TEXT: Matthew 6: 5-15 TITLE: "The Pattern of Prayer" October 4, 2009

INTRODUCTION

- * Our week of Prayer & Fasting is coming up October 12th -16th
- * We are setting aside our study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ in order to focus on the importance of prayer in the life of the believer ... by looking at the Privilege of Prayer, the Pattern of Prayer and the Power of Prayer
- Last week, we considered The Privilege of Prayer considering the Definition, Basis and Priority of Prayer.
- * Today, we want to considered The Pattern of Prayer.
- * In Matthew 6, we have some of Jesus' teaching on prayer recorded for us. In His teaching, Jesus clearly reveals what we saw last week when we considered The Privilege of Prayer ...

Prayer is communication with God in worship that is based upon our relationship with Him and that is an indicator of the importance of that relationship in our lives

* Next, Jesus presents a model prayer - which some have used in opposition to His injunction against vain repetition!

INSTRUCTION	let's note the c	components of t	this model p	orayer

I.	P Psalm 30:1-5; 99:1-	3; 100:1-5; 113:1-3 I Thessalonians 5: 1	; 145:1-3; 146:1 6-18; Revelation	; 147:1; 148:1; 149:1; 150:1; I Chronicles 29:13-16; Nehemiah 9:5-8; Isaiah 6:1-5 4: 8-11; 5:11-14
	A. We Give Praise	Го God For	Не	His Person
	B. We Give Praise	Го God For	Не	His Works
			0	of God and His worthiness to be praised, pon me as come into this Holy God's presence!
II.	R			
	A. Co	ion		
	В. Со	ion (cf. Psalm s	51: 15-17; Luke	e 18: 10-14; II Corinthians 7: 9-10)
	С. Со	ion (cf. I John	1: 9; Daniel 9:	4-5)
	D. Co	ion (cf. Acts 26	: 19-20; Revela	tion 2: 5)
III.	A			
	A. Intercession (cf.)	I Timothy 2: 1-8;	Philippians 1: 3	3-11; Ephesians 6:18-19; John 17: 9-17; Romans 8: 26-29)
	B. Supplication (cf.	James 1: 5-8; Ph	ilippians 4: 6-7;	; Matthew 6: 8, 11-13, 33)
IV.	Y	(cf. Luke	22: 41-44; Psal	lm 37: 3-4; John 14: 12-14; John 15:7)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PRAYER LIFE? ... HOW WOULD GOD DESCRIBE IT?
- * YOUR PRAYER LIFE IS TRUE INDICATOR OF THE FOCUS OF YOUR LIFE?
- * IS YOUR PRAYER MORE SELF-FOCUSED ... OR IS IT GOD AND OTHER FOCUSED?