

Teach Us To Pray

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*A Discussion of Jesus' Model Prayer,
Otherwise known as The Lord's Prayer*

I. PROHIBITIONS TO PRAYER (Matt. 6:5-8)

A. Be Not As The Hypocrites, 5-6

1. We are not to pray outwardly, 5
 - a. A hypocrite is a pretender, a stage actor.
 - b. Hypocrites love to pray in public, implying that they do not pray in secret.
 - c. They are not serious about prayer but do it only for attention and praise to themselves.
 - d. Some would go to the synagogue with trumpeters leading them into the assembly.
 - e. Some would even wear masks as a show; some would paint their faces to look as though they had been fasting (Matt. 6:16).
 - f. Mark Twain said, "We're all like the moon, we have a dark side we don't want anyone to see."
 - g. Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote, "No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true."
 - h. We are not to "be as the hypocrites"
 - i. The story of the hen and the nest: "There was a preacher who was interviewing with a pastoral search committee. An English teacher headed the committee, and was very concerned that the future pastor spoke properly. 'When the hen is on the nest, does she sit or set?' he asked the candidate. The hopeful pastor was frustrated. He didn't know what to say, and his career was on the line. Finally he replied, 'It really doesn't matter if she's sitting or setting. What I want to know is this: when she cackles is she laying or lying?'"
 - j. Don't be a hypocrite when you pray. Are you praying or lying?
2. We are to pray in the closet, 6
 - a. This means the opposite of praying publicly to be noticed by people, trying to impress people instead of being obedient to God.
 - b. We are to "shut the door," meaning that we are to get our minds off the world and on the things of God. Col 3:2 *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*
 - c. We are to "pray to the Father which is in secret." This is where our real praying takes place.
 - (1) Matt 14:23 *And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.*
 - (2) Acts 10:9 *On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:*
 - d. Your closet can be in the car, in the bed, in the woods, in a mountain or desert, at a

restaurant, in your kitchen, or even in the closet.

e. This word TAMEION for closet is translated in one place “storehouse.”

B. Be Not As The Heathen, 7-8

1. They use vain repetition, 7

a. In a prayer of repetition, the heathen thought that they could manipulate the gods in order to receive good crops, or some other blessing.

b. If they did not receive the blessing, they would change their words in order to persuade the gods for a good omen rather than a bad one.

c. The Hebrews built a golden calf in Moses’ time in order to please God, but God is not affected by our words or our idols.

d. Also, using the same words over and over again to receive something from God is forbidden.

(1) Some of the old fashioned healings that people say they can do have to do with the repetition of words over and over again.

(2) In one article I read in preparation for this message, I read this, “Also, we need the authority of ritual prayers that are properly formulated so that we are oriented to the truth of our need for God.”

(3) No we don’t. We just need to talk to God, and we will find out why as we go through the model prayer.

e. Here are three examples of praying with repetition:

(1) 1 Kings 18:26-29 *And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. 27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. 29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.*

(2) Eccl. 5:2-3 *Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool’s voice is known by multitude of words.*

(3) Atsc 19:34 *But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.*

2. They have their reward

a. Their reward is the praise of men: John 12:43 *For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.*

b. Sometimes, I understand, when the hypocrites would go into the synagogue as actors, they would hear applause from those standing by. That is their reward.

c. The heathen receive praise from the peers for being so religious. That is their

reward.

- d. What is your reward for praying hypocritically? What will the world give you for praying a nice, handsome prayer? Whatever the world gives you will be your reward. You will receive nothing from God as a result of your repetition.
 - e. God answers prayers, but he does not reward prayers.
 - f. Our only reward, even without prayer, is that God knows what we have need of before we ask. We do not need to persuade him to give us what we need. He supplies our daily needs, and that is all we are asked to pray for.
3. Next the Lord gives us a manner in which to pray, which we will study part by part.

II. OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN - Relation of Father to Son (Matt. 6:9)

A. This is a “father-son” relationship.

B. We know, however, that the word “son” in the Bible, when speaking of God’s sons, includes daughters, too.

C. Our Father

1. Notice the possessive form of the pronoun “our.” That means that God belongs to us in the sense that he is now our own personal Father individually.
2. The Jews claimed Abraham as their father: Luke 3:8 *Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.*
3. John 8:53 *Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? ... 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*

D. Sons of God

1. John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*
2. Rom 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*
3. 1 John 3:1 *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*
4. 1 John 3:2 *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*
5. Rom. 8:17 *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

E. God’s Name

1. Rom 2:24 *For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.*
2. 1Tim. 6:1 *Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.*
3. The word hallowed means holy.
 - a. Luke 1:49 *For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.*
 - b. In John 17:11, Jesus calls his Father “holy Father.” *Holy Father, keep through*

thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

- c. Rev 15:4 *Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*
4. This is why we should not take the name of God in vain. We should speak to him and about him in serious reverence. Bywords such as “Oh, my God,” and “God Almighty” should not be used in a flippant way.
5. Now, especially when we pray, we should call out, not to a flippant and small, insignificant God but to a high and holy God and say with meaning, “Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”
 - a. We have recently studied the Hebrew names of God, which indicates the many facets of our lives that God is able and willing to help.
 - b. His name and the name of Christ are both divine names.
 - (1) Isaiah 9:6 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*
 - (2) This is the attitude in which we should call upon the only God who can save us: Psalm 106:47 *Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.*
 - c. So, praise is the first reason for prayer.

III. THY KINGDOM COME, Relationship of King to Servant – Matthew 6:10 12-9-2012

A. A King is to Rule A Kingdom

1. Jesus is King of saints, Rev. 15:3
2. Jesus is King of kings, (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; 19:16)
3. Jesus is Lord of lords, (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; 19:16)
4. Jesus is Lord of heaven and earth, Matt. 11:25; Mark 13:31; Acts 17:24

B. The Kingdom is made up of His Children And Servants

1. Matt 13:38 *The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;*
2. 1 Peter 2:16 *As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.*
3. John 12:26 *If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.*
4. John 15:20 *Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.*
5. Rom. 1:1 *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,*
6. 1 Cor 7:22 *For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant.*

C. The Kingdom of God Desired To Come

1. “And I blew it to “kingdom come.” OR “I’ll sit here till “kingdom come.”
 2. This is a reference to the future coming of Christ’s kingdom to the earth.
 3. We should long for the coming of that kingdom to earth.
 4. We should also try to make our present existence as much like the kingdom that is coming as we can. Matt 5:48 *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*
- D. Our Conversation (citizenship) Is In Heaven (God’s perfect Kingdom)
1. Phil. 3:20 *For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:*
- E. The Will of the Kingdom Is Desired Now: “Thy will be done on earth ...”
1. God’s will is done through gifts from above
 - a. James 1:17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*
 - b. 1 Cor 4:7 *For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?*
 2. We must know the will of God
 - a. Rom. 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
 - b. Eph 6:6 *Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;*
 - c. 1 Thess 5:18 *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*
 - d. 1 Peter 4:2 *That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.*
 - e. 1 John 2:17 *And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*
 3. So it is every believer’s part in life to know and to do the will of God. Seek his will through his word, and do his will to bring him glory and so that God’s kingdom on earth will be more like that which is in heaven—perfect.
- F. His Kingdom Will Come
1. Rev 11:15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*
 2. Luke 13:29 *And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.*
 3. Luke 22:18 *For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.*
- G. Can You See The Kingdom of God?
1. John 3:3 *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a*

- man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
2. To “see” the kingdom of God is to have an understanding of it. We cannot see it with our eyes, but we can see it with our mind and heart.
 3. The Kingdom of God on earth now is invisible.
 - a. Luke 17:20 *And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*
 - b. Luke 17:21 *Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*
 - c. James 2:5 *Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*

IV. OUR DAILY BREAD, 6:11 – 12-16-2012 PM

A. Importance of Bread

1. It is so important that Satan tempted Jesus to turn stone into bread
 - a. Matt 4:3 *And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*
2. It is so important that, if a son asks his father for bread, he will not give him a stone.
 - a. Matt 7:9 *Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?*
3. It is so important that the disciples wanted to send away the multitudes so they could go and buy bread to eat.
 - a. Mark 6:36 *Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.*
4. It is so important that the Lord used it in the symbolism of The Lord’s Supper.
 - a. Matt 26:26 *And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.*
 - b. 1 Cor 10:16b ... *The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*
5. It is so important that, when John the Baptist came not eating bread, they said he had a devil.
 - a. Luke 7:33 *For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil.*
6. It is so important that Jesus said he was the Bread of Life.
 - a. John 6:48 *I am that bread of life.*
 - b. John 6:51 *I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*
7. It is so important, because it helps us be good citizens.
 - a. Prov. 25:21 *If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:*

