



A Study of the Lord's Prayer
(Model Prayer)

Lesson 1

Matthew 6:9

Prayer Is About A Relationship

Prayer is one of the most crucial ministries of the church.

The disciples came to the Lord asking, “teach us to pray.”

Their request was two-fold.

They wanted to know how to pray and talk to God as Jesus did and second they desired a burden to pray.

The words that follow are a framework for praying that accomplishes both goals.

This pray is not just to be memorized and recited but is framework around which we can build our own prayers.

We are going to take this prayer phrase by phrase.

And what we hope will happen is that we can take away from this series is a deeper and greater burden for prayer in our own lives.

We will look at this together is that we will incorporate the phrase that we are studying into our prayer lives every day.

Vs. 9—“Our Father who is in heaven.”

1) **God Is Called Our _____**

- a) This is the ground upon which we may approach Him with our prayers.
- b) **Genesis 1:21—**” God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.
- c) These words tell us who can pray and what the privileges of access are for them.
- d) **Malachi 2:10, “Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us”**
- e) _____ prayers recorded of Jesus in the Gospels and let’s see what Jesus called God
 - i) **Matthew 11:35—**” “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
 - ii) **Matthew 26:39—**” And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”
 - iii) **Matthew 26:42—**” He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.”
 - iv) **Mark 14:36—**” And He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.”
 - v) **Luke 23:34—**” But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.
 - vi) **John 11:41—**” So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

- vii) **John 11:27—**” She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.”
- viii) **John 17:1—**” Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,
- ix) **John 17:5—**” “Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.
- x) **John 17:11—**” “I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.
- xi) **John 17:21—**” that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- xii) **John 17:24—**” “Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
- xiii) **John 17:25—**” “O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me
- f) One of the only prayers of Jesus in which he does not refer to God as Father is from the cross
- g) **Matthew 27:46—**” About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

2) Our What Does It Show Us When He Says “_____”

- a) This shows us that we as believers are not alone that we have a father who listens to us
- b) We might say this, “Father, thank you for yourself, that you are our Father”
- c) We are to pray to God and to _____ alone
- d) We are to address God as “Father”
- e) **Matthew 7:11—** “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!
- f) Our Father has no favorites

3) God Is Our Father Through _____

- a) **Romans 8:15—** “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”
- b) Since God is our Father, He carries us in His _____ and has our best interest at heart
- c) God promises to _____ us, supply us and care for us until we arrive home in Glory

4) God Is Our Father But He Is Our Father Who Is In _____

- a) **John 17:24—** “Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
- b) When we _____ God these words tell us our Father can be approached
- c) **Hebrews 4:16—** “Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- d) Our citizenship is in _____
- e) God is there; the Lord Jesus is also there and we should be longing in our hearts to be in heaven
- f) It was said that when the philosopher Cicero was banished from Rome by Caesar that he would weep every time he would look toward his homeland

As believers we should come together to seek God and to bear one another's burdens

Lesson 2

Matthew 6:9

Praying Is About Reverence

What Is A Name?

Vs. 9—"Hallowed be Your name."

1) The Biblical Concept of _____

- a) In the ancient world's understanding that a name expressed essence.
- b) To know the name of a person was to know that person's total character and nature.
- c) Revealing character and destiny, personal names might express hopes for the child's future.
- d) Proper names consisting of one or more terms consciously chosen by the namer that conveyed a readily understandable meaning of the biblical world.
- e) Sometime names were given based upon circumstance like Rachel giving birth in Gen 35:18 before she died calling him Benoni-the child of my death and Jacob calling him Benjamin
- f) Phinehas's wife gave birth to her son shortly after she learned that the ark of the covenant had been taken and her husband and her father-in-law were killed, named her child Ichabod-meaning the no glory: the word 'abod' means glory and Ich is a negation.

