



Synopsis

A snapshot of the chapter

One's relationship to God involves communicating with Him in prayer. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray and Jesus gave instruction on the content and spirit of acceptable prayer (1-13). Some of His critics accused Jesus of alliance with Beelzebub. He logically declared that such could not be true because Satan would not be divided against himself by helping Jesus cast out devils from the people (14-26). With that, Jesus returned to emphasizing that all people must not only hear God's word but also do it. An evil generation is condemned; therefore, we should be bright lights to the world (27-36). The last part of the chapter condemns the Pharisees and lawyers because of their hypocrisy (37-54).

Observation—What do you see?

Important Person(s):

Main Event(s):

Study Questions:

1. *Is Jesus them to repeat this exact prayer or to pray "like this?" (See Matt. 6:9).*
2. *Are there any limitations on what God will give when we ask for something?*
3. *What is the point of the "unclean spirit" message in verses 24-26?*
4. *What does "light" represent? What does "darkness" represent (33-36)?*
5. *In what ways were the Pharisees and lawyers hypocritical?*

Questions:

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- 3.