B. Give Us

1. These two words “give us” indicate to us that our bread is given to us from God.
 - a. 1 Cor 4:7 *For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?*
2. God gives us the strength to make wealth
 - a. Deut. 8:18 *But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth ...*

C. Daily Bread

1. We are to pray that God will give us our daily bread.
 - a. Evidently, then, we need bread daily.
 - b. Sometimes, when people fast, they do not eat daily; but in the main people eat bread every day.
 - c. But then we have the rich man who ate much every day, the daily custom being that of anyone who could afford to eat every day.
 - d. Luke 16:19 *There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:*
2. Many things were done and are to be done daily.
 - a. Offering - The Jews had a daily offering, Num 29:6
 - b. Vows - We to daily perform our vows, Psalm 61:8
 - c. Seek the Lord - Isaiah 58:2 *Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways,*
 - d. We are to take up our cross daily – Luke 9:23 *And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*
 - e. Seek the scriptures - Acts 17:11 *These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*
 - f. Die - 1 Cor 15:31 *I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*
 - g. Exhort - Heb 3:13 *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*
 - h. Help - James 2:15-16 *If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?*

D. Daily Responsibilities

1. I think we learn from this verse that there are many things that we must do, many responsibilities that we have, daily.
2. If we cannot fulfil our daily responsibilities, then how can we expect God to give us our daily need of bread?

V. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, Matthew 6:12

A. The Word Forgive

1. The Greek word for “forgive” is APHIEMI and means “to send away, to leave alone.”
2. The word “forgive” appears 21 times in the New Testament.

3. The word “remit” is also translated from this same Greek word and is found only once in the New Testament (John 20:23).
 4. The word “remission” is found 10 times in the New Testament.
- B. The Prayer For Forgiveness
1. In our prayer we have now given God the glory for who he is.
 - a. We have called him Father
 - b. We have recognized that he is in heaven.
 - c. We have mentioned that he is holy (hallowed)
 - d. We have regarded his name as a special and holy name.
 2. In our prayer we have noted his kingdom and showed a desire for his perfect kingdom to come to earth.
 3. In our prayer we have asked for our daily nutrition, our staff of life, as it were.
 4. In our prayer we are now praying for forgiveness.
 - a. Forgiveness is for sin, so now we are dealing with our sin.
 - (1) In asking forgiveness, we are admitting that we have sin.
 - (2) Rom. 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
 - (3) 1 John 1:8 *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
 - (4) So, in our prayers, we need to deal with sin.
 - (5) Psalm 51:4 *Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.*
 - b. Forgiveness comes through the blood of Jesus Christ.
 - (1) In instituting The Lord’s Supper, Jesus said in Matt 26:28 *For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*
 - (2) Remember, the word “remission” means forgiveness.
 - (3) Heb 9:22 *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.* See also Col. 1:14.
 - c. Forgiveness of sins comes when we first believe on Christ.
 - (1) Eph 1:7 *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*
 - d. But we who are believers and saved by God’s grace also need forgiveness.
 - (1) 1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
 - (2) Here he is speaking to born-again people, believers in Jesus Christ, saved people.
 - (3) We all need forgiveness, and God is able and willing to forgive sins.
 - (4) The woman with the alabaster box came to Jesus, wiping his feet with her tears out of much love for him. In Lu 7:48 we read, *And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.*
 - (5) This woman was worshiping Jesus, because Jesus had already forgiven her sins. She love him for it, and she was showing that love.
 - (6) How much do we love the Lord because he forgave us our sins?