2) _____ Be Your Name

- a) Tells us something about the character of God
- b) In fact, the names of God revealed in the Word of God reveal His character to us.
- c) The only way
- d) The truth's of God's character is focused in His name.
- e) The divine name reveals God's power, authority and holiness.
- f) This accounts for Israel's great reverence for God's Name.
- g) The ten commandments prohibited the violation of God's name.
- h) Prophets spoke with authority when they uttered God's Name.
- i) Oath's taken in God's name were considered binding and battles fought in the name of God were victorious. Other nations feared Israel not because of their size but because it rallied under the Lord's name.
- j) Before Moses encounter in the desert, God was generally referred to as the God of the Fathers. But it was there were are told to call Him "I am that I am" which literally means, "I will become what I please"

3) Names of _____

- a) Jehovah or the word Yahweh refer to God's covenant that He formed with us.
 - i) Jehovah-_____ -The Lord Will Provide-Gen 22:14-Give after God provided the ram for Abraham in place of Isaac as a testimony of God's deliverance.
 - ii) Jehovah-_____ -The Lord Is My Banner-Ex 17:15-Given after the Israelites first battle. The Lord's name was the battle cry.
 - iii) Jehovah-_____ -The Lord Sanctifies-Ex 31:13-Holiness is the central revelation of God's character and calls for his people to be set apart.

- iv) Jehovah-_____ -The Lord Is My Shepherd-Ps 23:1-God is the one who provides loving care for His people.
 - v) Jehovah-_____ -The Lord Is There-Ezek 48:35-referring to God's dwelling place.
- b) Another term used for God is El-Which is a generic term used for a god or diety, but when used with other terms reveals the character of God
- i) El-_____ -God Almighty or The Almighty God-God used it to make His covenant with Abraham
 - ii) El-_____ -The Most High God-Ps 18:13-could also mean maker of heaven and earth.
 - iii) El-_____ -God the Everlasting One-Ps 90:2-God's sovereignty extends through the passing of time and beyond our ability to see or understand.
 - iv) El-_____ -God who sees me-Gen 16:13-God sees needs of His people and responds.
- c) God also has some symbolic titles also
- i) _____ -Dan 7:9-God lives forever-closely tied is the title "from everlasting to everlasting" El-Olam
 - ii) _____ -Ps. 19:14-God is strong and Permanent
 - iii) _____ -Ps. 9:9-God is a haven from the enemy
 - iv) _____ -Ps 18:2-God is a defense against the enemy
 - v) _____ -Ps 84:11-God is protection
 - vi) _____ -Ps 84:11-God is the source of light and life

As we pray to our Father in Heaven we can pray the many names that God has as we have needs.

“Hallowed be your Name” it is a call for us to reverence the Lord by honoring Him for who He is, respecting Him and worshipping Him when we pray and by living out His perfect will in our daily lives.

Lesson 3

Matthew 6:10

Praying Is About Rule

As we continue in our study of the Lord's prayer, we have talked about "Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name"

Today we are looking at "Your Kingdom Come"

As we look at this I want to us to see this from two different perspectives: one being the kingdom of God and second from that which lies within us"

This phrase is both prophetic and also personal

Vs. 10—"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

1) _____ View

- a) When we pray "Your Kingdom come" we are asking for our Father to bring this kingdom to pass on the earth.
- b) Therefore, we are asking God to fulfill all His promises and prophecies concerning His earthly kingdom
- c) **Isaiah 37:20—"Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, LORD, are God"**

d) Rev 12:10-“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.”

e) We know that we live in a fallen world

f) According to 2 Corinthians 4:4 that the god of this world, Satan, has blinded the minds of the unbelieving

g) When we pray “your Kingdom come” we are echoing the groans of nature and voicing the great songs heard around God’s throne in glory

h) Revelation 4 & 5 help express this point

i) The word _____ (basileia) does not refer to a geographical territory but to sovereignty and dominion.

j) When we pray we are praying for God’s rule through Christ to come and His glorious reign on earth to begin

k) The word ‘come’ translates as an active imperative indicating a _____ and instantaneous coming

l) In the Greek NT this phrase best reads “Let thy kingdom come now”

m) And in a real sense God’s kingdom is coming to earth each time a new soul is brought into the kingdom.

