In Heaven; The _____ of God
3. Hallowed Be Your Name: The _____ of God.

B. The proper response of our heart, as we understand the Nature of God, is *worship!*.

1. Our _____ will only rise to the level of our understanding of the Nature of God.
2. Our _____ will only rise to the level of our worship.

II. OUR FATHER: The **Imminence of God**

A. Only a true disciple, one who has been _____ (received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord), has the privilege of addressing God as Father:

1. John 1:12-13
2. Galatians 4:4-6

B. It is through the blood of Christ that we are brought into a place of intimacy with the Father.

1. Ephesians 2:13-14
2. Hebrews 10:19-20

C. It is through the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit that we participate in fellowship and intimacy with the Father. The Holy Spirit makes the **Imminence of God** a reality in our lives!

1. Romans 8:14-16
2. John 14:16, 23

D. The **HEART** of our Heavenly Father is revealed in the life and ministry of _____!

1. John 1:18
2. Colossians 1:15
3. John 14:8-9

4. The **Heart of God** – revealed through Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son:

- a. The Father has a _____ heart!
Luke 15:11-12; Cf., Luke 12:32
- b. The Father has a _____ heart!
Luke 14:17; Cf., Matthew 5:45
- c. The Father has a _____ heart!
Luke 15:18; Matthew 11:27-30; Jeremiah 3:12-15
- d. The Father has a _____ heart!
Luke 15:20a; Cf., Psalms 103:13-14
- e. The Father has a _____ heart!
Luke 15:20b; Cf., Ezekiel 33:11; II Peter 3:9
- f. The Father has a _____ heart!
Luke 15:22-24; Cf., Joel 2:25-27
- g. The Father has a _____ heart!
Luke 15:31-32; II Peter 3:14-15