**Teach Us to Pray – Matt. 6: 13**

**Focal Truth: When you pray – Praise God the Father’s kingdom, power & glory**

How do you finish your prayers?

Do you praise God as part of your prayers?

Why is it important to praise God in prayer?

**Observations**

1. **Pray – Heavenly Father Your kingdom reigns from ages to ages**

*Yours is the kingdom…*

1. Believer’s praise the eternal reign of the Lord Jesus - King of the kingdom of God

Ps. 45:6 – *Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom*

1. Believer’s praise God for His reign in their lives

Rom. 10:9 – *if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved*

1. Believer’s praise God that Jesus will come again & reign on the earth

Lk. 1:33 – *he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end*

1. Believer’s praise God that the Kingdom of God is unstoppable, unending & unlimited

* The Kingdom of God is unstoppable
* The Kingdom of God is from age to age to ages of ages
* The Kingdom of God is unlimited

**Consider**

* **Jesus is Lord** to the praise of the glory of the grace of God!
* The reign of Christ as Lord **is eternal**
* The reign of Christ **is internal**
* The reign of Christ is **heavenly & earthly**

1. **Pray – Heavenly Father Your power remains from ages to ages**

*And the power…*

1. Believer’s praise the power of God in the Lord Jesus Christ

Eph. 1:19 -20 – *with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at the right hand in the heavenly places*

1. Believer’s praise the power of God for salvation through Jesus Christ Col.1:13
2. Believer’s praise the power of God given by the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8 – *You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you…*

1. Believer’s praise the power of God who cares, forgives, leads & protects

* God in His power **gives us our daily bread**
* God in His power **forgives our sins**
* God in His power **leads us through our temptations**
* God in His power **protects us from evil**

**Consider**

* Prayer helps the believer to grow in their knowledge of **the surpassing greatness of His power for them**
* God’s power is **the work of His might in Christ** over devils, sin & godlessness in the believer’s life
* The Lord Jesus **holds creation together today by His eternal glorious power**

Heb. 1:3 …*upholds all things by the word of His power…*

1. **Pray – Heavenly Father Your glory is revealed from ages to ages**

*and the glory Amen*

1. God has revealed His glory through the Lord Jesus Christ

2 Cor. 4:6 – *for it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*

Heb. 1:3 – *He is the brightness of His glory and the express images of His person*

1. Believer’s praise the majestic glory of the Lord Jesus Christ

Ps. 45:2 – 4 - *You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever. Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, in Your splendor and Your Majesty! And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness*

1. Believer’s praise the glory of God in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

John 1:14 – *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace & truth*

**Consider**

* The glory of the Lord Jesus Christ is **expressed in His grace to sinners**
* The glory of God is **revealed through the Lord Jesus Christ** – His words, ways & death for sinners
* **Glorifying God is Christlikeness**

John17:3 – *Jesus spoke these things, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, he said, Father, the hour has come; glory Your Son, that the Son may glorify You…I have glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. It is good to praise the Lord!

Praise God in His glory as Father, Son and Holy Spirit

1. Praising God is our act of sacrifice to God – Heb. 13:15 – *through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of our lips that give thanks to His name*
2. Praise God accepting His will in all things – 1 Thess. 5:18 – in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus
3. Praise God in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father – Col. 3:17

**For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory! Amen**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**