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PECA Sermon Outline on Mt. 6:9-13; Lk. 11:2-4, WLC Q&A 186-7

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 186-7.

Main Point of Text: Jesus teaches His custom-made prayer as a model for prayer and a model prayer in His Kingdom.

Sermon Point: *Pray the Word Like the WORD.*

Move 1: *Learn from the Bible what to say when you pray.*

LC 186: “The whole word of God is of use to direct us in the duty of prayer”: **1 John 5:14:** *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:* So read the Bible. Look for the main parts (ACTS, I. Watts). Consult Matthew Henry’s book, *A Method for Prayer with Scripture Expressions*: revised as *A Way to Pray* (O. Palmer Robertson) or all online at www.matthewhenry.org.

Move 2: *Especially follow the formula of the Lord’s Prayer.*

LC 186: “the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which our Saviour Christ taught his disciples, commonly called The Lord's Prayer.” Follow the pattern. Matthew 6:9-13: “after this **manner**” or “Thus accordingly [to these kinds of things] pray”. C. Baynard, Lord’s Prayer model: adoration, confession, assurance of pardon, thanksgiving, supplication, intercession, and communion of the saints.

Move 3: *And make use of the Lord’s Prayer as a form.*

LC 187: “The Lord's prayer is not only for direction, as a pattern, according to which we are to make other prayers, but may also be used as a prayer ...”: Luke 11:2-4: “When ye pray, **say**” or “Whenever you pray, speak [these words]”. Can and should pray the exact words alone and together.

LC 187: “so that it be done with understanding, faith, reverence, and other graces necessary to the right performance of the duty of prayer.” Was given in Matthew during Sermon on the Mount. Instructions for citizens of the Kingdom of God on earth. To pray not like pagans, but Christians.

Conclusion:

Pray the Word Like the WORD.