



# “If you continue in My word, then are you My Disciples **InDeed...**”

## Pray to Your Perfect Father

**Matthew 6:9a** “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven...”

Having warned us of some of the pitfalls to be avoided in our prayers, Jesus now begins to show us the proper way to pray as He gives us what some have called the “Lord’s Prayer”.

Since Jesus just told us to go to into our private “closet” when we pray, it seems strange that He instructs us to use the word “our” instead of “my” when we pray to the Father. What does that teach us about the proper attitude we need to have when we pray? \_\_\_\_\_

In all of the Old Testament God is referred to as Father only about 15 times. In the four Gospels alone Jesus speaks of the Heavenly Father over 150 times! What changed in the New Covenant, that the *Father* now has such a prominent emphasis in our prayers, doctrine, and relationship with God? \_\_\_\_\_

Just a few verses before this one we’re studying, Jesus called our Heavenly Father a “perfect” Father. (Matt 5:48) Because our Heavenly Father is a flawless Father, we can come to Him in prayer and know He won’t let us down! What does John 14:8-9 tell us is the way that we can know what our perfect Heavenly Father is like? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Luke 11:11-13 teach us about our perfect Father? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Psalm 103:13-14 teach us about our perfect Father? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Matt 6:26 teach us about our perfect Father? \_\_\_\_\_

Look up Prov. 3:11-12 and Hebrews 12:5-11 and write down how they apply in this context of prayer to our perfect Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Do we have a Scriptural basis to say that the Father loves us as much as He loves Jesus? (Eph 1:3-6, Col 1:19-22, Jn 17:23) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the characteristic trait of God’s sons and daughters that’s revealed in Matt 12:47-50? \_\_\_\_\_

### Am I a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Are my prayers all about “me” or about “we”?
2. Do I have a relationship with the Heavenly Father (Gal 3:26) and does it affect how I pray and how much I pray?
3. Do I view my Heavenly Father as a perfect Father that I can trust, or am I afraid to surrender everything to Him because I think He might give me something I don’t like or want?



### Doers of the Word

What am I going to do with God’s Word today?



**Further Study:** II Cor 6:17-18, Gal 4:6, Rom 8:14-17  
John 14:7-9

# “...And you shall know The Truth, and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

