SERMON NOTES

MAY 5, 2013

YOUR Name, YOUR Kingdom, YOUR Will

Matthew 6:9b-10 Pastor Scott Williams

Introduction: According to Christ, the prayers of His followers are going to need a major reorientation. The problem with the human heart is so deep, that we are able to turn even intimate moments of worship into self-serving attempts to gain the approval of men, or to manipulate God Himself to do our bidding. The solution that Jesus proposes is a reorientation away from self and a focusing on His Name, His Kingdom, and His Will.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & DISCOVERY

- 1. In what ways can our prayers be more self-serving rather then a God glorifying endeavor?
- 2. If you were to look at the content of your prayers over the last month would they be characterized more by "you and your" statements or "me and mine" statements?
- 3. Hallowing the "Name" of the Lord is to exalt God for who He truly is. Read Isaiah 29:23. What are some characteristics of those who hallow the Name of the Lord?
- 4. The statement "Your kingdom come" is not just meant to be a hope of a future reality, but that God would reign in the hearts and lives of His people. How can we sometimes resist God's rule over our hearts and lives?
- 5. Asking God to cause His will to be done is to ask Him to cause everything in our lives to operate according to His purposes. This is a bold request. Are you willing to say to the Heavenly Father, "Do anything You will to me and mine"?
- 6. Spend time as a group in prayer esteeming God for who He truly is by praying out attributes of God that bring His people comfort and hope.

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

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Biblical Prayer: Is a renunciation of human confidence and a corresponding appeal to God based on need illuminated by Scripture and subordinated to the Will of God.

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