



Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 ***God's in Heaven,*** ***You're on Earth***

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① In what ways do each of these phrases jar your thinking, or convict your practice?

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② Discuss: Matthew 6:5-8 ⁵"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

→ How are these same phrases implemented in light of Jesus' words in Matthew 6, and elsewhere?

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