n) God’s return to this earth with his kingdom is in the future and as we are praying ‘your kingdom come’

o) We also should be adding, Rev 22:20-“Even so, come Lord Jesus, come”

2) _____ View

- a) While the word kingdom does not refer to a specific territory on the earth
- b) It can mean a kingship or a dominion or to rule or to reign
- c) When we pray your kingdom come we are praying for God to rule and reign in our personal lives
- d) This expresses a desire for God to be our “Lord and Savior and King”
- e) This is ultimately a prayer that God will be enthroned within our hearts
- f) When we ask Christ into our hearts we ask Him to be our Lord and Savior
- g) There are 14 verses in the Bible where _____ are mentioned together
- h) 11 out of the 14 the word Lord comes first
- i) This means that he wants and demands absolute Kingship and Lordship over our lives.
- j) When you get Christ you get the whole package
- k) A lot of people do not like this concept
- l) They only want a Jesus they can mold into their image
- m) But if you want the Jesus of the Bible you must surrender all to Him and His Lordship
- n) And when you become a citizen of a country you are expected to keep the laws of that country
- o) If we are not going to abide by His laws is that evidence of salvation
- p) He is taking people of every imaginable condition and from every part of this globe and he is turning them into men and women in whom Jesus Christ is present and in whom His righteous character can be seen personally.

To pray that his kingdom may ‘come’ is to pray both that it may grow, as through the church’s witnesses people submit to Jesus, and that soon it will be consummated when Jesus returns in glory to take his power and reign.

Lesson 4

Matthew 6:10

Praying Is About Resolve

What is the will of God?

- 1) Some people look at the will of God as the iron-fisted rule of an overbearing dictator.
- 2) Some see the will of God as being inevitable, so they submit, not out of faith, but out of surrender
- 3) Some seem to think that man's duty in prayer is to bend God's will so that it lines with his will.

The problem with those three ideas is that they are flawed.

We pray in order that God's will might be accomplished on earth, through us.

Notice so far that everything we have talked about is all about God: Your Name, Your Kingdom, Your Will

Vs. 10—"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

1) Knowing God's _____ For You

a)Key #1: The Will Of God Is Found In _____

- i) God's will for your life begins to unfold once you meet His Son Jesus at salvation. His purpose for your life continues to unfold as you continue to walk in Christ

ii) **1 Thessalonians 5:18**—“in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”

b) Key #2: The Revelation Of God’s Will Is A _____

i) The Will of God is revealed to you and me as we walk with Him day by day, and then He enables us to know His good, His acceptable and His perfect will

ii) **Romans 12:2**—“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

c)Key #3: We Must Seek God’s _____

i) The Father’s will for lives must be pursued, and we pursue His will in prayer

ii) **Ephesians 5:17-19**—“So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is...but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord”

iii) “Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” (Jeremiah 33:3)

2) **How To Stay In God’s** _____

a) **To find God’s plan and purpose, the Word gives us these instructions.**

b) One: You Must Know God’s _____ And Put It To Use On A Daily Basis.

i) The Lord expects you to exercise your faith to develop and mature so that you move from milk to strong meat

- ii) **Hebrews 5:14—“But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”**

c) Two: Turn Your Back On _____

- i) The person living in sin will not know God’s plan for his life
- ii) **Psalm 51:8-9—“Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities.”**
- iii) Here David clearly states that living in sin will make one unable to hear God’s voice

d) Three: Stay Close To The _____

- i) If you walk with God, you won’t miss His will
- ii) **Psalm 23:1-2—“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.”**

3) _____ or Permissive?

- a) **It is possible to miss the perfect will of God and settle for second best – His permissive will.**
- b) **The children of Israel “...lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.” (Psalm 106:14-15)**

c) Because of disobedience, Balam received only God’s permissive will – and ended with great loss (Numbers 22:12, 20-22).

