

# GAME CHANGER

WEEK 4 | PRAYER | MATTHEW 6:5-15

## INSPECTION: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How do the hypocrites pray in verse 5? What is their reward?

How are we told by Jesus to pray in verse 6?

According to verse 7, what habit should we guard against? How do we sometimes do this?

What two requests should we make of our Heavenly Father as seen in verse 13?

What do we learn about forgiveness in verses 12-15?

## OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

How should the fatherhood of God and our adoption as His children change our prayer lives?

How can prayer be used in a hypocritical way?

According to verse 8, our Heavenly Father knows what we need, so why pray?

What do the words “Thy kingdom come” in verse 10 mean? When did or will that happen?

What does James 5:13-18 teach us about prayer?

## LIFE APPLICATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

Write out a prayer of thanks to your Heavenly Father.

Remember the old song “Sweet Hour of Prayer?” Try praying for an hour.

Practice a “verse 14 approach” to life every day.

Consider practicing a “Daniel 6:10” approach to your prayer life.

Forgive someone who has committed a sin against you.

## MEDITATION: WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

2 Chronicles 7:14

Ephesians 6:18

Jeremiah 29:12

Mark 11:24

Proverbs 15:8

Psalms 141:2

Proverbs 15:29

Matthew 7:11

## SUPPLICATION: WHAT CAN WE MEDITATE?

### Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge.

Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet You desired faithfulness even in the womb; You taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice.

Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, You who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness.

Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

May it please You to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Then You will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

**King David – 1000 BC**