

**COR@9 - March 12**  
**The Lord's Prayer in Its Scriptural Context**

I. Opening Reflections on Prayer

A. Faith and Prayer: A Commodity?

B. Faith and Prayer: A Relationship

C. A Quick Survey of Some OT Prayers

- Gen 18:16–33: Abraham prays for Sodom and Gomorrah (God's justice)
- Exod 33:7–23: Moses prays for God's presence
- 1 Sam 1:1-20; 2:1–10: Hannah prays in despair (and God fills her with praise)
- Psalm 32: David prays for forgiveness (confession of personal sin)
- 1 Kings 19:1–8: Elijah prays in deepest despair (and God's gentle reply)
- Job 42:1–17: Job prays in the (new) knowledge of the Lord
- Dan 9:1–19: Daniel prays on behalf of the nation's sin

D. Prayer Does Have Power! (Consider All Those Obstacles!)

- Anxiety, Distraction, Temptation, and Time—Luke 10:38-42; James 4:1-3
- Why don't I get what I pray for? (God's sovereignty)—Job 42:1-3; Ps 115:1-3
- Why pray if God knows everything? (God's omniscience)—Ps 139:1-12
- Will God hear a sinner like me? (God's holiness)—Ps 66:16-20; Isa 6:1-6
- Why does God let people suffer? (God's mercy)—Ps 130; Matt 7:9-11

II. The Lord's Prayer in Its Scriptural Context: Matthew

A. The Beatitudes – A Recognition not a Checklist (Matt 5:3-10)

B. A Recognition that Reveals Our Identity (Matt 5:13-16)

C. Jesus as the True Interpreter of Scripture (Matt 5:17-48)

D. The Model Prayer – Posturing, Pretensions, and Promise (Matt 6:5-18)

1. Posturing (vv. 5-6)

2. Pretensions (vv. 7-8; 15-18)

3. Promise: The Model Prayer (vv. 9-14)

- E. Additional Aspects of the Kingdom (Matt 6:19-7:27)
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- II. The Lord's Prayer in Its Scriptural Context: Luke
    - A. Teach Us to Pray Like John! (Luke 11:1)
    - B. The Model Prayer (Luke 11:2-4)
    - C. A Parable, Some Imperatives, and an Analogy (Luke 11:5-13)
    - D. Opposition to Jesus (Luke 11:14-32)
    - E. The Lamb of the Body (Luke 11:33-26)