Honoring God Lesson Notes

While on earth, Jesus taught His followers many lessons about prayer. Key teachings about prayer include:

- Prayers done in secret will be rewarded openly.
- Individuals should use honest and simple words.
- God should be honored before we make requests for food, forgiveness, and protection.
- God will give good gifts to His children.
- Individuals must ask and seek God for what they want. Jesus taught His disciples a famous prayer called the "Lord's Prayer."

He said that the first thing we must do when we pray is to honor God as "Our Father." We honor God in prayer by reverently addressing Him as Father, Saviour, Creator, Provider, and other precious names. We also honor Him by telling Him how much we love him and by giving thanks for all He provides.

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The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), can be analyzed in sections.

The first two verses address God as Father and offer praise to Him.

In verses 11-13 special requests are made for food, forgiveness, and protection. The prayer ends with the closing, "in Jesus' name."

Individuals should use the Lord 'sprayer as a model for personal prayers. Our prayers should begin in praise to God for who He is. We can then ask Him to supply our daily needs and to forgive our sins. We should follow Jesus' example when we pray.

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Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever.
Amen.

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