

God is Here...Making the Connection

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Matthew 6:5-8

God Connection #1: Connecting with the God who is here requires an **authenticity** that grows from an **intimate relationship**.

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. 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. –Matthew 6:5-6 (ESV)

God Connection #2: Connecting with the God who is here develops a **communication** marked by **simplicity** rather than **complexity**.

And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard for their many words. –Matthew 6:7 (ESV)

God Connection #3: Connecting with the God who is here leads us to a **secure relationship** based upon **trust**.

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. –Matthew 6:8 (ESV)