

## The Prayers of Jesus – Matthew 11:25-30

Luke 11:1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.”

Matthew 11:25-30 At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. 26 “Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. 27 “All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. 28 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Truth: God works in our lives because He loves us and wants us to surrender to Him.

### 1. Through prayer, we connect to God as our Father.

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father...

Matthew 11:26 Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.

- Luke 2:49-50 And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s *house*?” But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.
- Father” is used for God only 15 times in the Old Testament.
- Jeremiah 3:19 I thought you would call me ‘Father’ and not turn away from following me.
- In Matthew 6:9-10 Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 ‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- 2 Corinthians 6:16, 18 “I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people... And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” says the Lord Almighty.

### 2. Through prayer, we praise God as our Sovereign.

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth...

Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Genesis 29:35 And she conceived again and bore a son and said, “This time I will praise the LORD.” Therefore she named him Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

- “Praise” means to acknowledge or confess, to throw out our hands.
- To say God is sovereign is to say He is King. He is the ruler over all things.
- Psalm 103:19 The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all.

### 3. Through prayer, we open ourselves to God as our Revealer.

Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.”

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

Jeremiah 33:1-3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard, saying, 2 “Thus says the LORD who made *the earth*, the LORD who formed it to establish it, the LORD is His name, 3 Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

- **God wants to reveal Himself so you can know him.**  
John 14:21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”
- **God wants to reveal His ways so you can follow them.**  
Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. 9 “For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.
- **God wants to reveal His truth so you can live in it.**  
John 16:13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

#### **What will you do to...**

- ...connect to God as your Father?
- ...praise God as your Sovereign?
- ...open yourselves to God as your Revealer?