- (7) Concerning the sins of the saved, John said in 1John 2:1 *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*
- (8) Why do we need an advocate?
 - (a) We need an advocate, because we have sinned against God.
 - (b) We need an advocate, because we need forgiveness for our sins as believers just as lost people need forgiveness for their sins as lost people.
 - (c) We need an advocate, because Jesus is the only mediator between God and men (1 Tim. 2:5).
 - (d) Also, the Holy Spirit makes intercession for us as we pray (Rom. 8:26).
- (9) If we do not ask for forgiveness as believers, we will not receive forgiveness.
 - (a) John 16:24 *Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

C. The Acts of Forgiveness

1. Our text, Matt. 6:12, ends with "... as we forgive our debtors."
2. If we as believers are not willing to forgive others, then God will not forgive us as his children.
3. Let's read in Matt. 6:14-15 *For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*
4. Mark 11:25 *And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*
5. Luke 6:37 *Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:*
6. Luke 17:3 *Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.*
7. In the church we are to forgive. Notice what Paul said to the Corinthian church. 2 Cor 2:10 *To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;*
 - a. If a member of a church does something to bring reproach against the church; and if that church disciplines that member, at the appropriate time, the church may reinstate that person to full privilege as a member. When the church does that, not one member of that church need withhold forgiveness from that person.
 - b. Paul said "To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also ..."
8. This is probably the hardest part of this whole matter.
 - a. Realizing we have a need for forgiveness is not so bad.
 - b. Realizing that only God can forgive is not so bad.
 - c. Asking God to forgive us may not be so bad.
 - d. But forgiving others is really tough for some people.
 - e. Remember, though, that God will not forgive us if we do not forgive others.
 - (1) Luke 18:9 *And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:*
 - (2) Phil. 2:4 *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the*

things of others.

(3) Sometimes, I think, we must forgive the sinner before God does.

(a) Jude 1:22-23 *And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

(b) We have compassion upon them.

(c) We save them by pulling them away from their temptations, away from a false gospel, away from worldly influence, introducing them to the pure, real gospel of Jesus Christ, thereby bringing them from the brink of eternal fire–hell.

(d) At the same time we must realize that we are not to compromise but to “hate even the garment spotted by the flesh.”

9. The prayer and our forgiveness–conclusion

a. I am sure, if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, that you pray for God to forgive you, and that is the right thing to do.

b. But when you pray for your own forgiveness, remember that your forgiveness toward others is a part of receiving forgiveness from God.

c. If you need forgiveness, which all of us do, just ask.

(1) Luke 11:9 *And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*

(2) James 4:2 *Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*

d. Ask forgiveness; give forgiveness. This is our whole duty.

e. We cannot effectively do one without the other.

VI. LEAD US, Matthew 6:13 – **1-6-2013 PM**

A. Even though this verse begins with “lead us not,” it is strongly implied and possibly even inferred that God does lead us.

B. God either leads into something or out of something.

C. God led the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt: Exodus 13:3 *And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.*

D. Where does God lead us?

1. Beside still waters: Psalm 23:2 *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

a. Not vehement seas, as the disciples traveled.

b. Not a flood as Noah traveled.

c. But the still waters of peace, speaking to us in a still, small voice.

d. Beside still waters, where we can drink of the water of life freely, where our root is planted so that we can bring forth our fruit in due season (Psalm 23).

2. In the paths of righteousness: Psalm 23:3 *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

- a. Psalm 25:4 *Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.*
 - b. Prov. 3:6 *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*
 - c. Prov. 8:20 *I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:*
 - d. Isa 42:16 *And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.*
3. Where does he NOT lead us?
- a. He does not lead us into temptation. Matt. 6:13
 - (1) God cannot be tempted: James 1:13 *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:*
 - b. So God is not going to lead you to temptation. Here Jesus wants us to pray this, because we are verifying the fact that God will not lead us there.
 - c. But it is Satan that will tempt us, or lead us into temptation:
 - (1) 1 Cor 7:5 *Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.*
 - (2) Eph 2:2 *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*
 - (3) Satan will tempt you to do things you know not to do.
 - (4) Satan will tempt you to say things you know you should not say.
 - (5) Satan will tempt you to follow his path rather than God's path.
 - (6) Satan will do everything to block the message of God to you from God's word.
 - (a) Matt 13:19 *When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.*
 - (b) He will get you to watch TV
 - (c) He will get you into video games
 - (d) He will get you addicted to parties, fun, and riotousness.
 - (e) He will make you sick, or sleepy
 - (f) So that you will not spend time in God's word.
 - (g) He will make you doubt the word of God
 - (h) He will send you teachers and friends who will put down or mock the word of God.
 - (i) Satan will persuade you to believe your friends and your teachers or professors above the word of God.
 - (7) But God will lead us away from these temptations.
 - (8) But the next thing God will do, which we should pray for, is to "deliver us from evil."
 - d. God's deliverance
 - (1) He delivers us from evil with good doctrine: Rom. 6:17 *But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of*

doctrine which was delivered you.

