



Sermon Notes: Perfecting Prayer Lesson 7: Prayer and Thanksgiving.

Seven Things...

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Seven Things to Praise God and be Thankful For

I will praise the name of God with a song,
and will magnify him with thanksgiving. Psalms 69:30

*David was so full of love for the Lord, and with an appreciation
of the Lord's greatness and goodness, that he said,
"Seven times a day I praise you." Psalms 119:164*

1. Praise and thank God: He is our loving Heavenly Father

God is the Father of those who put their trust in Jesus as their Savior!

Malachi 2:10; Acts 17:24-29; John 1:11-13; Eph 2:18; Jn 14:6-9

"For in Him we live and move and have our being...
for we are also His offspring." Acts 17:28

- **Mal 2:10** Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?
- **Joh 1:11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not. **1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become **the sons** of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: **1:13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God [the Father].
- **Eph 2:18** For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. **2:19** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- **Joh 14:8** Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. **14:9** Jesus saith unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;** and how sayest thou *then*, **Show us the Father?**

One of the most wonderful revelations of the Bible is that God is our Father. What do you think of when you hear the word "father"? Do you automatically think of protection, provision, warmth, and tenderness? Or does the word "father" paint different kinds of pictures for you? God reveals Himself in the Bible as a gentle, forgiving Father, intimately involved with each and every detail of our lives. It is not only a beautiful picture, but a true one. However, every person seems to have a different idea of what God is like, because they unconsciously tend to attach the feelings and impressions that they have of their own earthly father to their concept of their Heavenly Father. Each person's own experience with human authority is usually transferred over to how they relate to God. Good experiences bring us closer to knowing and understanding God, just as bad experiences create distorted pictures of our Father's love for us. (John Dawson — *the Father Heart of God*)

Message Intro

Joh 11:41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, **"Father, I thank You that You have heard Me."**

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

In the second part of this lesson we will talk about the specifics of prayer and thanksgiving.

Today I want to focus on a 7-day plan of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

For 7-days praise and thank God for:

- 1 God the Father
- 2 God the Son
- 3 God the Holy Spirit
- 4 The Bible
- 5 God's people
- 6 Our mission the lost
- 7 Eternal life

2. Praise and thank God: Jesus Christ is our Personal Savior

Those that believe on Him will be saved!

The condition of man: *Lk 19:10; Eph 2:1; Jn 3:18; Jn 3:36*

- **Luk 19:10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- **Eph 2:1** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
- **Joh 3:18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- **Joh 3:36** He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

The provision of a Savior: *Rom 10:9-10; Matt 1:21; Lk 1:47*

- **Rom 10:9** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10:10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- **Mat 1:21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
- **Luk 1:46** And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, **1:47** And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

“...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. *Rom 10:9*”

3. Praise and thank God: The Holy Spirit is our Indwelling Comforter

The Holy Spirit is within every true believer!

Jn 14:16-17; Rom 5:5; Rom 8:9

“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” *Rom 5:5*

- **Joh 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; **14:17** *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*
- **Rom 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

To thank God for Jesus I must FIRST think in terms of my condition apart from Him.

When I do that I usually will recognize what Christ has done for me and want to thank Him.

You cannot be born again unless you have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Beyond the indwelling of the Spirit there remains the Baptism of the HS—and one more reason to thank God.

4. Praise and thank God: The Bible is the Word of God

God's Word is the absolute and objective truth for all time.

Jn 17:17; Heb 4:12; Jn 14:6; Deut 6:4-9

"Thy Word is truth." *Jn 17:17*

- **Heb 4:12** For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- **Joh 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**
- **Deu 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: **6:5** And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. **6:6** And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: **6:7** And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. **6:8** And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. **6:9** And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

5. Praise and thank God: God's People are our People

We all have a family—the community of His people on earth and in heaven!

Eph 3:14-15; Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 12:12; Col 3:15

"...from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" *Eph 3:15*

- **Eph 3:14** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **3:15** Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
- **Rom 12:5** So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- **1Co 12:12** For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.
- **Col 3:15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

6. Praise and thank God: The Whole World is our Mission Field

We are all His missionaries. Wherever the Lord has placed us on earth to live for Him—we are His witness and light to those around us.

Matt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15-18; Matt 5:13-16

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." *Matt 28:19*

- **Mat 28:19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **28:20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- **Mar 16:15** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. **16:16** "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.
- **Mat 5:13** "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. **5:14** "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; **5:15** nor does *any-one* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **5:16** "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

All the great saints that I have known loved the Word of God. Their bibles were always well worn.

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Luk 9:1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

Luk 9:2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

7. Praise and thank God: Heaven is our Eternal Home

This is NOT our real home—we are pilgrims destined for Heaven!

Jn 14:1-3; Rev 21:1-7; Rev 22: 1-5

“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” *Jesus Jn 14:3*

- **Joh 14:1** "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. **14:2** "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. **14:3** "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.
- **Rev 21:1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. **21:2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. **21:3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, **21:4** and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." **21:5** And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." **21:6** Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. **21:7** "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.
- **Rev 22:1** Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, **22:2** in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. **22:3** There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; **22:4** they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. **22:5** And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

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