4) **Nine Ways God _____ His Will To Us:**

- a) **The Lord communicates with His people in a variety of methods. Here are nine ways He reveals His will to us.**
- b) God Speaks Through _____
- i) Our observation comes through information and meditating on God's Word
 - ii) **Joshua 1:8—"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success."**
- c) God Speaks Through _____
- i) Not necessarily dreams like in vision in the OT
 - ii) **Matthew 2:13—"Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."**
- d) God Speaks Through Images, Or _____
- i) The Lord can place within you a mental image from which you cannot escape
 - ii) **Hosea 12:10—"I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, And used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets."**
 - iii) A similitude refers to a likeness or an image
- e) God Speaks Through _____
- i) **If the Lord opens a door, walk through it. Often, we are unable to discern God's will without circumstances helping us define it. It was through circumstances,**

yet in the Lord's perfect plan that Rebekah became the wife of Isaac (Genesis 24:12-16)

f) God Speaks Through Our _____

- i) **God continues to speak to us through spiritual gifts today (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).**
- ii) **"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit...**
- iii) **...to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills."**

g) God Speaks Through _____

- i) God uses other believers to confirm His will in your life
- ii) **Amos 3:7-"Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets."**

h) God Speaks Through A _____

- i) Often, the Lord will speak directly to you and His voice is clear

ii) **Numbers 12:8-Concerning Moses, God said, “With him will I speak mouth to mouth...”**

i) God Speaks Through His Peace In Our _____

i) The Lord has placed a navigational system inside of you

ii) The Holy Spirit

iii) **Colossians 3:15-“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts...”**

j) God Speaks Through _____

i) When you saturate you life with God’s Word, His plan becomes your joy

ii) **Psalm 40:8-“I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.”**

iii) **Psalm 119: 105-“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”**

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Lesson 5

Matthew 6:11

Praying Is About Reliance

The first part of the Lord's prayer has been directed at God

Now Jesus is teaching us to come to God with petitions

Vs. 11—"Give us this day our daily bread"

1) The _____

- a) Bread not only represents *food* but is symbolic of all of our _____ needs
- b) When I pray for God to meet my needs I am proclaiming my faith in His power to do just that.
- c) In reality no higher worship exists than for a child of God to enter into the presence of his heavenly father and unashamedly declare "**I cannot make it without You! I am totally dependent upon You Lord!**"
- d) This part of the prayer is in the form of a petition, but also an affirmation
- e) **James 1:17—"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above"**
- f) If our God can create everything from nothing, then He can take care of you.
- g) He is able to see to it that your needs are met
- h) **Philippians 4:19-- "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus"**

- i) **Matthew 6:33**—“**seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you**”
- j) Nothing honors God more than His children coming to Him in childlike faith, asking Him for what they need, believing that He loves them and that He is a generous God

2) **The** _____

- a) Not only does this prayer honor the Lord by worshipping Him as the great Giver.
- b) It also expresses the total dependence of the child of aged upon his heavenly Father
- c) When we pray this part of the prayer we are confessing our own weakness and limitation and that God is almighty where I am not
- d) "I can't meet my own needs but you can"
- e) It is easy for us to think that when everything is going well that we are carrying the burden for this part of the prayer
- f) But even the hardest working person owes all that he earns to God's provisions
- g) **Deut. 8:18**—“**But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day**”
- h) **Gen 1:29**—“**behold I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed, it shall be food for you**”
- i) Someone once said, “yesterday is a cancelled check, it has already been redeemed. Tomorrow is a promissory note, it may never be paid. Today is cash in hand, spend it wisely”
- j) **Matthew 6:34**—“**So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own**”

3) The _____

- a) The word “give”
- b) That word recognizes the need
- c) We ask Him for it in recognition of His past and present provision as well as in trust for His future provision
- d) The only thing that could make Jesus’ instruction valid is the promise of God.
- e) We could not expect God to give what He has not promised.
- f) **Psalm 37:3-4—“Trust in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart”**
- g) **Psalm 37:10-11—“Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more; And you will look carefully for his place and he will not be *there*. But the humble will inherit the land And will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.”**
- h) God is not going to meet the physical needs of everyone but only those who trust in Him

4) The _____

- a) Notice the words “us” and “our”
- b) It is not about _____ needs
- c) We are challenged to pray for the best interests of our brothers and sisters in Christ
- d) The greatest cause of famine in the world is not poor agricultural practices or poor economic and political policies
- e) Nor is the lack of scientific and technological resources
- f) Those problems only aggravate the basic problem, which is spiritual.

