

## SERMON NOTES – 4.28.19

**SERMON SERIES: Sermon On The Mount**

**SERMON TITLE: "How Not To Pray"**

*"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have receive their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

Matthew 6:1-8

### **1. Don't Pray To Impress Others; Pray To Be Heard By God (vs. 5-6)**

#### **How Do We Pray To Be Heard By God? (v. 6)**

*"And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed." Mark 1:35*

*"And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray." Mark 6:46*

*"And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone." Matthew 14:23*

*"In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God." Luke 6:12*

### **2. Don't Pray With Meaningless Repetition; Pray From The Heart (vs. 7-8)**