

The Prayers of Jesus – “The Lord’s Prayer”

Matthew 6:5-13 When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6 “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you. 7 “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8 “So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. 9 “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is 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 ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- The Lord’s Prayer calls us to focus on three priorities in prayer:

1. The Priority of God’s Name.

Matthew 6:9 Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

- **A Name Indicating a Personal Relationship**

John 5:18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

Jeremiah 31:31-33 Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

- **A Name Indicating God’s Unique Identity**

- Our Father in Heaven.
- Isaiah 6:1 “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

- **A Name Indicating God’s Place of Honor**

- “Hallowed be your name.”
- The Hebrew word for holy means set apart for a purpose
- The Greek word means set apart but it also carries the meaning of that which is absolutely pure.

- Isaiah 6:1-3 “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

2. The Priority of God’s Kingdom.

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

- When God talks about kingdom, He’s not referring to land mass but sovereign rule.

- **God’s Kingdom is His rule in our hearts.**

- Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.
- Part of this prayer is to pray for God to express His sovereign rule over our world during a time of great spiritual upheaval and warfare.
- Another aspect of this prayer is personal. We’re not just praying for God’s rule in the world but for God’s rule in our hearts.

- **God’s Kingdom is His future reign over the world.**

Revelation 20:1-4

1 Thessalonians 4:18 “Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

- Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- Can you see how this model prayer calls us to anticipate Christ’s return and to seek it and to even pray for it?
- What would praying a prayer like this mean in your life?
- 1 – It calls us to an intimate relationship with God where we also acknowledge His majesty and sovereignty.
- 2 – It demands that we surrender to His rule and His will and pray the His rule would be realized in the world around us.

Further Thought:

- Do you struggle to relate to God as a loving, caring Father?
- What does God’s holiness mean to you, and how does your life reflect your understanding of this aspect of God’s nature?
- Is there any particular area in your life where God wants to express His rule and maybe you haven’t wanted to submit to it? What are you willing to do for God’s Kingdom to come and His will be done?