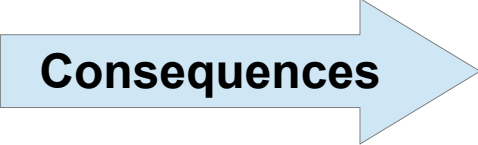
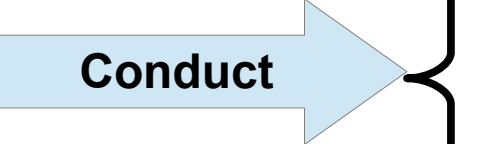


# Treasure Hunt

- Did the early believers only pray privately, or did they also pray together?
- Please give an example of a godly person who prayed repeatedly for the same thing.
- What is the difference between “much speaking” (v. 7) and much praying?
- Are we to pray only the thoughts of the Lord’s Prayer, or also the very words?
- What New Testament writer seems to have the Lord’s Prayer in mind throughout his book?

# The Structure of the Sermon

	Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
 Consequences	Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
	Our Mission	5:13-16	
	Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
 Conduct	Toward Man	5:20-48 It was said ... but I say	7:1-12a
	Toward God	6:1-18 Be not as the hypocrites	6:19-34

# Structure of Matt 6:1-18

<p>1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.</p>		
<p>2 Therefore <b>when thou</b> doest <i>thine</i> alms, do not <b>sound a trumpet</b> before thee, <b>as the hypocrites do</b> in the synagogues and in the streets, <b>that they may</b> have glory of men. <b>Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.</b></p> <p>3 <b>But when thou</b> doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:</p> <p>4 That thine alms may be <b>in secret:</b> and <b>thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.</b></p>	<p>Mat 6:5 And <b>when thou</b> prayest, thou shalt not be <b>as the hypocrites are:</b> for they love to <b>pray standing</b> in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, <b>that they may</b> be seen of men. <b>Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.</b></p> <p>6 <b>But thou, when thou</b> prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is <b>in secret;</b> and <b>thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.</b></p>	<p>Mat 6:16 Moreover <b>when ye</b> fast, <b>be not, as the hypocrites,</b> of a sad countenance: for <b>they disfigure their faces,</b> <b>that they may</b> appear unto men to fast. <b>Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.</b></p> <p>17 <b>But thou, when thou</b> fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is <b>in secret:</b> and <b>thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.</b></p>
	<p>7 But <b>when ye</b> pray, <b>use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do:</b> for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, ... Amen. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.</p>	

# Exhortations and Examples of Group Prayer

Mat 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if **two of you shall agree** on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Mat 21:22 And all things, whatsoever **ye** shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Act 1:14 These all **continued with one accord in prayer and supplication**, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Act 2:42 And they **continued stedfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in **prayers**.

Act 4:24 And when they heard that, they **lifted up their voice to God with one accord**, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

# Praying repeatedly for the same thing is not “vain repetition”

Mat 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*. ... 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and **prayed the third time, saying the same words**. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: **behold, the hour is at hand**, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 **For this thing I besought the Lord thrice**, that it might depart from me. 9 **And he said unto me**, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Luk 11:2 And he said unto them, **Whenever οταν** ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven,

# “vain repetitions, as the heathen do”

Heathen (prophets of Baal):

1Ki 18:26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, **O Baal, hear us.** But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. 27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. 29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.



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Elijah's prayer:

1Ki 18:36 And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that I am* thy servant, and *that I have* done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again.

# “Much Speaking” vs. “Much Praying”

## Much Praying:

Luk 2:37 [Anna] *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with **fastings and prayers night and day.**

Rom 12:12 continuing instant [**persistent**] in prayer

1 Thes 5:17 **pray without ceasing**

1 Pet 5:7 casting all your care upon him

## Much Speaking:

Ecc 5:2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore **let thy words be few.**

# v. 8 “be ye not therefore like unto them”

Num 16:21 **Separate yourselves** from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

Ezr 10:11 Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and **separate yourselves** from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that **walketh not** in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Pro 9:6 **Forsake the foolish**, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

Isa 52:11 Depart ye, depart ye, **go ye out from thence**, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

2Co 6:17 Wherefore **come out from among them, and be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,



# “After this manner” οὕτως

Words, not just ideas:

Rebekah reported the words of Abraham’s servant to Laban:

Gen 24:30 he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, **Thus** spake the man unto me;

Laban’s proposal to Jacob:

Gen 31:8 If he said **thus**, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled:

Jacob charges his servants to carry his message to Esau:

Gen 32:4 And he commanded them, saying, **Thus** shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

Joseph’s brothers report the supposed last words of Jacob to him:

Gen 50:17 **So** shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil:

Jephthah’s messengers to the king of Ammon:

Jdg 11:15 **Thus** saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

# The Lord's Prayer in 1 Peter

Our Father;	1:3 hath begotten us again, 1:14 as obedient children, 1:17 if ye call on the Father, 1:23 being born again, 2:2 as newborn babes
Which art in heaven	1:4 an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
Hallowed be thy name.	1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
Thy kingdom come.	2:9 But ye <i>are</i> a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people;
Thy will be done.	2:15 for so is the will of God; 3:17 for it is better if the will of God be so, 4:2 he no longer should live the rest of <i>his</i> time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls <i>to him</i> in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.
On earth as it is in heaven	3:21 Jesus Christ: 22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.
Give us this day our daily bread	3:12 For the eyes of the Lord <i>are</i> over the righteous, and his ears <i>are open</i> unto their prayers: 5:7. Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors	3:8 Finally, <i>be ye</i> all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, <i>be</i> pitiful, <i>be</i> courteous: 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.
Lead us not into temptation.	4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:
Deliver us from the evil	4:18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen	5:11 To him <i>be</i> glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.