

LESSON 1 – Transcendence of God
Matthew 6:5-9

1. Why does Matthew's account of the Lord's Prayer include additional details that are not found in Luke's version (see Luke 11)?
2. What was wrong with the way hypocrites prayed? V5
3. What is the power behind 'closet prayers?' v6
4. Is repetition in prayer the real issue? Read that again. V7.
(Read I Kings 18:26; Acts 19:34; Mark 14:39; 2 Corinthians 12:8)
5. What is the significance of addressing God as "our Father" in Matthew 6:9?

6. How does this concept of God as a father impact your understanding of transcendence? How does this understanding shape our relationship with Him and inform our prayers?

7. How does the phrase "who art in heaven" remind us of God's sovereignty and authority over all creation?

8. How does the acknowledgment of God's transcendence in the Lord's Prayer inspire us to seek His presence and guidance in our daily lives? In what ways can we cultivate a deeper awareness of God's presence in our midst?

9. What implications does the Lord's Prayer have for our understanding of God's holiness and majesty as a transcendent being?

10. In what ways can we connect with the transcendent nature of God, as expressed in Matthew 6:9, in our personal prayer lives and in our relationships with others?