- g) Those parts of the world that have no Christian roots invariably place a low value on human life
- h) Without a proper view of God there cannot be a proper view of man
- i) The schedule of God's provision for His children is Daily
- j) The meaning here is simply that of regular, day-by-day supply of our needs.
- k) We are to rely on the Lord one day at a time.

“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless works and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toils, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray”

Lesson 6

Matthew 6:12

Praying Is About Remission

While it is true that we have been saved by God's grace and adopted into His family, it is also true that we all have a problem with sin

Our heavenly Father is perfect, but his children are dysfunctional at best

Vs. 12—"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors"

1) Prayer Involves A _____

- a) When we pray this prayer, or praying we are confessing before God that we have a problem
- b) This is a truth that many believers have trouble with, but the fact is, we may be saved be we can and do still sin
- c) **1 John 1:8, 10—"If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us...If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us"**
- d) Romans 7:14-25, Paul is also clear from his testimony
- e) We need a clear conscious of our sins
- f) Far too many believers act as though they think sin is something that happens in the lives of the others and not to them
- g) We never go to the alter to pray

- h) We never confess their wrongdoings or shortcomings
- i) They never go to another believer and say I am sorry, I hurt you and I was wrong
- j) By the way, every saved individual should have a constantly growing hatred of the sin that exists in their lives
- k) **Romans 7:24—“Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?”**
- l) Our text uses the word “debts” to refer to sin.
- m) There are at least five words used in the NT for _____
 - i) Romans 3:23 & Luke 15:21—“_____” —“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
 - ii) Ephesians 2:1 & Colossians 3:13—“offenses” or “_____” —it carries the idea of slipping or falling, as a result from carelessness
 - iii) James 2:9—“_____” —an intentional crossing of the boundaries established by God in His Word
 - iv) 1 John 3:4 & Matthew 7:23—“_____” —without the Law, it refers to high handed sin that is committed without regard to what God has to say about the matter, it is open and direct rebellion against God and His word
 - v) It is a _____
 - vi) It reminds us that when we sin we owe something
 - vii) The Bible is clear when it teaches us that both our body and spirit belong to God

n) **1 Corinthians 6:19-20—“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body”**

o) So when we pray this we are confessing to the Lord that I have a problem with sin in my life and that I am aware of the fact that I owe God a debt that I cannot pay on my own

2) The Prayer Involves A _____

a) One question that always comes up with sin and forgiveness is, “but, I am saved! Am I not already forgiven for all my sins”

b) The answer is “yes” and “no”

c) Simply put is this

d) When we are saved, we are completely justified by God, declared righteous by Him and given perfect standing in His sight.

e) **Romans 3:24-28—“being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.**

f) **1 Corinthians 6:9-11—“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor**

drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

- g) This is our position with God
- h) This can never be changed or altered
- i) But practically speaking, you and I sin on a daily basis.
- j) We may be in a permanent relationship with God that can never be affected by sin, but our walk with Him, our daily fellowship with Him can certainly be damaged by the sins that comes into our lives
- k) **Isaiah 59:2—“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.”**
- l) **1 Corinthians 9:27—“but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified”**
- m) Our relationship with God is eternal but our fellowship with God is temporary in nature and hinges on our obedience to Him and willingness to walk with Him
- n) **1 John 1:7—“ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin”**

3) The Prayer Involves A _____

- a) This last part of the verse is the most difficult for us to maybe agree with or to follow
- b) When I refuse to maintain fellowship with other believers in the family of God, it affects my own fellowship with God the Father

