

Matthew 6:7-14 Pastor Mark Young

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, September 14 Sunday, September 17

Introduction

THE BIG IDEA - God is the perfect provider

Sermon Notes

Matthew 6

⁷"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. "**Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.** ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

The first thing that we should notice is, God is our provider.

Exodus 13

²¹And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. ²²The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

¹⁹Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰Coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Deuteronomy 29

²And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that the Lord did before

your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ³the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. ⁴But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. ⁵I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.

Manna represents our <u>physical</u> and <u>spiritual</u> needs.

Trespassing is the idea that I have stepped into God's <u>territory</u> and now I'm making decisions that <u>God</u> should be making.

Matthew 5

²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Forgiveness is not tolerance

Forgiveness is not optional

Walk it out

Make a list of your Physical and Spiritual needs. Meditate on the ways that God has met those needs in the past.

Unconfessed sin is one of the biggest barriers in our relationship with God. 1John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Finally, ask God to help you see how you may have hurt someone. Ask God to help you restore your relationship.



Matthew 6:11-12, Pastor Mark Young September 14th & 17th , 2023 The Provision of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: How much of your life do you trust with God? Are there areas in your life where you don't want to give God control?

Read aloud: Matthew 6:9-10

DISCUSSION QUESITONS: God provides perfectly for all our needs.

Finish the sentences: I have no problems relying on God for _____

I find that I tend to rely more on myself than God with _____

Why do you think that is? Is it culture, lack of faith, lack of maturity, experience...

What practices can we implement in our lives to grow in this area?

In what ways can we learn to appreciate all the God has provided?

Often God provides in ways that we do not realize, can you think of an example?

Pastor Mark said, "Forgiveness is at the heart of relationships" – do you agree? Why, why not

In what ways do you typically trespass into God's domain?

How can we get out of the habit of praying "fix them"??

Pastor Mark mentioned an "attitude of Gratitude", what does that mean to you?