

Teach us to Pray-Ch. 2

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Teach us to Pray: Matt. 6:6-13: "The Lord's Prayer", "The Our Father", "The Disciples Prayer"

Vs. 9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread, 12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 a And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. 13 b[For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]" (13 b is a Doxology to be addressed in Ch 5.)

Outline for study today on vs. 9,10

Vs. 9 -Worship; Vs.10 -3 petitions for **His glory**; Vs. 11,12,13a -3 Petitions for **our good**.

- Other Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and fellowship (*koinonia*) fills in the rest of this prayer.
- **This is a template or model meaning "in this way or this manner"**. This is a how to, the words are not magical however their biblical meaning gives substance to how we pray. Jesus never prayed this prayer- see John 17.

Review Vs 9a ***"Pray then like this"*** We will look at these verses word by word.

“Our”

- Jesus' first lesson is that **God is ours-we share Him as Father**. We do not have a monopoly.
- On the other hand, we have a unique relationship with Him as we are created uniquely for His purposes.
- God is our Father: Eph. 1:4-5 He chose us before the foundation of the world & adopted us as sons. *Jhn 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, **he gave the right to become children of God.***
- 2 ways to increase our relationship with God . Matt 22:34-36 Love God and Love your neighbor!
 - 1) Seeing God in **fellowship with believers** (***koinonia***- fellowship AKA community) *Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*
 - *Rom 1: 12... that is, that **we may be mutually encouraged** by each other's faith, both yours and mine.*
 - 2) We **share a Father with Jesus**. *Rom 8:15 “ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption** as sons, by whom we cry, “**Abba! Father!**” Rom.8:29 For those whom he foreknew...that he might be the **firstborn** among **many brothers**. Jhn 3:16 “**Only begotten**”*

“Father”

- God is our Father, we are chosen and adopted into His eternal family Eph. 1:4-5, He is our Creator, Protector, Provider, Lawgiver, Redeemed through His Son, Sealed through the Holy Spirit and our source of Wisdom.
- We can approach Him **today directly** since the veil into the Holy of Holies was torn at His death on the cross. Jesus is our High Priest and now we can approach His throne directly Mt 27:51, Heb 4:14-16 ; 1 John 3:1. This intimate approach to the Father happened at the cross.
- Prayer takes us into His throne room; He is unimaginably Holy and yet intimately concerned with each of us.

“Who is in Heaven”

- God is in the third heaven Deut. 26:15, 2 Cor. 12:2, He is also everywhere Psm. 139:7-12. He is **sovereign**. He is omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent.
- Prayer is our acceptance of the Father’s welcome through Christ. The Holy Spirit in us inspires us to pray.
- **Jesus describes for us this intimacy:** *[Jhn 14:16-20 ESV] 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ... 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you..*

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- **Jesus asks His Father for this intimacy for future believers:** *[Jhn 17:20-21 NLT] 20 "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. 21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one--as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.*
- When we are in prayer in His presence in His Throne Room, we are experiencing this foretaste of Heaven (Taste of Heaven on earth) *Col 1: 13 He has delivered us from the **domain of darkness** and transferred us to **the kingdom of his beloved Son,***
- (domain of darkness) is controlled by the god (Satan) of this world 2 Cor 4:4

Silent Prayer Prompt- Let's stop in a worshipful mode and pray to Our Father for understanding what the "Our Father" actually means to us and for all of His goodness that allows us to call Him that! **60 second pause for silent prayer.**

Vs. 9b, 10

- We move on to **3 petitions here asking The Father to do these 3 things for His Glory 9b-10.** We see Jesus modeling that for us. We are to ask The Father urgently for **these 3 things for His glory. 3 petitions will follow that are for our good in vs. 11-13.**

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Vs. 9 ***“Hallowed be your name”***

- In Greek “Hallowed” means to render or be hallowed (Made Holy), the mood of this verb is **imperative** or a command, this would mean **Jesus is teaching us to ask God to cause** His name to be kept Holy!
- If our Father is maligned, we turn first to Him to ask Him” **to keep His name sacred amongst this broken world”**.
- By asking Him to Hallow His Name we are asking Him **“to make us vessels of honor”** and the world to **honor His Name**.
- *[Rom 9:21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for **honorable use** and another for dishonorable use? We know at some point every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord Phil 2:9-11*
- **We are to pray to the Father with urgency** that His Name will be hallowed in us and in all the world.

Vs. 10 *10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

“Your kingdom come”

- **Kingdom** (*basilea*- 182 x NT-here in 6:10 refers to the future reign of Messiah, the dead are resurrected, justice has come, hostile powers are vanquished- Strongs), **come** (*erchomai*- to come into being, imperative- **urgent request** like “*Hallowed*” in vs. 9 and “will be done” in vs10. Jesus is modeling that we should ask the Father for His kingdom to come and will to be done with urgency.
- God’s plan was always to rule with us,
- **Man was made in His image and given rule** Gen 1:27-28; Man sinned and the world now belongs to the evil one. 2 Cor 4:4. Jesus came the 1st time as a Lamb, **He will come** the 2nd time as a Lion and **rule and reign with us** Rev 20:4,21,22, 1 Cor 6:3 as He rules from David’s Throne in the Millennium then in the New Jerusalem
- Salvation is a means to an end. Justification>Sanctification>Glorification
- This current kingdom is described as **already/not yet** so in a sense we are in a current “**spiritual**” (my words) **Kingdom of Heaven** Mt. 4:17 . We do this when we receive Christ and are filled with the Holy Spirit. His true spiritual kingdom and physical kingdom will reign on earth and occurs at Jesus’ physical return.

