

**J**esus was talking to his disciples about God's desires for his own when he said, *"And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have received their reward [in full]. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father, who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."* (vs 5-6, NKJV)

### ***Prayer Venues***

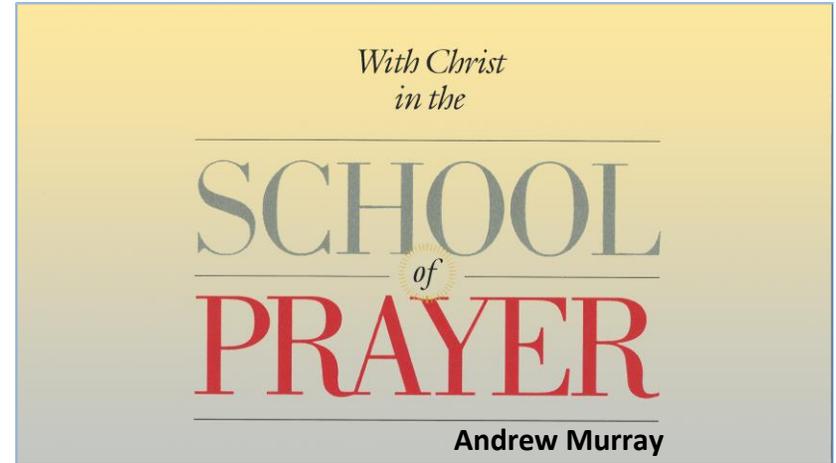
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## Personal Application and Interaction

1. Jot down as many of your venues for prayer as you can recall in three minutes.
2. Which prayer venue is most engaging for you, and why?
3. The context of Christ's teaching on prayer contrasts hypocrites, who play to the crowd when they pray, with those who are in touch with God in private prayer. What do you do when you catch yourself being overly concerned about those who are listening to you when you pray?
4. What do you do to deal with distractions when you are praying?
5. How important is a "prayer closet" to you?
6. What every day difference does it make to you that God sees in secret?



# Go to your room!

## Matthew 6:6

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