



Sermon on the Mount  
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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

Jesus Continues with His Sermon upon the Mount

✠ And 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 will be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. <sup>6</sup>But as for 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.

Matthew 6: 5-6 NASB

Within our previous lesson "Alms & Giving" Jesus has already identified the Pharisee's as the Hypocritical ones which in Jesus Time meant a Greek actor as in someone pretending to be something they are not. Now He explains "Why?" The Pharisee's are such as these.

The Eternal Living Son of GOD- GOD Himself incarnate within human flesh, considered the Pharisee's to be Hippocrates by deliberately Praying for their own personal public acknowledgement & attention. Thusly exhibiting a false piety as in not having pure motives before GOD in their Prayers.

Most Theologians agree there be three types of Prayer.

The first type of Prayer is private while time & again Jesus often secluded Himself to where the Gospels called lonely or secluded places in order to privately Pray. Meaning that GOD in Christ by His example took the time to quietly slip away and Pray. So this means that we should to.

Another type of Prayer in addition to our private individual Prayers, are when we Pray corporately being collectively in Worship before Heavenly Father within Christian services.

While finally when we are outside of the Church having a public Prayer, such as at sporting events or even solemn occasions such as memorial services or national holidays of remembrance.

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✠ And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:7-8 RSV

Now Jesus is addressing the Prayers of the Pagan.

Each the Greek as well as the Roman often called upon their false deities using many names because they were renamed and referred to by many different localities using different titles.

This was always a precursor that pagan prayer often began with followed by pleading begging and or bartering by then listing all that they had done for a false pagan g\*d in order to attempt to call in favors.

Often with mechanical repetition of the repeating of tedious words. This is called "Prolix Prayer."

How ill reverent and pointless literally bargaining with a lifeless manmade superstition object or image.

So like the pitfalls of false piety prayers, Jesus has also now just instructed us not to be like the Pagans. But to give our Prayers respectfully unto Heavenly Father alone and not be overblown, especially with our public Prayers. We are to be reverently direct & brief this be for those suffering in grief or for the honoring of the occasion. Because GOD does not need to be informed influenced or advised.

Lets pause and question what exactly is Prayer? (summarizing Systematic Theology Vol 3 page 692 by Charles Hodge.)

"Prayer is the converse of our Soul our inner being the true essence of us with Holy GOD our Creator."

Prayer being the spoken expression of all our reasoning emotions & desires for ourselves & others to GOD. Our Prayers should always ever endeavor to first Glorify GOD while offering thanksgiving with honor to Him.

✝ Pray then like this:  
Our Father which art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth  
As it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But delivery us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
Forever Amen.

Traditional Ecumenical Version

This beautiful spoken Prayer of Christ our Lord stands alone as a complete Prayer of Worship and adoration unto Heavenly Father.

Our Lord's Prayer is also a pattern of instruction being Christ's recommended structure of how we are to organize our very own gratitude's with thanksgiving and reverence unto GOD in a sequence with petition & supplication by including and using but never abusing reverent Divine recognition. Now Lets examine each part of Our Lord's Prayer by His minds design one at a time:

✝ Our Father which art in Heaven.

This opening automatically determines that the one Praying believes in the existence, presence, & sovereignty of Holy GOD. Also by stating "Father" this respectfully places the speaker under GOD'S authority while presupposing GOD'S ability with empathy to hear and receive their Prayer. In Heaven, quoting from "GOD'S plan for man" Drake Bible Studies, 1949, page 284 we have this: "The child of GOD should constantly recognize the source of their blessings and citizenship." Of course with Heaven being the dwelling abode of GOD with Heavenly Father as the source of existence with all the goodness of His Blessings.

We can think of this first line of "Our Lords Prayer" as GOD'S name and address. Of who and where we are sending our Prayer.

✝ Hallowed be thy name.

Jesus begins with "Hallowed be thy name" because He knew this was a familiar beginning of the common opening of Prayer in all of the local Synagogues. This being known as the "Kaddish" Prayer and it opens like this: "Exalted and hallowed, magnified and sanctified" be His great name. (GOD) Remember Jesus has been teaching that He has not come to replace GOD'S Law, but to fulfill it. With the using of this familiar Prayer introduction Christ in Jesus has just practiced what He taught! While it is also true that Praise and Honor uttered unto GOD does in fact equate as Faith. Hallowed in the Websters classic dictionary means; "Holy and Sacred to treat with Reverence."

✝ Thy Kingdom Come.

Jews in Jesus Time longed and craved for the “Lords Day” when GOD will rule His Earth with His empathy kindness mercy and equal justice for all.

Likewise we too as Christians do also anticipate this glorious day.

The Book of Revelation (20:1-3) details for us this coming Kingdom & it will be 1000 years long. Hence this is where the term “Millennial Kingdom” is derived from- “Thy Kingdom Come!”

Those living within their cherished Sin by humanities will should rightfully dread the Lord’s Day.

Because as the Interpreters Bible 1951 does say: (J.E. Roberts)

The coming Kingdom means the public and private death of flunkeyism. (favoritism & corruption)

The personal death of mammon. (coveting & desiring material gain and wealth)

The national death of jingoism. (obsessive political aggression with intolerant forceful military objectives)

✝ Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Jesus teaches respecting GOD’S Will, as in His Plans for each of us individually and collectively by first stating GOD’S Will be done before listing any of our very own perceived needs requests or petitions.

