

FA3. Not Praying Lengthy and Repetitious Prayers as Do the Heathens.

We are not to pray lengthy and repetitious prayers as do the heathens.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 6:7-8

And when you pray, don't babble on and on like the pagans, who think God will hear them better if they talk a lot. Don't be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Luke 20:46-47

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Deuteronomy 12:4 (NKJ)

You shall not worship the LORD your God with such things. (

Jeremiah 10:2

Here is what ADONAI says: "Don't learn the way of the Goyim, don't be frightened by astrological signs, even if the Goyim are afraid of them;

Comment

Liturgical prayers by their very nature are repetitious, and Matthew 7:7-8 tells us to: "Keep asking." But they are not the "lengthy and repetitious prayers" of the heathens warned against by Yeshua and that is the subject of this *Mitzvah* #FA3. The heathen prayers referred to herein were probably more like the mantras chanted in Buddhist and Hindu meditations – words and sounds repeated over and over. But whatever they were, they were insincere and were vocalized as prayer by the Pharisees to draw attention to and elevate themselves in the hearing of others. That is the essence of what this *Mitzvah* speaks against!

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