

What every Christian Ought To Know. How To PRAY (With POWER)



- (Matt. 6:9-13) **“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”**

• THIS ENTIRE PRAYER IS SET UP TO “GLORIFY GOD.”

1. “Our Father, which art in heaven,” that’s **GOD’S PATERNITY.**
2. “Hallowed be thy name,” that’s **GOD’S PRIORITY.**
3. “Thy kingdom come,” that’s **GOD’S PROGRAM.**
4. “Thy will be done,” that’s **GOD’S PURPOSE.**
5. “Give us this day our daily bread,” that’s **GOD’S PROVISION.**
6. “Forgive us our debts,” that’s **GOD’S PARDON.**
7. “LEAD US NOT,” THAT’S **GOD’S PROTECTION.**
8. “For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.” that’s **GOD’S PRE-EMINENCE.**

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WE SHOULD

PRAISE HIM

FOR HIS

PROTECTION!

- We come to **verse 13**, the sixth and final petition. It's just a continuing thought. ***“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”*** It's tied together as one. **This is God's protection.**
- Our petition begins by addressing our **PHYSICAL** need, God takes care of our daily bread. Then we move to the **SPIRITUAL**, God takes care of the sin of our lives by forgiveness, and then finally, God takes care of the **MORAL** standard of our life by guiding us away from sin.
- **Verse 12** deals with **past** sins, **verse 13** deals with **future** ones. If you're a true Christian, then you are just as **CONCERNED** about your **future** sins being **AVOIDED** as your **past** ones being **FORGIVEN.**

- So this petition, is a safeguard against **presumption** and it's a safeguard against **FALSE SENSES OF SECURITY**. Notice (1 Cor. 10:12) ***"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall."*** Many of us think we have arrived spiritually, but we haven't.
- Notice the word **"into"** – ***"lead us not into"*** – it's an interesting word. It's the Greek word **eis**, and some have compared it to the Hebrew **"into the power of"** or **"into the hands of."** Basically this means, **"Do not cause us to be led into the hands of the trial."** In other words, if the trial is around us, that's one thing, but don't let us get into the hands of that trial. That's when it becomes a temptation. In other words, as long as we're in the boat, the sea can churn all at once - just keep us in the boat. Don't let us get in the sea or we'll drown. Don't let us get caught in the vortex of the trial. Keep us in your hands in the midst of that trial.
- Our Lord prayed the same prayer in (Jn. 17:15) ***"Father, I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one."*** Don't let them fall into the hands of, or into the power of, the **evil one**. **MARTIN LUTHER** said, **"We cannot help being exposed to the assaults, but we pray that we may not fall and perish under them."**

- It's a prayer for God to defend us when He tests us, so Satan and the flesh do not turn His tests into temptation, which become irresistible and draw us into lust and lust into sin.
- Now how do we deal with it in the middle of the trial? When we begin to feel temptation coming, here we are in the trial. Somebody has died. We've lost a beloved one, lost a job, angry at our wife or our kids, conflicts in relationships, upset with the church, whatever it is we're in a trial – financial or emotional, psychological, social, spiritual. We're in this trial and we're saying, **“Lord this is a growing time for me.”**
- And then Satan begins to attack us and wants to make us bitter and angry, and so how do we deal with it? **Notice (James 4:7) *“Submit yourselves, therefore, to God.”*** What do you mean, submit to God? Well, that means that we are to get under God's lordship. Well what does that mean? That means if I'm going to submit to God and to His lordship; then I'm going to do what He says to do in obedience. It means that you and I are to live in submission to biblical principles. **James just quoted it in verse 5. *“Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose:”*** It's talking about the Scriptures. **“SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD.”**

- How has God self-disclosed Himself? How has God revealed His will, and the principles of His lordship? How has God manifested that which He wants us to do? **IN AND THROUGH HIS WORD.** Therefore, as we enter into a situation of a trial, what we do then is we begin to order our responses to that trial **according to the principles of the Word of God** and that's how we submit to God. And by doing so, we ***"...Resist the devil and he will flee from you."***
- That's a great word, isn't it? **Submitting to God is ordering my life to respond in accord with the biblical revelation (WORD) of God's will.** Therefore, in the midst of a trial I say, **"O God, I need your strength infused in me, and I submit to the truths of your Word. My responses, my attitudes, my actions, my thoughts and my deeds are all in submission to Your Word."**
- You can pray to submit to God all you want, but until you get your life ordered, it isn't going to do any good to pray that way. You can say, **"I submit to you, Lord, protect me,"** and just keep on sinning and wrongly reacting, because you're violating the very thing you're asking for.

- **Submitting** to God is to **SUBMIT TO HIS WORD.**
- It is His Word that prunes off the sucker branches in (**Jn. 15.**)
- It is His Word that is hidden in our heart that we might not sin. (**Psa. 119:11**)
- It is His Word that is the sword that defends us against the attack, (**Eph. 6.**) We are delivered in the midst of the trial by submitting to God. And as we submit to the truths of His Word and take up the sword of the Word of God and begin to put it to use in our lives. **THEN**, we resist the devil, and he flees, and that trial stays a trial and never becomes an irresistible temptation. What is this petition really saying?
- It faces the danger of living in a cursed world where we are being battered by evil around us. It confesses our inadequacy to deal with that evil.
- It confesses the weakness of our flesh.
- It confesses the absolute lack of human resource.
- It takes into account the fact that we are impotent, and it demands the protection of a loving Father as we submit to His Word.

- To be very honest, I don't like trials, and I don't look for them. I've prayed many times in my life, "Lord, bring into my life what I need to be the man you want me to be," knowing good and well, I don't realize what I'm asking.
- As soon as I get in a trial, I can only think of one thing, **GETTING OUT!** And I look back on trials in the past and I actually get happy knowing that they're over. Nobody likes them, not even Jesus. **Notice what He said in (Matt. 26:39) *"Let this cup pass from me."*** But then He turned around and said, ***"yet not as I will, but as You will."***
- So we cry with Christ, "Father, spare me the trial, but if the trial fits your wisdom, your will, and your plan, then protect me through the trial so that I can come out as **Daniel's three friends** did **WITHOUT EVEN THE SMELL OF SMOKE.**
- Do you think God will protect you from trials that are irresistible temptations that draw you into sin? Yes, He will, and it's based on **(1 Cor. 10:12-13)**, one of the great verses in all the Bible.

- The Bible says, *“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall. **13** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man...”* Your **“temptation”** is not going to be superhuman. You’re not going to get one that everybody else hasn’t had. And in the midst of it, watch this; *“...and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.”*
- What an awesome truth. **God will not allow you to be tried, tested, or tempted above what you can’t handle.** You must go through the trial like a tunnel. **THE WAY OUT IS “THROUGH.”**
- You are laying claim to a promise and if you meet the condition, What is the condition? **SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO THE LORD**, then you will resist the devil. That sums up the entire the prayer.
- The Lord’s prayer closes with a **DOXOLOGY**, **“an expression of praise.”** The doxology is simply this, *“For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”* You just think it, say it, and then you offer it up to God.

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness
and the power and the glory
and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens
and in the earth is yours.*

*Yours is the kingdom,
O Lord, and you are
exalted as head above all.*

1 Chronicles 29:11