- (2) He delivered us from the death of the law: Rom. 7:6 *But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.*
- (3) He delivered us from so great a death: 2 Cor 1:10 *Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;*
- (4) He delivered us from the power of darkness: Col. 1:13 *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*
- (5) He delivered us from the wrath to come: 1 Thess 1:10 *And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*
- (6) He delivers us from persecutions and afflictions: 2 Tim. 3:11 *Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.*
- (7) He delivers to us a once-for-all faith: Jude 1:3 *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*
- (8) These are the things we are asking for when we ask the Lord to “deliver us from evil.”

e. From evil

- (1) All sin comes from within: Mark 7:23 *All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*
- (2) Only one sign: Luke 11:29 *And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.*
- (3) Jesus prayed for us to be kept from the evil one: John 17:15 *I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.*
- (4) He teaches us to hate evil: Rom. 12:9 *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*
- (5) So, we pray for God to deliver us from evil so we will not cleave to it.
- (6) We need his leadership from evil because of Rom. 12:21 *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*
- (7) So that one day he may deliver us from this evil world: Ga. 1:4 *Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:*

E. Conclusion

1. This is why we are to pray that God will lead us. We need his leadership so that we will not go down the wrong road.
2. We need his leadership in salvation. There is no salvation outside his leadership. He is the first cause of every good thing, including my salvation.

3. Remind ourselves through praying to God that he will not lead us into temptation or evil, but he will lead us or deliver us from evil.
4. Going down life's path in this world is not just a simple choice; it is to be done through the leadership of the Lord, our Father, which art in heaven.
5. Let God choose your way. If you ask for his leadership, and if you are born again by his grace, then you can say with Joshua in Jos. 24:15 *And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*
6. This choice cannot be made without realizing that God is our Father which art in Heaven, that his name is holy, that his kingdom is to come on earth, and his will is to be done in earth as it is in heaven. We receive our daily bread from him, and he leads us, not in temptation, but he delivers us from evil.
7. This is done through trusting Jesus Christ as Savior, repenting of your sins, and believing that he died, was buried, and arose again according to the Scriptures.

VII. THINE IS THE KINGDOM, Matt. 6:13

A. Description of God's Kingdom

1. Distinguished from Family and Church of God

a. Family of God – Born and Adopted Into Family of God

- (1) Gal 4:5 *To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*
- (2) Eph 1:5 *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*
- (3) Rom. 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*
- (4) So, we are *adopted* into the family of God. The family of God is our relationship with God as our Father and our being his children; we are in his care.

b. Church of God – Baptized Into The Church of God

- (1) 1 Cor 12:27 *Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.*
- (2) The church is a body of believers assembling in a local area to carry out the great commission after being baptized in water.
- (3) It is made up of saved people who have surrendered themselves to serve the Lord in a local assembly or church.

c. Kingdom of God – Translated Into The Kingdom of God

- (1) Col 1:13 *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*
- (2) So, we are *translated* in to the kingdom of God
- (3) This is our relationship with God as having Jesus as our King.
- (4) In this kingdom we are servants of our King.
 - (a) Rom. 1:1 *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,*

- (b) 1 Cor 7:22 *For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant.*
- (c) James 1:1 *James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.*
- (d) 2 Peter 1:1 *Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:*

B. Thy Kingdom Come (as we have noticed before)

1. My Kingdom

- a. John 18:36 *Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*
 - (1) We find in this verse that God's kingdom is a heavenly kingdom, one not of this world.
 - (2) This is the kingdom that we are to ask to come to earth.
 - (3) This is where God's will is done perfectly – Dan, 4:35 *And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?*
- b. Luke 22:30 *That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*
- c. So here we are speaking of God's kingdom in heaven, not one here on the earth.

