

**Mt.6.5-8 “Prayers True Audience”**  
**Matthew Series: ‘THE KING IS COMING’ #76**  
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## I. Who They Are Praying To

### B. THE TRUE AUDIENCE: GOD V. 6

Prayer is “**communion with God**,”

- Jesus makes the point that prayer does not have to do with location but with **attitude**.
- It should not be our **intention** for our private prayers to be heard by others.
- Jesus’ point has to do with the **singleness** of intention.
- We can be sure our secrets with God will forever be **secret**.

## II. THE CONTENT OF PRAYER

To be acceptable prayers must be expressions of **worship** & of **heartfelt** requests & petitions.

### A. FALSE CONTENT: PRETENSE & MEANINGLESS REPETITION V.7

- Hypocrites used God to **glorify** themselves;
- Others were simply **indifferent** to real communion.
- The Jews believed prayer was largely a matter of **quantity**.
- Not only must our **hearts** be right before God will hear our prayer, but also our **minds**.

### B. TRUE CONTENT: PASSION – INTIMACY & SINCERE REQUESTS V.8

- The purpose of prayer is not to inform or **persuade** God, but ...
- Prayer is sharing the needs, burdens, and **hunger** of our hearts before our heavenly **Father**...
- Prayer is our giving God the opportunity to manifest His:
  - ❖ **power**,
  - ❖ **majesty**,
  - ❖ **love**,
  - ❖ **providence** .

To pray rightly is to pray with:

- ✓ A devout heart
- ✓ Pure motives
- ✓ Single attention to God
- ✓ Sincere confidence that we are heard