- c) Regardless of what anyone does to me in this life, it could never possibly rise to the same level of my guilt before the Lord
- d) The lesson is clear if I expect the Lord to forgive me when I cry out to Him, then I must be quick to forgive those who have wronged me.
- e) I am forgiving them to the same level that I have been forgiven
- f) **Ephesians 4:32—“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you”**
- g) The Bible is clear about this matter
- h) When we have been wronged, offended and hurt by others, we are to carry that before the Lord, leave it with Him and forgive the offending party
- i) Romans 12:19; Luke 17:1-5; Col. 3:12-13; 1 Cor 13:4-7
- j) Let me make this practical
- k) When you have wronged someone and you know it, you are to go to them, confessing your wrong and seeking their forgiveness
- l) **Matt 5:23-24—“Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.”**
- m) On the other hand you may have been hurt and offended and you wear the pain of that moment like a lead weight on your heart and soul
- n) You can go to them and tell them why you are hurt; Matt 18:15
- o) And if that persons repents then all is well
- p) But we must go with the right motives

- q) If you do not get past the hurts and the problems you have encountered in your past they
WILL destroy you
- r) When you harbor resentment and hard feelings in your heart because of what someone
else has said or done to or about you, then you are hurting no one but yourself
- s) Why is this so important
- t) Your fellowship with Jesus Christ will never be all that it should be until you come to the
place where your fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Jesus is all that it should be
- u) Everything is hindered
- v) We always simply need to pray, “Lord help me to be more like you”

Notice the very first word of this verse, “and”, it connects to verse 11

Our going to God on a daily basis for the day by day is also the way we should go to Him for forgiveness

Lesson 7

Matthew 6:13

Praying Is About Relying

We are in the section of the Lord's prayer we have been talking about our daily needs.

This verse is all about trusting the Lord in the greatest battle we face in life.

Not a battle to put food on our tables

Not a battle to approach God for forgiveness

It is a battle we face every day as we fight temptations of the flesh and the attacks of the devil

Vs. 13—"And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil"

1) The _____ of Temptation

- a) When we read this verse it can bring about a lot of different meanings and if we spend a few minutes looking into these words will offer us help in our own battle with temptation
- b) This statement, first, presupposes the leadership of the Lord in our lives
- c) I think on a Wednesday night that our Heavenly Father is a sovereign God
- d) He controls all of life and He leads His children along.
- e) Since this is true, does this mean that God leads us into places where we are tempted to sin
- f) The answer of course is "NO"
- g) **James 1:13—"Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone"**

- h) When Adam was tempted and fell in the Garden of Eden, he tried to lay the blame at the feet of God
- i) **Gen 3:12—“The man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”**
- j) God never leads us into direct contact with sin, but as we travel the path of life, every crossroads along the way brings with it the option to take a path which leads us away from God and His will for our lives
- k) Every trial we face comes complete with the potential to fail
- l) We may sin, but when we do, the fault lies with us and not with God
- m) So what is Jesus saying when he tells us to pray
- n) Maybe we could phrase it this way—“Lord, please do not lead us into a trial which will present a temptation stronger than our power to resist it”
- o) Where does temptation come from
- p) James tells us that it clearly arises from the _____
- q) **James 1:14-15—“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.”**
- r) **Mark 7:21-23—“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness. “All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”**
- s) I reading for this study, someone said that “when temptation comes our way, it is not the devil’s fault; it is not the Lord’s fault; it is not the world’s fault; it is our fault.”

- t) While I agree with that it is our fault, I also believe in a very powerful devil who wants to destroy us and his demons and principalities are all working around us
- u) **Eph 6:11-12—“Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*”**
- v) Being tempted is not a sin
- w) But when the temptation is embraced and pursued sin is the result
- x) **Matthew 15:17-20—“Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated? “But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. “These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.”**
- y) When we pray as we should and call on our Heavenly Father, I am praising Him, seeking His will and confessing my dependence upon Him for every need of life.
- z) When I pray, “Forgive my debts”, I am looking back to the _____
- aa) When I pray, “Give me this daily bread”, I am looking to the _____
- bb) But when I pray, “Lead me not into temptation”, I am looking to the _____
- cc) When we ask for forgiveness we have dealt with the past sins before the Lord and when we pray this we are declaring an awareness that sin may happen again

dd) The essence of this prayer is for protection from the sins of the flesh so that God is not dishonored again

ee) Paul knew this when he stated in 1 Cor 9:27—“Because I love Him, I do not want to hurt Him”