2. Thy Kingdom

- a. Matt 20:21 *And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.*
- b. We cannot ask permission to change one thing in the heavenly Kingdom. Jesus said in answer to this woman: Matt 20:23 *And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.*
 - (1) If God's kingdom could come to earth, then it would perfect here just as it is in heaven.
- c. Luke 23:42 *And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.*
 - (1) Here the thief is speaking of the kingdom that is in heaven.
 - (2) He wanted to be with the Lord in this kingdom.
 - (3) Jesus said, Luke 23:43 *And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*
 - (4) Jesus also called this kingdom "Paradise."
- d. Heb 1:8 *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

3. This is God's Kingdom

- a. The kingdom does not belong to believers.
- b. The kingdom does not belong to the churches
- c. The kingdom does not belong to government
- d. The kingdom does not belong to a community
- e. The kingdom belongs to God
- f. A kingdom must have a king – Jesus is the King in this Kingdom
 - (1) He is king of the Jews, Matt. 2:2
 - (2) He is king of Israel, Matt 27:42
 - (3) He is King of kings -- 1 Tim. 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;
 - (a) See also Rev. 17:14; 19:16
 - (4) He is the king of Saints, Rev. 15:3
- g. He is MY King. Is he YOUR king?

VIII. THINE IS THE POWER, 6:13

A. Not Knowing God's Power

- 1. Matt 22:29 *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

B. His Power Is Shown In His Birth

- 1. Luke 1:35 *And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

C. His Power Is In The Gospel

- 1. Rom. 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

D. His Power Is Manifested In His Healings

- 1. Luke 5:17 *And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.*

E. His Power Is Shown In Forgiveness

- 1. Matt 9:6 *But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.*

F. He Has Been Given All Power

- 1. Matt 28:18 *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

G. His Power Is Amazing

- 1. Luke 9:43 *And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,*

H. He Has Power In His Second Coming

- 1. Luke 21:27 *And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*
 - a. First, he must go away – John 16:7 *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient*

for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

- b. His leaving the earth took power
 - (1) Acts 1:11 *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*
 - (2) Eph. 1:20-21 *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:*
- I. He had Power In His Words
 - 1. Luke 4:32 *And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.*
 - 2. Heb 1:3 *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*
- J. He Gave Power To His Churches
 - 1. Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
 - 2. Acts 6:8 *And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.*
 - 3. Eph 3:7 *Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.*
- K. His Power Is The Power of God
 - 1. 1Cor 1:24 *But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.*
- L. His Power Is Endless
 - 1. Heb 7:16 *Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.*
- M. He Is The Head Of All Power
 - 1. Col 2:10 *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*
- N. He Has Given Us Power
 - 1. 2 Tim. 1:7 *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*
- O. Apostles Wrote Of His Power
 - 1. 2 Peter 1:16 *For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*
- P. Satan Is Given Temporary Power
 - 1. Rev. 13:7 *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*
- Q. He Has The Final Power – Rev. 12:10 *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for*

the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

IX. THINE IS THE GLORY, 6:13 – 1/27/2013

- A. God's glory is manifested in sickness
 - 1. John 11:4 *When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.*
- B. God's glory is seen in faith
 - 1. Lazarus – John 11:40 *Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?*
 - 2. Stephen – Acts 7:55 *But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,*
- C. Jesus Is The Glory of God
 - 1. Rom. 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
 - 2. Luke 19:38 *Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.*
- D. God's glory is manifested in confession
 - 1. Phil 2:11 *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*
- E. God's glory will be shown in eternity
 - 1. Rev. 21:10-11 *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;*
- F. Everything redounds to the glory of God.
 - 1. 2 Cor 4:15 *For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.*

X. FOREVER

- A. Jesus Is Forever
 - 1. Heb 13:8 *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*
- B. His Kingdom is Forever
- C. Heb 1:8 *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*
- D. His Power is Forever
 - 1. Rom.1:20 *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*
- E. His Glory Is Forever
 - 1. 2 Peter 3:18 *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*
 - 2. Eph 3:21 *Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world*

without end. Amen.

3. Rom. 11:36 *For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

XI. AMEN

A. Jesus Is The Amen

1. Rev. 3:14 *And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*

B. Amen is at the end of the Great Commission

1. Mt 28:20 *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

C. Amen is at the end of worship

1. Matt. 24:50-53 *And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.*

D. Amen is used to show surprise and agreement

1. John 21:25 *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.*

E. Books are closed out with Amen

1. Rom. 16:27 *To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.*
2. 1 Cor 16:24 *My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.*
3. 2 Cor 13:14 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*
4. Eph 6:24 *Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.*
5. Phil. 4:23 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*
6. Col 4:18 *The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.*
7. Heb 13:25 *Grace be with you all. Amen.*
8. Re 22:21 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

The End