**The Model Prayer, Applied - Part 2**

Sometimes prayer can seem like a difficult task. We may wonder what to pray for, when to pray, and how often to pray. Jesus provides a model prayer to assist us with these difficulties (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:1-4). Although Jesus does not speak of how many times per day we should pray, the teaching of His model prayer suggests that prayer could be done at anytime and as many times as needed.

The first element of the Lord's Model Prayer involves reverence to God the All Almighty. "When you pray say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed by Your name…" (Luke 11:2). "Hallowed" expresses and acknowledges that God is separate from profane things. It pronounces God to be holy, pure, and sinless. Each prayer should begin with an expression of reverent praise to God for who He is or for what He has done. There are many others things that could be said of God to show that we set Him apart as the one, true God. The following verses provide some examples for us.

1. "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, and my stronghold." (Psalm 18:2)
2. "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: Therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with song will I praise him." (Psalm 28:7)
3. "O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places: The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to his people. Blessed be God!" (Psalm 68:35).
4. "For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bride." (Deut. 10:17)
5. "Thus said the Lord the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no God." (Isaiah 44:6)
6. "You art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: For You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." (Rev. 4:11)

In addition, we can lift Him up by means of His numerous titles. Consider a few of the "Father" titles that God possesses: 1) Living Father (John 6:57), 2) Righteous Father (John 17:25), 3) Father of glory (Ephesians 1:15-21), 4) Father of spirits (Hebrews 12:9). These four names

barely begin to list the titles of which God is worthy. He is the "Ancient of Days" (Daniel 7:9-10). He is the "Fountain of Living Waters" (Jeremiah 2:13). He is the "Judge of all the earth" (Genesis 18:25). He is a "consuming fire" (Deuteronomy 4:24). Each of these presenting and confirming His majestic power and might.

The works of God can also be involved in our prayers, revering His glory. He created the heavens and the earth and all that in them is in six days (Exodus 20:11). He delivered Israel from the hands of earthly powerful Pharaoh (Exodus 19:4). He has performed mighty wonders and miracles and signs (Psalm 77:14). He has often judged the nations (Isaiah 2:4). He providentially provides for the basic needs of all upon the earth (Acts 14:17). He gave His precious Son to die for the sins of all mankind (Hebrews 2:9).

We bring our prayers to life by praising His name, His nature, and His works. Our God truly is an awesome God.