This is each an Holy and healthy admission as to GOD’S Supreme Sovereignty in our lives.

Remember it is by Heavenly Fathers Will alone that all creation including human beings exist at all.

It is also by GOD’S Design that we human beings are born with will empathy intellect & compassion.

Meaning those who chose to employ these GODLY bestowed characteristics by using or abusing others are doing so to the peril of their very own eternal soul.

Because just as GOD is three in one, Father ~ Spirit ~ Son.

So are we three, created in His image. ( having the GODLY attributes of consciousness with a conscious )

1. Physical body, 2. Spiritual Life if found in Christ, (Saved) 3. While all having an eternal soul.

As in Heavenly Father’s Will- His plans for us, by us to be dutifully lovingly & willingly accomplished.

All accordingly upon GOD’S Law & Living Word found in Christ Jesus within Holy Scriptural Writ.

By study and Prayer because none of us can dare to presume the Will and plans of the Great I AM.

Further Our Lord’s Prayer just demonstrated for us:

On Earth “When?” GOD’S Will will be done- willingly by humanity during “Thy Kingdom Come.”

Of course this is after the Second Coming Advent of our Lord and Saviour Jesus.

Jesus’s first Advent prepared His “Way” for us to be able to receive in belief Thy Kingdom Come.

When Christ returns and implements the Millennial Kingdom His Will will be done.

To the point Eph. 5:17 states “do the Will of the Lord.” So exactly “What?” Pray tell is the Will of the Lord? To accept Christ as our Savior the living sacrifice for our Sin & then to live through and for Him.

✝ Give us this day our daily bread.

Easy enough, after we address our Prayers unto Heavenly Father Worshiping Him with reverent solemn respect, we do this by acknowledging that He is GOD alone.

And- that His Will & His plans are paramount always coming before our own.

We do this because we realize it is right to put GOD’S Will and His Kingdom always first & foremost.

It is only then our Lord in Christ says that it is proper to ask or petition Him for our daily bread.

Meaning our everyday personal needs whatever they may be for ourselves and for others.

Also note Jesus does not demand we list every single item we need daily but just the extracurricular items or things we need because our Heavenly Father already knows our daily needs. (Dr. Luke 12:29)

✝ And forgive us our trespasses (Debts)  
As we forgive those (Debtors) who trespass against us.

Our trespasses our debts of Sin before Heavenly Father were forgiven at Salvation with our belief in Jesus as our Saving Christ. However this is for our daily continuing Sin either purposeful or no.

The word “debts” is a Jewish figure representing Sin.

While the latter portion of Jesus’s directive reminds us that just as we have been shown Mercy and Grace in Christ, with the pardoning of our Sin through Him- We too are likewise to forgive others who trespass or do wrong against us.

When General Oglethorpe the originator of the British Colony of Georgia in North America had an unpleasant exchange with the yet future founder of Methodism John Wesley, when the General said: “I never forgive.”

Wesley unfazed replied; “Then I hope sir you never sin.”

Meaning Wesley pointed out to the General how then could he ever expect GOD to forgive him for his daily sin? Tis true a cold unyielding heart can and oft hinders GOD’S part of answering our Prayers.

Again Salvation does not appear to be in question here, but the granting of our Divine petitions.

At the conclusion of Our Lords Prayer Jesus circles back and clarifies this thought;

✝ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,  
<sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:14-15 ESV

Continuing

✝ And lead us not into temptation, But delivery us from evil.

This of course being a request for GOD to Spiritually guide and protect us not only from the evils and Sinful temptations of this life, but through Christ to be protected even from ourselves.

Against our Spiritual and or Biblical ethical lacking or overconfidence.

As in our own unknown weaknesses and similarly our subconscious desires.

Why? This particular petition.

Jesus concludes “delivery us from evil” because He knows the demonic know- everything there is to know about pride and prejudice using temptation resulting in the relaxation of our moral standards. Because wickedness comes in all shapes and disguises!

The Talmud Kiddushin 81a records (Rabbi Chiyabben B. Abba, 290 – 320 ad/ce Prayed; “May the merciful one save us from the tempter.” Kiddushin 81a deals with sexual temptation and hidden desires.

So Chiyabben either plagiarized Jesus or he being a Jewish Rabbi secretly echoed our Lords Words.

Conclusion of Our Lord’s Prayer

✝ For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever Amen.

In Jesus Time particularly within the Temple of Jerusalem Prayer was never concluded by saying Amen.

The normal Jewish closing Benediction was spoken as this:

“ Blessed be the name of the glory of His Kingdom forever!”

These words are supposedly traced all the way back as the death bed words of the patriarch Jacob/Israel.

Jesus each petitioned Heavenly Father for “ Thine Kingdom to Come “ as well as declaring this coming Kingdom to be Heavenly Fathers for “His Glory alone.”

This Benediction of Christ was added as in included to Our Lord’s Prayer within the “Didache.”

Didache means “The Teaching of the 12 Apostles” and this dates all the “Way” back to 50 AD.

It was included in many MSS (Greek Manuscripts of Biblical texts) predating Gutenberg’s printing press.