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- Eph. 1:10 it tells us that God's grand plan is at the right time to bring everything together under the reign of Christ. We are part of His "Our Good, good Father's" plan to bring His Kingdom rule to earth.
- **Warning –The "Kingdom Now"** theology is false- a current belief where believers must purge the earth of all evil then Christ can return. They also don't believe in the rapture, and some believe the church has replaced Israel (Replacement Theology)
- Jesus has moved His focus from our Father and His glory to focus on God's broad kingdom which contains all human history. The model here for our example is praying with a **Kingdom focus** bringing the whole world into access to hear the gospel to bring others into His Kingdom. (Make Heaven crowded!)
- For now, we live in a "World that is not our home" between His 1st & 2nd comings.
- **We are to pray to the Father with urgency** that His Kingdom will come! (Illustration-"Lord come quickly")

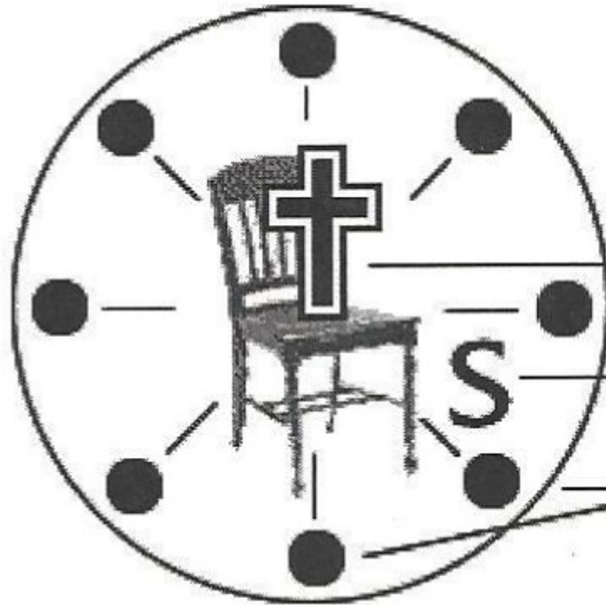
"Your will be done"

- ***Will*** (*Thelema*- choice, inclination, desire- Strong's); ***be done*** (*ginomai*-to be done or executed- ***imperative mood***)

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CHRIST ON THE THRONE



THE CHRIST-DIRECTED LIFE

CHRIST is on the throne

Self is yielding to Christ

**Interests are directed by Christ,
resulting in harmony with God's plan**

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- In this life because we are sinners being sanctified and made into the Image of Christ Rom 8:29 we can only get intermittent glimpses of His will being done by us or our brothers with **Christ on the Throne** as depicted above.
- Our hearts are afflicted with the spirit of Babel (self) trying to build our own kingdoms and we struggle to let Christ be on the throne. Our kingdoms can become lonely places especially when others are building their own kingdoms & don't fulfill our expectations and desires. There is only One Unchanging King, we are to look to Him.
- We can know His **perfect will** Rom 12:2 *Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern **what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.***
- Praying for His Kingdom and His will to be done first requires acknowledging His right to rule and acknowledging His word as truth.
- Jesus modeled this in [Luk 22:42 ESV] 42 saying, *"**Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.**"*
- His perfect will = when the Father's Children are glorified Phil 3:21 and Christ rules on His earthly throne Eph. 1:10
- **We are to pray to the Father with urgency that His will be done** meaning what He desires in us and His Kingdom!

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“on earth as it is in Heaven”

- **Earth** (*ge-whole earth*); **in** (*en- inside of*); **Heaven** (*Ouranos- dwelling place of God, Third Heaven 2 Cor. 12:2*)
- We can become disillusioned that the world around us is seemingly very dark especially at times like this time we are in. We see the spiritual kingdoms of light and dark are in conflict. Rom 1:28, Matt. 24:7, Eph. 6:13-20.
- We sometimes forget that Jesus came at His 1st coming as a Lamb to redeem but will come a 2nd time as a Lion to conquer.
- The church is God's current presence on earth now and He uses us to bring heaven down through the light of the gospel. Ultimately God will bring His Heavenly Kingdom to earth when Jesus returns. Ill His Name was hallowed, His Will done, Kingdom increased.
- *[2Co 4:6 ESV] 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," **has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God** in the face of Jesus Christ.*
- Back to Jesus' Prayer before Gethsemane *[Jhn 17:24 ESV] **24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.***
- It's about Him, His Name, His perfect will for us and the world, His already/not yet Kingdom, His perfect future plan to bring everything under the rule of Christ and Christ's millennial and eternal reign on this earth with us.

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- **We are to pray to the Father with urgency** that His Heavenly Kingdom will come to earth as it is in Heaven.

Second Prayer Prompt

- Think about Jesus wanting us to ask the Father with urgency for His Name to be hallowed, that His Kingdom would come quickly, that His will be done in our lives and on earth and His rule and reign restored quickly on this earth. **60 second pause for silent prayer.**
- **Father, we come to You in the Name and Authority of Lord Jesus Your Son. Amen**
- **Takeaway- A model of Prayer: Worship of the Father in Heaven for Who He is and 3 requests to the Father with urgency for His Glory: to Hallow His Name, His Kingdom to come quickly and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.**