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- 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 received their reward.
- 6 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.

- 7 And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.
- 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

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The Bottom Line

Prayer is only as valuable as the veracity of God Himself.

The nature of God is not only transcendent but also profoundly present.

Therefore...prayer is the most important activity of bringing God's character to bear on our reality.

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For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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John 6:30-35

30 So they said to Him,
"Then what sign do you do that
we may see and believe you?
What work do you perform?

31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave the bread from heaven to eat."

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- 32 Jesus then said to them,
 "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was
 not Moses who gave you the
 bread of heaven, but my Father
 gives you the true bread from
 heaven.
- 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- 34 They said to Him,
 "Sir, give us this bread always."
- 35 Jesus said to them, <u>"I AM the bread</u> of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

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Colossians 2:13-14

- 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,
- Give us this day or 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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Colossians 3:12-13

- 12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
- 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

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- 12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.
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- 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown bring forth death.

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Prayer is a sanctuary from the temptations and strategies of the enemy.

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