

Notes for Matthew 6:5-8

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 - pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Hypokritēs (hoop-awk-ree-tase) Greek word associated with stage actors; people who wore a mask; a pretender. That is Christ's diagnosis of religious showmanship. A hypocrite is not simply a weak Christian who struggles. A hypocrite is a performer. This is perhaps the biggest image problem Christianity has: Hypocrisy. Being fake pretenders.

Prayer keeps the believer near God, dependent on His strength, aligned with His will, honest about sin, grateful for grace, and steadfast in faith, obedience, peace, and worship.

Luke 18:10-14 - "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

John 12:43 - ... for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

John 5:44 - How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? (We can't)

1 Samuel 16:7 - But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Genesis 16:13 - So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees me," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me."

Luke 5:16 - But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Acts 10:9 - The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.

Mark 12:38-40 - And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces 39 and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 40 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Psalms 150:6 - Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Matthew 26:39, 42 & 44 - 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ... 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ... 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

1 Kings 18:26-29 - And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. 27 And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." 28 And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. 29 And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

Psalms 139:1-4 - O Lord, you have searched me and known me! 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

Philippians 4:6 - do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Daniel 9:20-23 - While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God, 21 while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. 23 At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision.

