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Message Title: **The Proper Perspective in Prayer**

Matthew 6:5-9 | Sunday AM, June 7th, 2020 | Pastor Jack Lamb

5 And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. **6** But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. **7** And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. **8** Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. **9** In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Introduction

Sermon Application Questions

1. *How can we minimize our tendency to be concerned about what others think of us when praying publicly?*
2. *How would you encourage someone who felt like God was not hearing their prayers?*
3. *Why is prayer insufficient for salvation?*
4. *What are the main hindrances to regular times of secret prayer?*
5. *What does it mean to you to address God as your Father?*

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?