2) The Power of _____

a) I have already alluded to this in Eph 6:11-12 that the devil is all around us working against us

b) But how many times have you heard someone say, the devil made me do it

c) Temptation is a powerful opponent, but most Christians have no idea as to its real power

d) Not every temptation works on every person

e) What tempts you may not tempt me and what tempts me may not tempt you

f) James again tells us that our own lusts have enticed

g) The word enticed means bait

h) To draw in

i) I do not know a lot about fishing but do know this, depending on what you are fishing for depends on what type of bait you use.

j) People say, “the temptation was so powerful, I just couldn’t resist”

k) I thank God that the power of temptation has no more force in our lives than we allow it to have

l) Eph 6:13-20—The armor of God

m) Isaiah 43:2—“When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.”

n) **1 Cor. 10:13**—“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*”

o) **Romans 6:6-18**—We need a revival of Romans 6 living

p) Temptation may be powerful, but it is not in the same league as our Savior

q) Who overcame temptation, was in every way tempted yet did not sin

3) The _____ in Temptation

a) Christ closes out this part with the phrase “but deliver us from evil”

b) We have already hit this idea that Satan is the evil one

c) Paul repeats the idea of Eph. 6 in 2 Cor 10:3-5 with our spiritual battle

d) **2 Cor. 10:3-5**—“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ”

e) Our success in temptation is in the Word of God

f) It is in using the appropriate resources

g) **Remember Heb 13:5**—“I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,”
6 so that we confidently say, “THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?”

The Victory is ours in the battle with temptation.

We are challenged to pray about our need in this battle and we are to trust the Lord to deliver us in the hour of temptation.

He will do His part

But, let me caution you about something.

Do not pray this prayer if you plan on placing yourself in places and situations where you will be tempted.

Don't waste your time praying this prayer if your feet constantly lead you toward evil

Victory is available, but only those who are serious about waging war on the lust that dwells within them will experience the Lord's victory.

Lesson 8

Matthew 6:13

Praying Is About Regard

This last half of the verse is a doxology (is expressing praise or glory to God), and in this doxology we see that everything belongs to God

Vs. 13—“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen”

1) **He Is The** _____

- a) Yours is the kingdom
- b) That says two things about God
- c) The right to rule and reign throughout the universe is God’s.
- d) Second the right to rule and reign in our lives belongs to no one else but God.
- e) **Deut. 4:39—“Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other”**
- f) **Psalms 83:18—“That they may know that You alone, whose name is the LORD, Are the Most High over all the earth.”**
- g) We as believers belong to God’s kingdom: God has accepted the believer into the kingdom of God and promises to transport him into the kingdom and its glory either or at the Lord’s return

2) **He Is The** _____

- a) And the power
- b) God alone has the power to create and sustain a perfect government
- c) God alone has the power to stir men to live in love, joy, peace

- d) God's power is enormous
- e) There is nothing He cannot do
- f) **Heb 13:8**—"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
- g) **Job 42:2**—"I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted."
- h) **Psalm 62:11**—"Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God"
- i) We as believers belong to God's power: God has delivered us from sin and death and continues to deliver him daily

3) He Is The _____

- a) And the glory forever
- b) God alone deserves all the honor and praise and glory
- c) For what?
- d) For all
- e) He is all in all
- f) **1 Cor 15:28**—"When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all"
- g) **Psalm 8:1**—"O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!"
- h) We as believers belong to God's glory: God has done all for the believer that "in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus"

The prayer ends with AMEN

AMEN is the last word in the Bible

It is often translated, “Verily, Verily” or “Truly, Truly” or “So Be It” or “Let it be true”

It is an affirmation

2 Cor. 1:20—“For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us”

